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Minister	Hon Carmel Sepuloni	Portfolio	ACC
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May 2022	Accident Compensation (Maternal Birth Injury and Other Matters) Amendment Bill: Agreement to amendment	Office of the Minister for ACC
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Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Accident Compensation (Maternal Birth Injury and Other Matters) Amendment Bill: Agreement to Amendment

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On 18 May 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Accident Compensation (Maternal Birth Injury and Other Matters) Amendment Bill (the Bill) amends the Accident Compensation Act 2001 (AC Act) to extend Accident Compensation Scheme cover to a specified list of maternal birth injuries which share similar features to other physical injuries that are already covered as accidents, and includes an additional five policy changes and seven technical amendments;
- 2 **agreed** that the Bill be amended to align the timing of increases to the minimum and Loss of Potential Earnings (LOPE) rates of weekly compensation with increases to the minimum wage;
- 3 **invited** the Minister for ACC to issue drafting instructions to Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) to give effect to the above decision through a Supplementary Order Paper (SOP);
- 4 **authorised** the Minister for ACC to make further decisions, consistent with the decisions in the submission under SWC-22-SUB-0088, on any issues which arise during the drafting process;
- 5 **noted** that, subject to drafting of the SOP by PCO, the Minister for ACC intends to seek agreement from the Cabinet Legislation Committee in June 2022 to print the SOP for the House, in order for it to be considered during the Committee of the Whole House debate on the Bill.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Attendance (see over)

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Aupito Williams Sio
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

Officials present from:

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