

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

Child Poverty Reduction Bill

Proposed amendments

Hon Alfred Ngaro, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

New clause 3AA

Before *clause 3*, insert:

3AA Principles

- (1) All decisions relating to child poverty reduction (whether in setting child poverty measures or targets or in implementing specific policies intended to reduce child poverty) must take into account the principles of the social investment approach.
- (2) In **subsection (1)**, the **principles of the social investment approach** are that—
 - (a) targeted, earlier interventions are designed to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable New Zealanders by—
 - (i) applying rigorous and evidenced-based investment practices to social services; and
 - (ii) setting clear, measurable goals for helping people who rely on social services; and
 - (iii) using information and technology to better understand the needs of people who rely on social services and what services they are currently receiving; and
 - (iv) systematically measuring the effectiveness of services; and
 - (v) purchasing results rather than specific inputs, and moving funding to the most effective services irrespective

- of whether they are provided by government or non-government agencies; and
- (b) interventions are implemented through—
 - (i) a particular focus on vulnerable or high-risk groups:
 - (ii) investment up-front to support people most at risk of poor outcomes later on in life:
 - (iii) greater input from outside the public sector in analysis, innovation, and service provision:
 - (iv) working with local organisations to commission services within communities:
 - (v) new citizen-centred services that cut across existing departmental service channels:
 - (vi) interacting with each household through a single trusted relationship.

Clause 45, new section 7

In *clause 45, new section 7(3)(b)*, replace “.” with “:”.

In *clause 45, new section 7(3)*, after *paragraph (b)*, insert:

- (c) how the policies take into account the principles of the social investment approach.

In *clause 45, new section 7*, after *subsection (4)*, insert:

- (5) In **subsection (3)(c)**, the **principles of the social investment approach** are that—
 - (a) targeted, earlier interventions are designed to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable New Zealanders by—
 - (i) applying rigorous and evidenced-based investment practices to social services; and
 - (ii) setting clear, measurable goals for helping people who rely on social services; and
 - (iii) using information and technology to better understand the needs of people who rely on social services and what services they are currently receiving; and
 - (iv) systematically measuring the effectiveness of services; and
 - (v) purchasing results rather than specific inputs, and moving funding to the most effective services irrespective of whether they are provided by government or non-government agencies; and
 - (b) interventions are implemented through—

- (i) a particular focus on vulnerable or high-risk groups:
- (ii) investment up-front to support people most at risk of poor outcomes later on in life:
- (iii) greater input from outside the public sector in analysis, innovation, and service provision:
- (iv) working with local organisations to commission services within communities:
- (v) new citizen-centred services that cut across existing departmental service channels:
- (vi) interacting with each household through a single trusted relationship.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper inserts *new clause 3AA* and amends *new section 7 in clause 45* of the Child Poverty Reduction Bill. These amendments would ensure the use of data and evidence to drive long-term outcomes in reducing child poverty, and draws upon the best available evidence to ensure funding is directed accurately. This data and evidence can be strengthened by the use of Treasury’s Cost Benefit Analysis tool (CBAX), and the Social Investment Analytical Layer (SIAL), to establish the potential success of budget initiatives or proposals with an impact on child poverty reduction. This will provide targeted, earlier interventions designed to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable New Zealanders by applying rigorous and evidence-based investment practices to social services.