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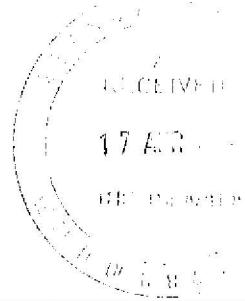
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Labour Mobility: \$3K to Christchurch Initiative

Portfolio: Social Development

On 14 April 2014, Cabinet:

\$3K to Christchurch package

- 1 agreed to introduce a '\$3K to Christchurch' package to assist beneficiaries to move to Canterbury¹ for work;
- 2 agreed that the package contain two components which comprise a pre-job offer component and a post-job offer component;

Component one: connecting beneficiaries to the Canterbury labour market

- 3 agreed that the first component will consist of Work and Income actively raising awareness of the job opportunities in Canterbury to beneficiaries through activities such as:
 - 3.1 advertising Canterbury Work and Income vacancies in other regions;
 - 3.2 raising awareness of the Canterbury Skills and Employment Hub to beneficiaries and actively encouraging jobseekers to update their Jobseeker profiles so they are included in any data match for relevant jobs in Canterbury;
 - 3.3 marketing the '\$3K to Christchurch' package to both beneficiaries outside of Canterbury and to employers within it;
 - 3.4 facilitating employers to consider employing beneficiaries from other regions, for example, arranging for a group of jobseekers to meet a potential employer in one session;
- 4 noted that beneficiaries who are eligible for the \$3,000 payment will continue to have access to Transition to Work to assist them with job search requirements, interviews, and clothing or equipment where necessary;

¹ Canterbury refers to Ashburton, Hurunui, Selwyn, and Waimakariri District Councils and the Christchurch City Council.

- 5 **noted** that beneficiaries eligible for the \$3,000 payment will continue to have access to other assistance to help them into employment, such as Job Streams (a tailored, flexible package covering wage subsidies, training and in-work support);

Component Two: Accessing the financial payment

- 6 **agreed** to provide a financial payment of \$3,000 for up to 1,000 beneficiaries who live outside of Canterbury and relocate when they have a job offer;

- 7 **agreed** to the following criteria:

- 7.1 that to be eligible for the \$3,000 a beneficiary must have proof of a confirmed full time job offer of at least 30 hours a week and for longer than 91 days in Canterbury;
- 7.2 that the \$3,000 payment will be available once only to the same person in the 52 week period;
- 7.3 a beneficiary is a person who is currently receiving an income-tested benefit or a person who has applied and is eligible for an income-tested benefit;

- 8 **agreed** that the payment be recoverable in the following circumstances:

- 8.1 where the beneficiary reapplys for a benefit within three months of receiving the payment;
- 8.2 the beneficiary has left their job without a good and sufficient reason;

- 9 **noted** that funding of \$3.5 million for this initiative is being sought through the Vote Social Development Budget Package for 2014/15 only.