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Minute of Decision

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Additional Item: Court of Appeal Decision on Family Care Givers

Portfolio: Health

On 21 May 2012, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** the briefing by the Minister of Health on the issues arising from the recent Court of Appeal decision that the Ministry of Health's policy not to pay parents and spouses and other family members (who reside with the care recipient) to provide care for their disabled family members, is discriminatory;
- 2 **noted** that consideration will be given to whether to seek leave to appeal the Court of Appeal decision;
- 3 **noted** that the Minister of Health intends to ask the Director-General of Health to work with the Social Sector Forum Chief Executives to consider the implications of the Court of Appeal decision and to provide further advice to the Cabinet Social Policy Committee as soon as possible.

Reference: Paper tabled by the Minister of Health
entitled "*Oral Item – Paid Family Caregivers Litigation*"
