

## Notification of Child Poverty Related Indicators Identified Under the Child Poverty Reduction Act 2018

In accordance with sections 38 and 39 of the Child Poverty Reduction Act 2018 (“Act”), the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction hereby gives notice of the Child Poverty Related Indicators identified for monitoring reports under the Act. These are:

**children in benefit-dependent households** – as measured by the number of children and young people (ages 0-17) in families receiving a working-age main benefit.

**housing affordability** – as measured by the percentage of children and young people (ages 0-17) living in low-income households that spend more than 30 percent of their disposable income on housing costs (where low-income refers to the lowest 40 percent in the equivalised, disposable household income distribution).

**school attendance** – as measured by the percentage of children and young people (ages 6-16) who are present more than 90 percent of the term.

**school achievement** – as measured by the percentage of school leavers with at least NCEA Level 2 as their highest level of attainment.

**avoidable hospitalisations** – as measured by the rate of children and young people (ages 0-17) experiencing potentially avoidable hospitalisations.

Dated at Wellington this 21st day of November 2024.

HON LOUISE UPSTON, Minister for Child Poverty Reduction.

The Child Poverty Related Indicators are available on the Ministry of Social Development website: [www.msd.govt.nz](http://www.msd.govt.nz).