



Title:	LEG Cabinet paper - Orders in Council to establish the Social Investment Agency		
Date:	17 May 2024	Security Level:	IN CONFIDENCE
Minister and Portfolio:	Hon Nicola Willis, Minister for the Public Service		
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Purpose	To support your attendance at the Legislation Cabinet Committee (LEG) on 23 May 2024 on the establishment of the Social Investment Agency.										
Date of meeting	23 May 2024										
Cabinet has agreed to establish a Social Investment Agency	<p>Social investment is a comprehensive approach to ensure the Government funds, delivers, and measures the impact of social services to ensure we are getting better outcomes for vulnerable New Zealanders.</p> <p>On 29 April 2024, Cabinet agreed to establish the Social Investment Agency as a public service department, replacing the Social Wellbeing Agency (a departmental agency). The new Social Investment Agency is proposed to commence on 1 July 2024 [CAB-24-MIN-0140 refers].</p>										
Orders in Council are required to implement the changes	<p>The LEG paper is a purely administrative step which gives effect to Cabinet's policy decisions. It seeks Cabinet authorisation to submit the following Orders in Council to Executive Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Public Service (Social Investment Agency) Order 2024Ombudsmen (Social Investment Agency) Order 2024. <p>These orders will establish the Social Investment Agency and disestablish the Social Wellbeing Agency by inserting the Social Investment Agency into, and removing the Social Wellbeing Agency from, the relevant schedules of the Public Service Act 2020 and the Ombudsmen Act 1975.</p>										
With Cabinet agreement the new agency will be established by 1 July	<p>On 2 May we provided you with a draft LEG paper for ministerial consultation [2024-0131 refers] and undertook targeted agency consultation with the Treasury and Social Wellbeing Agency. There were no changes to the paper through this process.</p> <p>The number of orders to give effect to the changes was able to be accommodated in two orders rather than the four noted in the original draft paper. The Parliamentary Counsel Office will provide the orders to the Cabinet Office directly. We have provided your Office with advice sheets for the Executive Council meeting on 27 May.</p> <p>Subject to LEG Committee agreement, a timeline of key steps to legally establish the agency by 1 July is outlined in the table below.</p> <table><tr><th>23 May</th><th>27 May</th><th>30 May</th><th>1 July</th></tr><tr><td>LEG Committee</td><td>Cabinet & Executive Council</td><td>Orders gazetted (28-day rule follows)</td><td>Social Investment Agency commences</td></tr></table>			23 May	27 May	30 May	1 July	LEG Committee	Cabinet & Executive Council	Orders gazetted (28-day rule follows)	Social Investment Agency commences
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