#### **COVERSHEET**

Minister	Hon Erica Stanford	Portfolio	Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith- based Institutions
Title of briefing	Response to the Petition of Scott Savage to the Petitions	Date to be	17 December 2025
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• section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons

#### **Notes**

 Due to an administrative error, the Department of Corrections were not consulted during the drafting of the Cabinet Paper titled Government response to the Petition of Scott Savage.

# **Briefing**



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### **Briefing**

# Response to the Petition of Scott Savage to the Petitions Committee regarding redress payment amounts

For: Hon Erica Stanford, Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the

Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-

based Institutions

Date: 23 June 2025 Security level:

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#### **Purpose**

1. This paper attaches a draft Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) paper and Government response to the Petition of Scott Savage regarding redress payment amounts for ministerial consultation, with a view to its:

a. submission to Cabinet Office by 10am, Thursday 19 June; and

b. consideration by LEG on Thursday 26 June

#### Recommendations

2. It is recommended that you:

a. **approve** the attached draft LEG paper and Government response to the Petition of Scott Savage regarding redress payment amounts for ministerial consultation.

Approve / Discuss

Rebecca Martin

**Head of Policy** 

Crown Response Office

Hon Erica Stanford

Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based

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## Where it meets certain criteria, any individual or organisation can create a petition which will be tabled in the House, and referred to the Petitions Committee if it has the support of an MP

3. Any individual or organisation can create a Parliamentary petition if it meets certain criteria. This includes the petition being serious in intent and asking the House of Representatives (the House) to take an action. The Petitioner can choose whether the petition is set up to gather signatures. With the support of a Member of Parliament, a petition can be presented to the House of Representatives where it is automatically referred to the Petitions Committee.

# The Petitions Committee either publishes a report to Parliament about a petition or it asks a specialist subject committee or a Minister to do so

4. The Petitions Committee will consider a petition and publish a report to Parliament about it. It may also ask a specialist subject committee or a Minister to consider a submission. Where it makes this request of a Minister, they are given 60 days to respond. Their response must be approved by LEG and Cabinet, before being presented to the House.

# The Petitions Committee has requested a response to a petition from Scott Savage asking the House that survivors of abuse in care receive \$3.5 million each in redress

- 5. Scott Savage initiated a submission on 22 October 2024 which closed for signatures on 7 March 2025. It received eight signatures in support. It was referred to the Petitions Committee on 17 March 2025. The petition request is:
  - That the House of Representatives urge the Government to pay each survivor, and the families of each survivor who is no longer living, \$3,500,000 each for the abuse experienced while in the care of the State.
- 6. The reason given for the request is that, in summary, the amount proposed for redress would enable survivors and their families to have a better life and get the support they need for healing and wellbeing. Mr Savage made a similar submission on the Responding to Abuse in Care Legislation Amendment Bill.
- 7. The Petitions Committee referred Mr Savage's petition to you for a response on 3 April 2025. This is in your role as Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions.

# Next steps are to review and approve the draft LEG paper and response for Ministerial consultation and with a view to its submission to Cabinet Office for LEG and Cabinet approval, to enable presentation in the House by 4 July

- 8. Following ministerial consultation and your approval of the final draft LEG paper and response, it can be submitted to Cabinet Office by 10am, Thursday 19 June for consideration by LEG on Thursday 25 June.
- 9. The draft LEG paper follows the templated format provided by the Legislation Coordinator in the Cabinet Office. The draft Government response summarises the decisions for the redress system announced on 09 May 2025, and previous redress decisions.
- 10. The draft LEG paper and response were consulted with the Ministries of Health, Education and Social Development, the Department of Corrections, Te Puni Kōkiri and Oranga Tamariki. This is because they are involved in historic redress processes. The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Treasury were informed.
- 11. Once approved by LEG and Cabinet, the response can be provided to the Leader of the House for tabling. This needs to occur by 4 July 2025. Following this, the Petitions Committee will refer a copy

of the response to the Petitioner. No additional steps are required to communicate with the Petitioner and no public communication is recommended. With your agreement, the LEG paper and response would be proactively released on the Crown Response Office website.

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