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NO

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Accident Compensation (Definitions) Regulations 2019

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On 6 August 2019, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 16 May 2018, the Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC) agreed to move the definitions of 'registered health professional', 'treatment provider', and associated occupational groups from the Accident Compensation Act 2001 to regulations to allow the definitions to be more easily updated in the future;
- 2 **noted** that SWC also agreed to update the definition of 'registered health professional' by adding the following occupational groups to the definition:
 - 2.1 anaesthetic technologist;
 - 2.2 dental hygienist;
 - 2.3 dental therapist;
 - 2.4 dietitian;
 - 2.5 dispensing optician;
 - 2.6 oral health therapist;
 - 2.7 osteopath;
 - 2.8 psychologist;
 - 2.9 psychotherapist;

[SWC-18-MIN-0054];
- 3 **agreed** to commence section 4(4) of the Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Amendment Act 2008 in order to move the definition of 'nurse practitioner' from the Accident Compensation Act 2001 to the regulations;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister for ACC has approved minor changes to update the definitions of 'acupuncturist', 'audiologist' and 'speech therapist', to ensure they are up-to-date and fit for purpose;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister for ACC has approved minor changes to update the titles of 'anaesthetic technologist' to 'anaesthetic technician' and 'medical laboratory technologist' to 'medical laboratory science practitioner' as these are the terms used by the professional body;

- 6 **noted** that:
- 6.1 the Minister for ACC has approved that the definition of ‘medical practitioner’ not be moved from the AC Act to the regulations at this time as it would leave the term undefined in the primary Act;
- 6.2 this will not impact the operation of the definition with the regulations still referring to the definition in the Act;
- 7 **noted** that the Accident Compensation (Definitions) Regulations 2019, the Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, the Compensation Amendment Act (No 2) 2005 Commencement Order 2019, and the Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and the Compensation Amendment Act 2008 Commencement Order 2019 will give effect to the decisions referred to in paragraphs 1 to 6 above;
- 8 **noted** that section 322(3) of the Accident Compensation Act 2001 requires the Minister for ACC to consult relevant persons and organisations before recommending new occupational groups be added to the definition of ‘registered health professional’ and that this requirement has been met;
- 9 **noted** that the Accident Compensation (Definitions) Regulations 2019, the Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Amendment Act (No 2) 2005 Commencement Order 2019, and the Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Amendment Act 2008 Commencement Order 2019 will come into force on 1 October 2019;
- 10 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the
- 10.1 Accident Compensation (Definitions) Regulations 2019 [PCO 21625/6.0];
- 10.2 Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Amendment Act (No 2) 2005 Commencement Order 2019 [PCO 21626/3.0];
- 10.3 Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Amendment Act 2008 Commencement Order 2019 [PCO 21627/3.0].

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

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Hon David Parker
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway (Chair)
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