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Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2010

Anand Satyanand, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 22nd day of February 2010

Present:

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 61H of the Social Security Act 1964 and section 15 of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following order.

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Order

- 1 Title**
This order is the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2010.
- 2 Commencement**
- (1) This order (except clause 6 and Schedule 3) comes into force on 1 April 2010.
 - (2) Clause 6 and Schedule 3 come into force immediately after the commencement of the rest of this order.
- 3 Increasing amounts of funeral grants**
- (1) Sections 61DB, 61DC, and 61DD of the Social Security Act 1964 are amended by omitting “\$1,820.08” and substituting in each case “\$1,855.75”.
 - (2) The amendments made by subclause (1) apply only in respect of persons who die on or after 1 April 2010.
- 4 Increasing asset and income limits and certain benefits and allowances payable under Social Security Act 1964**
Each provision of the Social Security Act 1964 listed in the first column of Schedule 1 is amended by omitting the expression set out opposite to it in the second column and substitut-

ing in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column.

5 Increasing New Zealand superannuation, etc, payable under New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001

Each provision of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 listed in the first column of Schedule 2 of this order is amended by omitting the expression set out opposite to it in the second column and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column.

6 Further increases to certain amounts

- (1) The amounts set out in clauses 1(a) to (c) and 2(a) and (b) of Schedule 1 of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 (as substituted by clause 5 and Schedule 2 of this order) are further increased in the manner provided in subclause (2) of this clause.
- (2) Each provision of Schedule 1 of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 listed in the first column of Schedule 3 of this order is amended by omitting the expression set out opposite to it in the second column and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column.

7 Consequential revocation

The Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2009 (SR 2009/27) is consequentially revoked.

Schedule 1

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Increases to asset and income limits and certain benefits and allowances payable under Social Security Act 1964

Provisions amended	Expressions omitted (\$)	Expressions substituted (\$)
<i>Schedule 3</i>		
Clause 1	272.70	278.04
Clause 2	198.31	202.20
<i>Schedule 4</i>		
Clause 1(a)	185.25	188.88
Clause 1(b)	169.45	172.77
Clause 1(c)	153.55	156.56
Clause 1(d)	132.32	134.91
<i>Schedule 6</i>		
Clause 1(a)	192.58	196.35
Clause 1(b)	237.97	242.63
Clause 1(c)	312.62	318.75
Clause 1(e)	198.31	202.20
Clause 1(f)	198.31	202.20
Clause 1(g)	198.31	202.20
Clause 2	308.31	312.20
	39.66	40.43
<i>Schedule 9</i>		
Clause 1(aa)	126.92	129.41
Clause 1(a)	158.65	161.76
Clause 1(b)	190.39	194.12
Clause 1(c)	272.70	278.04
Clause 1(d)	158.65	161.76
Clause 1(e)	158.65	161.76
Clause 1(f)	158.65	161.76
Clause 2	158.65	161.76
Clause 5	158.65	161.76

Provisions amended	Expressions omitted (\$)	Expressions substituted (\$)
<i>Schedule 16</i>		
Clause 1	272.70	278.04
Clause 2	198.31	202.20
<i>Schedule 17</i>		
Clause 1	192.58	196.35
Clause 2	237.97	242.63
Clause 3	312.62	318.75
Clause 5	198.31	202.20
Clause 6	198.31	202.20
Clause 7	198.31	202.20
Clause 8	198.31	202.20
<i>Schedule 19</i>		
Clause 1	42.11	42.94
Clause 2	55.88	56.98
Clause 3	34.87	35.55
<i>Schedule 22</i>		
Clause 1	34.87	35.55
Clause 2	34.87	35.55
<i>Schedule 26</i>		
Clause 1	158.65	161.76
Clause 2	158.65	161.76
Clause 3	158.65	161.76
<i>Schedule 31</i>		
Clause 1	952.21	970.87
Clause 2	1,586.63	1,617.73
Clause 3	1,250.28	1,274.79
Clause 4	1,343.07	1,369.39
Clause 5	434.94	443.46
Clause 6	499.88	509.68
Clause 7	726.04	740.27
Clause 8	606.57	618.46
Clause 9	639.05	651.58

Provisions amended	Expressions omitted (\$)	Expressions substituted (\$)
Clause 10	470.03	479.24
Clause 11	544.02	554.68
Clause 12	791.53	807.04
Clause 13	655.54	668.39
Clause 14	690.65	704.19

Schedule 2

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**Increases to New Zealand superannuation,
etc, payable under New Zealand
Superannuation and Retirement Income
Act 2001**

Provisions amended	Expressions omitted (\$)	Expressions substituted (\$)
<i>Schedule 1</i>		
Clause 1(a)	364.50	372.27
Clause 1(b)	334.28	341.38
Clause 1(c)	273.63	279.58
Clause 2(a)	547.26	559.16
Clause 2(b)	519.72	530.14
Clause 3	34.87	35.55
Clause 4	34.87	35.55

Schedule 3

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**Further increases to New Zealand
superannuation, etc, payable under New
Zealand Superannuation and Retirement
Income Act 2001**

Provisions amended	Expressions omitted (\$)	Expressions substituted (\$)
<i>Schedule 1</i>		
Clause 1(a)	372.27	373.56
Clause 1(b)	341.38	342.58
Clause 1(c)	279.58	280.62
Clause 2(a)	559.16	561.24
Clause 2(b)	530.14	531.72

Rebecca Kitteridge,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order, which comes into force on 1 April 2010, does 2 things.

First, it increases most benefits and pensions, to reflect a 1.96% increase in the New Zealand Consumers Price Index (All Groups) from the December 2008 quarter to the December 2009 quarter.

Clauses 3 and 4 amend the Social Security Act 1964. *Clause 5* amends the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001.

Clause 3 increases the amounts of funeral grants.

Clause 4 and Schedule 1 increase the following benefits or allowances: widow's, orphan's, unsupported child's, invalid's, unemployment, sickness, domestic purposes, child disability, disability, independent youth, related emergency benefits, and the long-term hos-

pital rates. The maximum amount of income that a blind beneficiary may earn, and still receive a subsidy, is also increased, as are the asset and income limits in Schedule 31 of the Social Security Act 1964.

Clause 5 and Schedule 2 increase the rates of New Zealand superannuation entitlements. The rates of New Zealand superannuation that are amended are the gross rates, but the CPI adjustment has been calculated in relation to the net rate in each case.

Secondly, the order (in *clause 6 and Schedule 3*) makes some additional increases to figures already increased by *clause 5 and Schedule 2*, to implement the Government's commitments in relation to the level of New Zealand superannuation.

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