



Child Poverty Reduction Act 2018

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Child Poverty Reduction Act 2018.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

Part 1

Preliminary provisions

3 Purpose of this Act

The purpose of this Act is to help achieve a significant and sustained reduction in child poverty in New Zealand by provisions that—

- (a) encourage a focus by government and society on child poverty reduction:

- (b) facilitate political accountability against published targets:
- (c) require transparent reporting on levels of child poverty.

4 Overview of this Act

To help achieve its purpose, this Act—

- (a) specifies and requires child poverty measures:
- (b) requires the setting of child poverty reduction targets:
- (c) requires reports relating to child poverty:
- (d) requires the identification of child poverty related indicators:
- (e) requires monitoring reports related to identified indicators.

5 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

amended, in relation to material incorporated in a Statistician's definition in reliance on section 6(2), means that the material or any part of it—

- (a) is amended or replaced; or
- (b) expires or is revoked; or
- (c) otherwise ceases to have effect

base financial year, for the purposes of section 11, has the meaning given to it by the Statistician's definition

chief executive means the chief executive of the Ministry of Social Development

child means a person who is under the age of 18 years

child poverty related indicator means a measure of anything that is, or may be, all or any of the following:

- (a) a cause of, or a factor that contributes to, child poverty:
- (b) an event or a circumstance that occurs with (for example, as a correlate of, or incidental to) child poverty:
- (c) a consequence of child poverty

child's household, for a child during a period, has the meaning given to it by the Statistician's definition

DHI (disposable household income) means household income less income tax under the Income Tax Act 2007

DHI for the year, for a financial year, means DHI received in that financial year (even if earned, or first payable, or both, in an earlier financial year)

equivalised, in relation to household income, has the meaning given to it by the Statistician's definition, whose purpose is to adjust the household income to take account of variations in household size and composition

financial year means a period of 12 months commencing on 1 July and ending with 30 June

household has the meaning given to it by the Statistician's definition

household income has the meaning given to it by the Statistician's definition

housing costs, in relation to equivalised DHI, has the meaning given to it by the Statistician's definition

identified indicators means indicators identified under section 38

income, of a person, has the meaning given to it by the Statistician's definition

intermediate targets means targets set under section 21(1)(b)

long-term targets means targets set under section 21(1)(a)

material—

(a) means material referred to in section 6(2); but

(b) does not include anything incorporated by reference by that material

material hardship, in a financial year, for the purposes of section 12, has the meaning given to it by the Statistician's definition

measures means—

(a) primary measures; and

(b) supplementary measures

Minister means the Minister of the Crown who, under the authority of a warrant or with the authority of the Prime Minister, is responsible for the administration of this Act

monitoring reports means reports under section 44

persistent poverty, in a financial year, for the purposes of section 13, has the meaning given to it by the Statistician's definition

primary measure means a measure specified in or required by sections 10 to 13

reports means reports under section 30

severe material hardship, in a financial year, for the purposes of section 19, has the meaning given to it by the Statistician's definition

Statistician has the meaning given to it by section 2 of the Statistics Act 1975

Statistician's definition, for a concept or term, means the concept or term as it is defined by a written decision of the Statistician made under section 34

Statistics New Zealand means the department of State established under that name by the Statistics Act 1975

strategy means the strategy under the Children's Act 2014

supplementary measure means a measure specified in or required by sections 15 to 20