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## **Social Assistance**

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## Summary of our proposals for changes

*Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made, and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Nelson Mandela.*

### 1. Basic rates

- Increase the basic rate by 13% in 2018-2019 for employable individuals and index it for inflation afterwards.
- Increase the basic rate by 5% in 2018-2019 for all other recipients and index it for inflation afterwards.
- Have total annual revenues equal the Market Basket Measure gradually throughout 10 years (2018-2028) for all recipients.

### 2. People with a disability

- Implement a new program called *New Brunswick Assured Income for the Disabled*.
- Increase the basic rate by 5% in 2018-2019 and index it for inflation afterwards.
- Have the total annual revenue equal to the Market Basket Measure.

### 3. Modification of the Social Assistance Policy Manual

#### a. Modifications to be made in 2018-2019

- ✓ Deduction of Employment Income
- ✓ Recognized disability
- ✓ Appeal System.

#### b. Revisions to be made in 2019-2020 and afterwards

- ✓ Adult children living with parents
- ✓ CPP deduction at 60 years of age
- ✓ Special Benefits
- ✓ Economic Unit Policy
- ✓ Termination of assistance

### 4. Housing

- Use a significant portion of the \$78 million from the federal and provincial governments to invest in the renovation of existing social housing.
- Reserve a significant portion of the money for social housing managed by the cooperative or the not-for-profit sectors, rather than the private sector.

### 5. Prejudices

Develop a strong public awareness provincial campaign to fight prejudices towards people living in poverty.

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