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To: Minister of Finance (Hon Steven Joyce)
Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Simon Bridges)
Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Amy Adams)

Deadline: None

Aide Memoire: Budget 2017 Family Incomes Package Legislation Timetable

This note provides an updated timetable to prepare legislation to be introduced and passed through the House under urgency on Budget day for the Family Incomes Package.

Date	Event
Thursday, 4 May	Report to Ministers with draft Cabinet paper, draft legislation, and disclosure statement
Thursday, 11 May, 10am	Lodge Cabinet paper for legislation
Monday, 15 May	Cabinet considers draft Bill
Thursday, 25 May	Budget night legislation – Bill to go through all stages under urgency on Budget night.

The draft Bill will include changes to the tax thresholds, Working for Families tax credits, and removing the Independent Earner Tax Credit, as agreed by Cabinet on 18 April. We recommend that the draft Bill go directly to Cabinet, rather than to the Cabinet Legislation Committee first, to allow more time for drafting.

As previously indicated, Accommodation Supplement changes can be implemented by Order in Council and do not require amendments to primary legislation. The Ministry of Social Development is planning to have the Order in Council drafted for Ministers' consideration in June 2017.

Any increases to Accommodation Benefit will require changes to Schedule 3 of the Student Allowances Regulations 1998 and can be implemented with the Accommodation Supplement changes.

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