

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 30 May 2019

**Social Assistance Legislation (Budget 2019 Welfare Package)
Amendment Bill**

Proposed amendment

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

New clause 6A

After *clause 6* (page 3, after line 24), insert:

6A New section 194A inserted (MSD to report on key outcomes on repeal of sections 192 to 194)

Before section 195, insert:

MSD to report on key outcomes on repeal of sections 192 to 194

194A MSD to report on key outcomes on repeal of sections 192 to 194

- (1) Every year, MSD must publish information on key outcomes for those interacting with the welfare system, including aggregated information about—
- (a) full and correct entitlements across the Ministry; and
 - (b) take-up rates of payments; and
 - (c) employment outcomes for people receiving a benefit; and
 - (d) the impact of employment supports and services on those receiving a benefit; and
 - (e) after-tax and abatement earnings; and
 - (f) the financial outcomes for those people on a benefit who were formerly subject to a sanction under sections 192 to 194.

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- (2) The information under **subsection (1)** may be published as—
- (a) part of MSD’s annual report; or
 - (b) part of MSD’s statement of intent; or
 - (c) a standalone report.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Social Assistance Legislation (Budget 2019 Welfare Package) Amendment Bill. It introduces recommendation 5 of the Welfare Expert Advisory Group’s report, which provides for clear reporting on a number of outcomes related to Vote Social Development, as outlined in the Government’s pre-Budget announcement. The purpose of this Bill is to improve and increase the incomes for low-income individuals and families, and this amendment creates measures of and requires yearly reporting on the improved outcomes for benefit recipients.