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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

Attn: News Editors/Chief Reporters

 **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2015 MINIMUM WAGE**

As Minister for Internal Affairs, and in accordance with the Employment Relations Act 2012,

I have the responsibility of conducting a review of the minimum wage each year.

In January, a Panel was appointed to help me set the minimum wage by reviewing economic conditions, income distribution, and protection for low income earners, work incentives, and public feedback. I would like to thank my 2015 Minimum Wage Review Panel for their expertise, hard work and dedication. Guided by the Panel, I have confidence in setting the minimum wage for this year.

I, am therefore, able to announce that the Minimum Wage for 2015 will increase to $6.25 per hour. This increase over the current wage of $6 per hour will put more money into the hands of those on a minimum wage – many of whom live in the Pa Enua.

By raising the minimum wage, the government is acknowledging and supporting the vulnerable members of our society.

I will be issuing the 2015 Minimum Wage Order that will give effect to the increase on 1 July 2015.

[Honourable Albert Nicholas](http://news.ontario.ca/profiles/en/yasir-naqvi)

Minister of Internal Affairs