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Minister	Hon Matt Doocey	Portfolio	ACC
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List of documents that have been proactively released

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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ACC Amendment Regulations

Portfolio **ACC**

On 7 November 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in August 2024, the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee agreed to a set of updates to ACC regulations that:
 - 1.1 facilitate continued access to acupuncturists by ACC claimants by recognising the Chinese Medicine Council as the new regulatory body;
 - 1.2 improve access to paramedics and audiometrists by defining them as treatment providers to allow ACC to fund treatment provided by them in general practice;
 - 1.3 ensure the treatment of Chinese medicine practitioners and paramedics are covered by the ACC treatment injury provisions by defining these practitioners as registered health professionals;
 - 1.4 make minor changes to the definition of audiologist and nurse to ensure they continue to apply as intended; and
 - 1.5 set treatment payment rates for paramedics and audiometrists;

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- 2 **noted** that the Accident Compensation (Definitions) Amendment Regulations 2024, the Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2024 and the Accident Compensation (Apportioning Entitlements for Hearing Loss) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024 (together, the Amendment Regulations) will give effect to the decisions referred to in paragraph 1;
- 3 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the:
 - 3.1 Accident Compensation (Definitions) Amendment Regulations 2024 [PCO 26660/8.0];
 - 3.2 Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2024 [PCO 26661/7.0];
 - 3.3 Accident Compensation (Apportioning Entitlements for Hearing Loss) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024 [PCO 26662/7.0];

- 4 **noted** that the Amendment Regulations will come into force on 19 December 2024;
- 5 **noted** that Section 322(3) of the Accident Compensation Act 2001 requires that the responsible Minister not make any recommendation about the Definitions Regulations without first consulting the persons or organisations the Minister considers appropriate, and that section 324(2) requires that the responsible Minister not make any recommendation about treatment cost regulations without first receiving a recommendation from ACC and consulting the persons and organisations the Minister considers appropriate;
- 6 **noted** the advice of the Minister for ACC is that these requirements have been met.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Simeon Brown (Chair)
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Melissa Lee
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Scott Simpson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

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