

Briefing

Report for publication – Budget 2019 to Budget 2022 investment in mental health and addiction

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Purpose

1. On 28 August 2024, the Commission intends to publish the attached report on where Budget 2019 to Budget 2022 key mental health and addiction investments, including the priority *Taking mental health seriously*, have been spent as of 30 June 2023. This briefing informs you of the key findings.

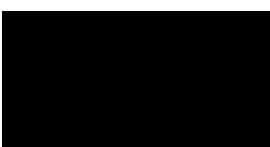
Executive Summary

2. The purpose of this report is to show where the budget for the Government's priority *Taking mental health seriously* was allocated by each initiative, and expenditure for the four years 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2023. The report describes each initiative, including what it set out to achieve and its status as of 30 June 2023. The report also includes key mental health and addiction initiatives from Budget 2020 to Budget 2022.

Recommendations

We recommend you:

- a) **Note** on 28 August 2024, subject to minor editing changes, Te Hiringa Mahara will publish the attached report on Budget 2019 to Budget 2022 investment in mental health and addiction. **Yes / No**
- b) **Note** we intend to release this briefing under our proactive release policy. **Yes / No**



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Background

1. Following the release of He Ara Oranga¹ in 2018, the Government responded with a significant investment of over \$1.9 billion into mental health and wellbeing, particularly to significantly enhance support available to people with mental health and addiction needs in the community. Supporting mental wellbeing for all New Zealanders, with a special focus on under 24-year-olds, was one of five priorities for the Wellbeing Budget 2019. This priority included 29 initiatives across 12 portfolios.
2. The \$1.9 billion mental wellbeing package was committed over the four-year period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2023. Since the Budget 2019 investment, three budgets (Budget 2020 to Budget 2022) have made other key investments in mental health and addiction initiatives, which this report also covers.

Summary of findings

3. As of 30 June 2023, \$1,797.6 million (92 per cent) of Budget 2019 had been spent on or committed² to the intended initiatives. \$163.8 million (8 per cent) remained unspent, however, for several initiatives, remaining funding was committed to ongoing service delivery or implementation in 2023/24.
4. Of the total investment package on mental health and wellbeing, 57 per cent went to Health, which includes key initiatives such as the \$455.1 million Access and Choice programme. The rest of the package went across social and justice sectors, including 24.3 per cent into Housing and Urban Development, 7.3 per cent to Social Development, 6.6 per cent to Corrections, 3.5 per cent to Internal Affairs, and the remaining 1.3 per cent to various government initiatives.
5. Most initiatives funded by this investment package are new; however, some funding was allocated to cost pressures or to ensure continued operation of programmes in progress. \$1542.1 million (79 per cent) has been allocated to new initiatives. Of this total, \$1,378.3 million (89 per cent) has been spent or committed.
6. In addition to its focus on Budget 2019, this report covers key mental health and addiction initiatives from Budget 2020 to Budget 2022, such as the COVID-19 fund for mental wellbeing support for tertiary students in Budget 2020 and Mana Ake for

¹ He Ara Oranga: Report of the Government Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction (He Ara Oranga)

² 'Funds committed' accounts for funding from 2019/20 to 2022/23 that may have been committed in a contract to be spent after 1 July 2023. This funding is in addition to the actual expenditure incurred (paid) up to 30 June 2023.

primary and intermediate age students in Budget 2021 and Budget 2022. Budget 2022 has a focus on increasing availability of specialist mental health and addiction services. 89 per cent of the Budget 2020 to Budget 2022 funds allocated within the reporting period to 30 June 2023 were reported to have been spent or committed.

Communications Plan

7. A high-level communications plan is attached for your information. The report and an infographic (excerpts from the report) will be published on our website, and a media release will be issued. Pro-active outreach is planned.
8. Te Hiringa Mahara will front any media interest. Te Hiringa Mahara Chief Executive, Karen Orsborn, will be the primary spokesperson for any media interest.

Consultation

9. Data to inform this report and the supplementary infographic was provided by Health New Zealand; Ministry of Health; New Zealand Police; Ministry of Housing and Urban Development; Ministry of Social Development; Department of Corrections; Department of Internal Affairs; Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Education; Public Service Commission; New Zealand Defence Force; Oranga Tamariki; and the Crown Response Unit.
10. We have worked closely with the Ministry of Health and Health New Zealand.
11. The full draft report was sent to all 13 agencies (listed above) 17 July 2024 to review for factual accuracy checking purposes, and for the opportunity to prepare for the release of the report. This consultation process was completed 31 July 2024 and resulted in minor updates to the report.

Next Steps

12. Subject to minor editorial changes, on 28 August 2024 we will publish the report and infographic.

Attachments

- Appendix 1 Report for publication: Budget 2019 to Budget 2022 investment in mental health and addiction
- Appendix 2 Communications Plan

