



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Oral Item: Promoting Effective Engagement of Disabled People in Policy Development and Service Design

Portfolio                      Disability Issues

On 13 February 2019, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1        **noted** the oral advice of Dr Jonathan Godfrey, the Ministry of Social Development, the Office for Disability Issues, and the Social Investment Agency on engaging disabled people in policy development and service design, including that:
  - 1.1      the New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026 includes an expectation that disabled people are consulted on, and actively involved in, the development and implementation of legislation and policies concerning supports and services that are both specific to them and for the mainstream;
  - 1.2      effective engagement and consultation contributes to the government's commitment to inclusivity;
  - 1.3      engagement with the disability community is a vital opportunity to gather insights and experiences to develop effective solutions and policies;
  - 1.4      to be effective, accommodation must be made to ensure that the engagement process is accessible;
  - 1.5      good engagement needs to acknowledge diversity within the disability community;
- 2        **invited** all Ministers to consider how best to ensure engagement with the disabled community in their portfolios.

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Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Phil Twyford  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Dr David Clark  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Jenny Salesa  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Aupito William Sio  
Hon Julie Anne Genter  
Jan Logie, MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Office of the Chair  
Office of the Minister for Disability Issues  
Ministry of Social Development  
Office for Disability Issues  
Social Investment Agency  
Officials Committee for SWC  
Dr Jonathan Godfrey

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