

INTRODUCTION COPY

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EMPLOYMENT (JOB CREATION AND WORKING PARTY)

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to—

- (a) Provide for the establishment of job creation programmes, and employment incentives:
- 5 (b) Provide for the establishment of a working party to enquire into the causes and effects of unemployment in New Zealand, and to assess policy stances that may lead to full and productive employment in this country

10 WHEREAS registered unemployment of persons has now reached over 100,000, being the highest level since the 1930s Depression, and informed estimates suggest further escalation in the number of jobless: And whereas a recent comprehensive

15 audit of the general Access training programme suggests major deficiencies in that programme: And whereas there has been a dramatic decline in real government expenditure upon Programme VI (Employment and Training)—Vote: Labour: And whereas the incidence of unemployment is particularly

20 concentrated upon the provinces, Maori and Pacific Island peoples, the young, and women: And whereas civic and community leaders have expressed considerable concern over the effects of high unemployment: And whereas there is a general call for job creation programmes designed to alleviate the worst of those unemployment hardships: And whereas this

25 Act is to address those highly relevant and sincere concerns

with the aim of providing a clear set of economic and social policy alternatives to combat rising unemployment levels:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

1. Short Title and commencement—(1) This Act may be cited as the Employment (Job Creation and Working Party) Act 1988. 5

(2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1988.

2. Interpretation—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— 10

“Minister” means the Minister of Employment:

“Working Party” means the Working Party on Employment established pursuant to section 4 of this Act. 15

3. Job creation programmes—(1) The Minister may, after consultation with interested groups in each employment district, establish job creation programmes in the public, civic, welfare and voluntary sectors of those communities.

(2) Each programme established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be appropriate to the region in which it is established. 20

(3) Such programmes may include incentives for private sector employment.

(4) Any other programme may be established that, in the Minister’s opinion, will assist in establishing full employment in New Zealand. 25

4. Working party—(1) There is hereby established a Working Party, to be known as the Working Party on Employment. 30

(2) The Working Party shall consist of 9 persons appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the bodies specified in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) The members of the Working Party shall consist of—

(a) A Judge of the High Court of New Zealand, who shall be Chairperson. 35

(b) One person nominated by the New Zealand Maori Council:

(c) One person nominated by the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions: 40

- (d) One person nominated by the New Zealand Employers Federation:
- (e) One person nominated by the Vocational Training Council:
- 5 (f) One person nominated by the Municipal Association of New Zealand:
- (g) One person nominated by the National Youth Council:
- (h) One person nominated by the New Zealand Planning Council:
- 10 (i) One person nominated by the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research.

5. Terms of reference—The Working Party shall inquire into, investigate, receive representations, and generally report on the following matters—

- 15 (a) The nature and basis of unemployment in New Zealand:
- (b) The effects of unemployment upon the economic and social fabric of New Zealand:
- (c) The role of voluntary welfare and departmental agencies in meeting the needs of unemployed persons:
- 20 (d) The most appropriate departmental responses to address the needs of the unemployed:
- (e) The interrelationship between economic policies and employment policies:
- (f) Overseas experience and the evaluation of various international economic and labour market models for application to the New Zealand situation:
- 25 (g) The most effective methods by which to institute job creation programmes and employment incentives in those areas facing high unemployment levels:
- 30 (h) Any other matter relating to unemployment in New Zealand that the Working Party may see fit to inquire into, investigate and report upon.

6. Duration—The Working Party shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Minister by the 1st
35 day of July 1988.