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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF N.Z. INC.

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TO SECRETARIES OF ALL AFFILIATED SOCIETIES - FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dear Sir / Madam,

It is again time for the Annual Subscription for Delegates:

Subscription 1985 / 86	\$ 9.00
National Office Circulars	4.00
TOTAL per Delegate	<u>13.00</u>

Subscription covers \$5 capitation fee to National Office and branch administration costs. There is no increase in subscription this financial year.

The Delegates' fees should be sent, with the attached form when completed, to The Treasurer, P O Box 9644, Newmarket, Auckland 1, by 9 May 1985.

The Delegates fees are the only compulsory payment, but we would like to call your attention to the following financial matters which are purely voluntary:

1. ROOM RENT COLLECTION It has been NCW practice to take up a collection at each meeting of approximately 20 cents per delegate, to help defray this cost. An increasing number of affiliated societies have chosen to save their delegates this small expense by making an annual donation. Ten meetings per year.

2. TRADING TABLE Most societies take a turn in staffing the Bring and Buy trading table, this being the only means of financing your Delegates' expenses to the biennial conferences. Sometimes two smaller Societies may combine, and although most make a special effort, the societies are not expected to take full responsibility for stocking the table. Any small groups who would like to combine with another group, please let the Secretary know.

This too is purely voluntary and avoids the possibility of Delegates at Conference being asked to pay all their own expenses.

3. "CENTS IN MAY" Another voluntary donation. Five cents per member of your society per year, which is sent direct to National Office to help with the day-to-day running expenses of this establishment.

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PLEASE NOTE:

IF YOU ARE NO LONGER THE SECRETARY of your association PLEASE HAND THIS LETTER AND DELEGATES' FORM TO THE NEW SECRETARY URGENTLY IN ORDER THAT OUR 1985 / 86 Delegates' List can be completed as early as possible. THANK YOU

TO SECRETARIES OF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES. From Auckland Branch, National Council of Women

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SOCIETY'S DELEGATES TO NCW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THE "Budget 1985 Consultations." Further to the enclosed notice from Janet Hesketh, NCW National Secretary, Mr Gavin Anthony-Auckland Social Welfare Office, 799 011- says that discussion groups will be held in the auckland area with resource people attending from Social Welfare and Inland Revenue. Venues are not yet chosen, but will be advertised on radio and newspapers when they are known. The following discussions are planned:

Monday 29 April

10 am to 12 noon North Shore
2 to 4 p m New Lynn
evening meeting Auckland Central

Tuesday 30 April

10 am to 12 noon Henderson
2 to 4 p m Auckland central

ALSO NCW is advised that the N Z Committee for Children Inc has organized workshops on "Families and the 1985 Budget." Two are planned in Auckland:

Wednesday 10 April 7:30 p m
Pacific Islanders Educational Resource Centre
272 Jervois Road, Herne Bay

Thursday 11 April 9. a m
St David's Presbyterial Hall
Kyber Pass Road

The Manakau Office of Social Welfare is also expected to sponsor discussion groups.

"BENEFITS, TAXES, AND THE 1985 BUDGET " a discussion paper prepared by the Budget Task Force is a 78 page publication printed by the Government Printing Office, and may also be available from Social Welfare Dept.

The deadline for submission to the Task Force is 31 May 85. NCW DELEGATES ARE REQUESTED TO ENCOURAGE THEIR SOCIETIES TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE DEBATE AND SUBMISSIONS.

Please note the item for Urgent Attention overleaf on Mrs Hesketh's letter. Auckland branch delegates should be prepared to vote at the April 29 General Meeting on the subject of income testing of the Family Benefit.

Carolyn Knox, Secretary, Auckland Branch NCW.

15 March 1985

Dear NCW Member:

As reported in Circular 279, NCW was asked to help in the "Budget 1985 Consultation".

Each Affiliation in each Branch is being given a Discussion Paper - please take it to your own group and encourage your members not only to participate, but also to seek out and help others to prepare submissions, especially those not part of any organisation.

If your Affiliation sends a number of delegates to your NCW Branch, there are a few spare copies available. However, the local Department of Social Welfare Office will have plenty of copies. These Offices will also provide typing and copying services.

Public meetings with members of the Task Force are being held as detailed in Circular 280. Liaison workers in these centres are:-

Auckland	Mr Gavin Anthony
Manukau	Mr Mike Strachan
Whangarei	Mrs Jan Wansbone
Hamilton	Mr Denis Dickenson
Rotorua	Mr Ron Rossiter
Napier	Mr Ian Flemming
Wellington	Ms Debbie Duncan
Wanganui	Mr Rod Morine
Nelson	Mr John Tovey
Christchurch	Mrs Doreen Marsh
Dunedin	Ms Moyra Crum
Invercargill	Ms Michelle Sutton

Contact persons in other centres are:-

Palmerston North	John Hancock
Greymouth	Gavin Cook
Taumaranui	Alaistair Spierling
Tauranga	Pam Gray
Gisborne	Bryan Fox
Lower Hutt	Mike Te Moananui
New Plymouth	Ian Kilgour
Blenheim	L. Marshall/A. Washington
Takapuna	John Brooking
Whakatane	Janet Le Fort
Papakura	Ruth Stewart
Pukekohe	Vicki Johnston
Porirua	David Raynor
Wairoa	Tricia Caves
Masterton	Janet Simonsen
New Lynn	Ross Bates
Henderscote	M. Hilt

Many other national organisations are involved in this consultation and have planned special meetings or visiting speakers. In some centres NCW is helping in such arrangements. There will be considerable publicity on radio and in newspapers.

Our task is to help people who may be disadvantaged under the present income, benefit and tax systems to make personal submissions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Janet Hesketh
National Secretary

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- Family Benefit -

We have been asked for opinions from NCW members on whether or not they think the Family Benefit should be income-tested (see p. 35); this following the Prime Minister's recent statement. Please **discuss** this and send comment to NCW HQ by 10 May 1985, or earlier.

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