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Minister	Hon Carmel Sepuloni	Portfolio	ACC
Title of Cabinet paper	Proposals for 2022 Accident Compensation Amendment Bill	Date to be published	28 November 2022

List of documents that have been proactively released		
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3 August 2022	Proposals for 2022 Accident Compensation Amendment Bill SWC-22-MIN-0141 Minute	Cabinet Office

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Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Proposals for 2022 Accident Compensation Amendment Bill

Portfolio **ACC**

On 3 August 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Accident Compensation Amendment Bill (the Amendment Bill) holds a category 4 priority on the 2022 legislative programme (to be referred to a select committee in 2022);
- 2 **agreed** to the following three changes to the Accident Compensation Act 2001, for inclusion in the Amendment Bill:
 - 2.1 a new duty for ACC to report annually on levels of access to the Accident Compensation (AC) Scheme across population groups, highlighting any disparities in access, identifying any barriers to access, and the drivers or causes of any disparities;
 - 2.2 refine the Act's purpose to ensure ACC's focus is on providing cover and entitlements to all eligible injured New Zealanders;
 - 2.3 bringing forward eligibility for the minimum rate from the sixth to the second week of incapacity;
- 3 **noted** that the changes in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 have no financial implications;
- 4 **noted** that the costs associated with the change in paragraph 2.3 will be incorporated into the next Levy setting process in 2024 and, in the interim, absorbed by the ACC levied Accounts;
- 5 **invited** the Minister for ACC to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office giving effect to the decisions in paragraph 2;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister for ACC to make decisions consistent with the policy framework in the paper under SWC-22-SUB-0141, including appropriate transitional provisions on any minor or technical matters and any other issues that may arise during the drafting process.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Attendance (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Aupito William Sio

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Office of the Chair
Officials Committee for SWC