



Cabinet Social Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Disability Support System Transformation: Overall Approach

Portfolios **Disability Issues/ Associate Health (Hon Nicky Wagner)**

On 15 February 2017, the Cabinet Social Policy Committee:

- 1 **directed** the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Development to work alongside the disabled community to design a process for a nationwide transformation of the disability support system;
- 2 **agreed** that the transformation initially focus on the group of people who receive support that is funded through the Vote Health: National Disability Support Services non-departmental Appropriation;
- 3 **agreed** that the first region to be transformed will be mid-Central;
- 4 **noted** that the transformation will require significant change for the existing Needs and Assessment Service Coordination;
- 5 **noted** that it is intended to subsequently roll out the transformation to other regions, beginning with Waikato and Christchurch;

Implementation

- 6 **noted** that the mid-Central transformation will be co-designed by representatives of the disability community and officials between March and June 2017;
- 7 **invited** the Minister for Disability Issues and Associate Minister of Health (Hon Nicky Wagner) to report back to the Cabinet Social Policy Committee:
 - 7.1 by June 2017 on the high-level design process and implementation plan for the transformation system referred to in paragraph 1 above;
 - 7.2 in subsequent years on progress with and outcomes of the transformation, any changes to existing transformations, and the design, scope, and timing of the transformation of other regions;

Governance

- 8 **agreed** to the following governance arrangements for the transformation:
- 8.1 the Minister for Disability Issues and Associate Minister of Health will have Ministerial level responsibility for the transformation;
 - 8.2 the National Enabling Good Lives Leadership Group will provide national level leadership that promotes and safeguard the Enabling Good Lives (EGL) vision and principles;
 - 8.3 the transformation of each region will be supported by a local leadership group from the disability community;

Transitional arrangements

- 9 **agreed** to the following transitional arrangements for the existing EGL demonstrations until the transformation commences in the respective region:
- 9.1 in Waikato, continue the current demonstration that is scheduled to end on 30 June 2017;
 - 9.2 in Christchurch, continue the arrangements that were implemented on 1 July 2016;

Monitoring and evaluation

- 10 **noted** that there will be ongoing monitoring and evaluation of:
- 10.1 the impacts on disabled people and their families and whānau quality of life;
 - 10.2 current and expected future fiscal costs;
 - 10.3 the transformation process and how the transformed system is operating in practice;
- 11 **noted** that it is expected that there will be ongoing refinement of the transformation in light of the monitoring and evaluation findings;

Financial implications

- 12 **noted** that:
- 12.1 in April 2016, Cabinet approved \$3 million of tagged contingency funding in 2016/17 for Supporting Further Work on Enabling Good Lives, with the drawdown being subject to consideration by the appropriate Cabinet committee [CAB-16-MIN-0189.27];
 - 12.2 in December 2016, the Cabinet Social Policy Committee agreed to the extension of the contingency to 6 March 2017 [SOC-16-MIN-0193];
- 13 **agreed** that the Ministry of Health can draw down \$1.8 million of the \$3 million contingency to enable it to commence the disability support transformation work programme, which includes the design process, engaging with the disability community, programme management, gathering baseline data for monitoring and evaluation, a feasibility study for information sharing, and transitional costs;

- 14 **agreed** that the expenses incurred under paragraph 13 above be a charge against the tagged contingency, Supporting Further Work on Enabling Good Lives, established as part of Budget 2016;
- 15 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to give effect to the policy decision in paragraph 13 above, with the corresponding impact on the operating balance:

Vote Health Minister of Health	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Managing the Purchase of Services (funded by revenue Crown)	1.800	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	1.800	-	-	-	-

- 16 **agreed** that the proposed changes to appropriations for 2016/17 under paragraph 14 above be included in the 2016/2017 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;

Publicity

- 18 **invited** the Minister for Disability Issues and Associate Minister of Health to make an announcement about the disability support system transformation, in accordance with the decisions in SOC-17-MIN-0007.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Bill English
Hon Steven Joyce
Hon Amy Adams (Chair)
Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman
Hon Christopher Finlayson QC
Hon Michael Woodhouse
Hon Anne Tolley
Hon Hekia Parata
Hon Nikki Kaye
Hon Judith Collins
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Alfred Ngaro
Hon Nicky Wagner
Hon Jacqui Dean
Hon Peter Dunne
Hon Te Ururoa Flavell
David Seymour MP

Officials present from:

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Social Development
Ministry of Education
Ministry for Pacific Peoples
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Office of the Associate Minister for ACC
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