



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Child Support (Reciprocal Agreement with Hague Convention Countries) Order 2021

Portfolio **Revenue**

On 8 July 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that following previous consideration of and approval by Cabinet (CAB-19-MIN-0447), the Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and other Forms of Family Maintenance (the Convention) was signed by New Zealand on 26 November 2019;
- 2 **noted** that the Child Support (Reciprocal Agreement with Hague Convention Countries) Order 2021 will recognise and give effect to the Convention under New Zealand law;
- 3 **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the Child Support (Reciprocal Agreement with Hague Convention Countries) Order 2021 [PCO 23103/4.0];
- 4 **noted** the Convention will enter into force for New Zealand on the first day of the month following the expiration of three months after New Zealand has deposited its instrument of ratification;
- 5 **noted** the Convention will enter into force for New Zealand from 1 November 2021;
- 6 **noted** that this date aligns with the transfer of child support to Inland Revenue's new systems;
- 7 **agreed** New Zealand no longer makes a declaration to Article 24 of the Convention.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Andrew Little
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr David Clark
Kieran McAnulty MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for LEG