Examined and certified by:

Acting Clerk of the Parliament

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second I hereby assent to this Act this

day of October 2018



Queen's Representative

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An Act to amend the Welfare Act 1989.

The Parliament of the Cook Islands enacts as follows-

- 1 Title
 - This Act is the Welfare Amendment Act 2018.
- 2 Commencement
 - This Act comes into force on 1 October 2018.
- 2A Application

For all purposes, this Act applies on and after 1 October 2018 and, despite section 2 (which relates to commencement), any question of law must be decided as if this Act came into force on 1 October 2018.

- 3 Principal Act amended
 - This Act amends the Welfare Act 1989.
- 4 Child benefit

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by deleting from the last line of subsection (1) the word "twelve" and substituting the word "fourteen".

5 Period for which child benefit payable

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by deleting from the last lines of subsections (1) and (4) the word "twelve" and substituting the word "fourteen".

6 Amount of advances

Section 27 of the principal Act is amended by deleting from the last line of subsection (2) the figure "12" and substituting the figure "14".

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Printed under the authority of the Cook Islands Parliament—2018.