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Cabinet Social Policy Committee

SOC Min (10) 23/6

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Minute of Decision

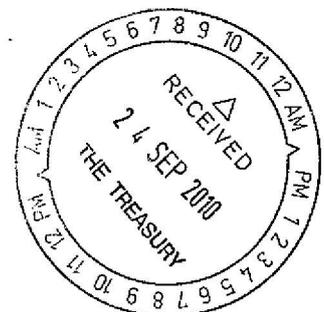
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Protecting Our Children: Services for Children in Care

Portfolio: Social Development and Employment

On 22 September 2010, the Cabinet Social Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the government is committed to strengthening the health, educational and welfare supports for children entering, or in, State care;
- 2 **noted** that children in State care have a higher risk of chronic negative long-term outcomes including poor physical and mental health, lack of education achievement, unemployment, welfare dependency, offending and prison, and that evidence shows that early multi-agency, wrap-around targeted and coordinated services will improve outcomes;
- 3 **noted** that Maori children are over-represented as children in care, and also in vulnerable or at risk children statistics more generally; and that these proposals seek to be specifically responsive to Maori children and whanau needs;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister for Social Development and Employment has worked with the Minister of Health and the Minister of Education to develop a package of interagency initiatives that support the Drivers of Crime initiatives and will improve outcomes for children in State care;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister for Social Development and Employment will continue to work with social sector Ministers to progress the following options where costs can be met from within baselines:
 - 5.1 health and education assessments for all children entering State care;
 - 5.2 [2]
 - 5.3



- 6 **noted** that the Minister for Social Development and Employment will be seeking funding, as detailed below, through the Budget 2011 process, for the following initiatives to protect the most vulnerable children in State care:

Operating Costs	Sm – increase/(decrease)				
	Year 1 2011/12	Year 2 2012/13	Year 3 2013/14	Year 4 2014/15 & outyears	Total over four years
Purchase mental health services for children in care	[2]				
[2]					
Extending ELP to meet the cost of ECE for all children in care aged 18 months to 3 years for 20 hours per week	[2]				
Total	[2]				

[2]

- 7 7.1 **invited** Ministers to discuss with their chief executives the contribution that their agencies can make to initiatives to protect the most vulnerable children in State care;
- 7.2 **directed** the Ministry of Social Development to work with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, and other Drivers of Crime agencies such as Te Puni Kokiri and the Ministry of Justice, to progress the development of these proposals.

Committee Secretary

Reference: SOC (10) 102

Present:

Rt Hon John Key (part of item)
 Hon Tony Ryall (Chair)
 Hon Dr Nick Smith
 Hon Judith Collins
 Hon Georgina te Heuheu
 Hon Paula Bennett
 Hon John Carter (part of item)
 Hon Tariana Turia

Officials present from:

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 Employment