

To assist in ensuring that New Zealand's social development and social welfare policies are compatible with all that is best in family life the Government has established a Cabinet Committee on Family Affairs. This committee will examine all new legislation and review existing legislation in this field to make sure that no measures are included that will run counter to the interests of family life. The committee will also assess proposals and suggest legislation for policy aimed at strengthening family life.

The Government will maintain the rule of law. It will ensure that the Police have the manpower and resources to meet the demands placed upon them.

The law relating to misbehaviour in public places will be consolidated and modernised. Where necessary, the law will be made more clear so that the rights of society will be properly protected.

To help preserve law and order, measures will be introduced under which the Minister of Immigration will have authority to order the return to their homelands of immigrants convicted of offences punishable by imprisonment.

The crucial emphasis of the joint responsibility of the public and the Police for curbing and detecting crime will be promoted, and assistance will be given the Police to expand community related services in order to reduce the causes of potential disorder.

The Government proposes to proceed with the Wanganui Computer Centre Bill which was introduced last year. The Bill will establish a completely separate computer system designed primarily to aid the Departments of Police and Justice and the Ministry of Transport to carry out effectively their roles in relation to the law and the administration of justice.

A major objective of the Bill is to ensure that the computer system makes no unwarranted intrusion upon the privacy of the individual. It will place strict controls on the use of the computer system and establish a Privacy Commissioner with wide powers to inspect the system and to investigate complaints about it from individuals.

Proposals for a Human Rights Commission are being formulated and a Bill will be introduced for recess study.

Arising out of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Sale of Liquor in New Zealand there will be legislation to provide for an Alcoholic Liquor Advisory Council.

The provision enacted last year providing for automatic suppression of an accused person's name before conviction will be repealed. Legislation is also proposed to put into effect Law Reform Committee recommendations relating to preliminary hearings, the effect of divorce on a will, and insurance contracts.

The Government is committed to maintaining as high a level of employment as possible within the constraints faced by the economy. It is necessary to recognise, however, that existing economic conditions preclude a general reflation of the economy and that job-creating measures will have to be highly selective, emphasising activities which are labour intensive and import saving.