

## MINIMUM WAGE AMENDMENT BILL

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill increases the minimum rates of wages prescribed by the Minimum Wage Act, 1945, so as to give effect to the recent interim general wage order of the Court of Arbitration.

The increases in the hourly rates represent 5 per cent., brought up to the nearest penny or halfpenny. This provides an increase of 2d. an hour for male workers and 1½d. an hour for female workers. To obtain the increases in the daily and weekly rates the hourly increases have been multiplied by eight and forty respectively.

The following table shows the present rates, 5 per cent. increase, the amounts of the adjusted increases, and the new rates provided in the Bill:—

|                |    |    |    | Present Rate.    | Five Per Cent. Increase.                  | Proposed Increases. | Proposed New Rates. |
|----------------|----|----|----|------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Males</i>   |    |    |    |                  |                                           |                     |                     |
| Hourly         | .. | .. | .. | £ s. d.<br>0 3 3 | s. d.<br>0 1½ <sup>9</sup> / <sub>0</sub> | s. d.<br>0 2        | £ s. d.<br>0 3 5    |
| Daily ..       | .. | .. | .. | 1 6 0            | 1 3½ <sup>2</sup> / <sub>0</sub>          | 1 4                 | 1 7 4               |
| Weekly         | .. | .. | .. | 6 5 0            | 6 3                                       | 6 8                 | 6 11 8              |
| <i>Females</i> |    |    |    |                  |                                           |                     |                     |
| Hourly         | .. | .. | .. | 0 2 2            | 0 1½ <sup>6</sup> / <sub>0</sub>          | 0 1½                | 0 2 3½              |
| Daily ..       | .. | .. | .. | 0 17 4           | 0 10½ <sup>8</sup> / <sub>0</sub>         | 1 0                 | 0 18 4              |
| Weekly         | .. | .. | .. | 4 3 0            | 4 1½ <sup>6</sup> / <sub>0</sub>          | 5 0                 | 4 8 0               |

*Hon. Mr. Sullivan*

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### ANALYSIS

|                                  |                                                  |
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| Title.                           | 2. Increasing minimum wages for workers. Repeal. |
| 1. Short Title and commencement. |                                                  |

### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to Amend the Minimum Wage Act, 1945. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority

5 of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Minimum Wage Amendment Act, 1950, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Minimum Wage Act, 1945 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title and commencement. 1945, No. 44

10 (2) This Act shall come into force on the first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty.

2. (1) Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsections two and three (as substituted by the Minimum Wage Amendment Act, 1949), and substituting the following subsections:— Increasing minimum wages for workers. 1949, No. 5

15 “(2) For male workers the minimum rates of wages shall be the following:—

20 “(a) If paid by the hour or by piecework, three shillings and fivepence an hour or an amount equivalent thereto having regard to the rate of production of the worker:

“(b) If paid by the day, one pound seven shillings and fourpence a day:

“(c) In all other cases, six pounds eleven shillings and eightpence a week.

“(3) For female workers the minimum rates of wages shall be the following:— 5

“(a) If paid by the hour or by piecework, two shillings and threepence halfpenny an hour or an amount equivalent thereto having regard to the rate of production of the worker: 10

“(b) If paid by the day, eighteen shillings and fourpence a day:

“(c) In all other cases, four pounds eight shillings a week.” 15

Repeal.  
1949, No. 5

(2) The Minimum Wage Amendment Act, 1949, is hereby consequentially repealed.