

2025 BUDGET SUMMARY



HOSPITAL & SPECIALTY SERVICES

A funding increase of \$5.5 billion for hospital and specialist services, primary care, and community and public health.



HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Over \$1 billion for health infrastructure, including redeveloping Nelson Hospital and the Wellington Emergency Department, and upgrading Auckland hospitals.



CANCER TREATMENTS

Over \$1 billion for additional cancer treatments and other medicines that Pharmac has announced over the last 12 months



LEARNING SUPPORT

An investment of \$646 million to support children with additional learning needs, including early intervention support.



MATHS HELP

Extra maths help for students who need it, with \$100 million of new funding for early intervention and support.



FRONTLINE POLICING

Support for frontline policing, with \$480 million of additional funding.



STRONGER SENTENCING

\$472 million to manage prison growth from stronger sentencing laws.



COURT DELAYS

\$246 million to reduce court delays and improve access to justice for victims across courts, tribunals and the legal aid system.



ABUSE IN CARE SUPPORT

Funding of \$774 million to respond to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care, strengthening the care system and providing redress for survivors.



SOCIAL INVESTMENT

\$275 million for social investment initiatives to improve the lives of vulnerable New Zealanders, including the creation of a Social Investment Fund.



DEFENSE SPENDING

\$660 million to improve core Defence Force capabilities across air, sea, land and cyberspace.



NEW HELICOPTERS

Funding for new maritime helicopters to replace the current, ageing fleet.



OVERSEAS ASSISTANCE

\$368 million to deliver overseas development assistance, focused on the Pacific.



MĀORI SUPPORT

\$14 million for Māori Wardens, Pasifika Wardens, and the Māori Women's Welfare League.



NEW SCHOOLS

Over \$700 million for new schools, school expansions and additional classrooms.



DEFENCE BOOST

\$2.7 billion for the New Zealand Defence Force to boost capability.

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