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## Cabinet Business Committee

### Minute of Decision

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# Extended Mental Health Support for Those Affected by the 15 March 2019 Terror Attacks

Portfolio ACC

On 15 April 2019, the Cabinet Business Committee, having been authorised by Cabinet to have Power to Act [CAB-19-MIN-0178]:

- 1 **noted** the contents of the paper under CBC-19-SUB-0014 on the need to provide extended mental health support to people affected by the March 15 attacks;
- 2 **agreed in principle**, subject to further reports to Cabinet, that:
  - 2.1 there is a need for a mechanism for providing mental health support via the health system, and financial support for those people who have suffered mental health trauma as a consequence of the March 15 attacks, where income has been affected;
  - 2.2 a time-limited fund be established by the Ministry of Social Development to provide financial assistance to those who have lost income due to the March 15 attacks;
- 3 **invited** the Minister for Social Development, in consultation with the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Health, the Minister for ACC and other Ministers as appropriate, to report back to Cabinet with further advice on the proposed fund and other measures to provide the required mental health support;
  - **noted** that Hon Dr Megan Woods, as the Lead Minister responsible for coordinating the government's response in Christchurch in support of the victims' families and survivors and their families [CAB-19-MIN-0181], will provide ongoing advice to Cabinet on payments made to the families from the Victim Support Fund which was established after March 15 to receive donations from the public.

Vivien Meek Committee Secretary

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### BUDGET : SENSITIVE

### Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair) Rt Hon Winston Peters Hon Kelvin Davis Hon Grant Robertson Hon Phil Twyford Hon Dr Megan Woods Hon Andrew Little Hon Carmel Sepuloni Hon Dr David Clark Hon Nanaia Mahuta Hon Iain Lees-Galloway Hon Jenny Salesa

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Hon Dr Megan Woods Minister for Social Development Minister for ACC

#### Officials present from:

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