

Summary of the fourteenth Welfare Working Group meeting, 21 December 2010

The day

- Welfare Working Group business
- Submissions on the Options Paper
- Shaping up the Final Report

Welfare Working Group business

The Welfare Working Group (WWG) agreed the minutes from their thirteenth meeting (9 December 2010). Paula Rebstock, Kathryn McPherson and Adrian Roberts declared new interests.

The WWG discussed correspondence from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians about their work on the benefits of being in employment.

Submissions on the Options Paper

The WWG noted that submissions were being received on the Options Paper and that it is expected that a significant number will be received in the days leading up to 24 December when submissions on the Options Paper are due. These will be circulated to the WWG members to consider as they shape up the Final Report.

Shaping up the Final Report

The WWG discussed the possible shape and direction of the Final Report. This included discussion about the issues and options relating to:

- the delivery of welfare services
- Maori
- assessment processes
- disabled people
- employers and family-friendly workplaces
- in-work support
- sole parents, childcare and early childhood education.

There will be further discussion of these and other topics at the next WWG meeting.