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Cabinet Social Policy Committee

SOC Min (11) 4/1

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Minute of Decision

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Support for the Three Dedicated Veterans' Homes

Portfolio: Veterans' Affairs

On 16 March 2011, the Cabinet Social Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the government's pre-election policy was to provide greater financial support to the three dedicated 'Veterans' Homes' by funding them by an additional \$0.200 million per year each;
- 2 **noted** that in April 2009, Cabinet approved \$0.6 million in 2009/10 as additional funding to enable one off grants to be paid to the homes [CAB Min (09) 13/8(40) initiative 5331];
- 3 **noted** that the:
 - 3.1 [2]
 - 3.2
- 4 **noted** that:
 - 4.1 [2]
 - 4.2
- 5 **noted** that the:
 - 5.1 [2]
 - 5.2

- 6 noted that the [2]
6.1 [2]
6.2
- 7 noted that [2]
- 8 noted that [2]
- 9 agreed that the viability of any grants paid should be assessed in 2013;
- 10 noted that the cost of the proposal is \$0.600 million operating in 2011/12 and is not currently funded as part of Budget 2011;
- 11 agreed [2]
- 12 noted that the final decision on the proposal, including agreement to financial recommendations, will be made when the Minister of Finance presents the final Budget package to Cabinet in April 2011;
- 13 noted that [2]

Committee Secretary

Reference: SOC (11) 11

Present:

Hon Tony Ryall (Chair)
Hon Judith Collins
Hon Anne Tolley
Hon Georgina te Heuheu
Hon Hekia Parata
Hon Tariana Turia

Officials present from:

Officials Social Policy Committee
Office of the Minister of Veterans' Affairs