



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Policy Approvals for Interim Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of Domestic Tertiary Students

Portfolio Education

On 4 December 2019, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in October 2019, Cabinet:
 - 1.1 agreed to amend the Education Act 1989 to empower the Minister of Education to create a Code of Practice for pastoral care of domestic students in tertiary education, with associated dispute resolution and sanctions provisions;
 - 1.2 invited the Minister to report to the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee in December 2019 on the proposed content of the Interim Code for pastoral care of domestic tertiary education students;

[CAB-19-MIN-0530]
- 2 **noted** that a Supplementary Analysis Report is attached as Annex B of the paper under SWC-19-SUB-0194, responding to Cabinet's direction to the Ministry of Education to provide regulatory impact analysis of the Interim Code, referred to in paragraph 1 above;
- 3 **noted** that the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Education have approved funding for administration of the code for 2020, up to a maximum of \$1.5 million, from Vote Tertiary Education baselines as authorised by Cabinet on 14 October 2019 [CAB-19-MIN-0530];
- 4 **approved** the content of the draft Interim Code of Practice (the draft code) for the pastoral care of domestic tertiary education students including those in student accommodation, which is attached to the paper under SWC-19-SUB-0194 as Annex A;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Education to make minor drafting or technical changes to the draft code before it is issued;
- 6 **noted** that the Minister of Education intends to issue the Interim Code after the Act receives Royal Assent, to enable it to be in place by 1 January 2020;
- 7 **noted** that the Minister of Education intends to explore options for cost recovery to fund administration of the ongoing code and the dispute resolution scheme for domestic tertiary students from 2021;

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- 9 **invited** the Minister of Education to report back to the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee with a proposed draft ongoing Code, dispute resolution scheme, and cost-recovery options by June 2020.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Tracey Martin (Chair)
Hon Willie Jackson
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