



HEALTH Summary

Budget 2010 boosts health spending by \$2.1 billion over the next four years, to improve frontline health services for patients, and help provide better, sooner, more convenient healthcare for all New Zealanders.

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A BIG BOOST IN HEALTH SPENDING

Health is the single biggest item of new operating spending in Budget 2010 – up \$512 million to \$13.5 billion in 2010/11. This covers pressures from inflation, and a growing and aging population.

Health spending is now \$1.4 billion a year more than when we came into Government.

These new resources will help us to continue improving frontline health services for patients. They demonstrate our strong commitment to delivering better, sooner, and more convenient healthcare for all New Zealanders.

AT A GLANCE

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| \$2.1 BILLION | extra for health priorities over 4 years. |
| \$512 MILLION | extra for 2010/11. |
| \$1.4 BILLION | extra for District Health Boards . |
| \$59.5 MILLION | for extra Elective Surgery including \$8 million for breast reconstruction surgery. |
| \$93.0 MILLION | extra for Disability Services . |
| \$24.0 MILLION | for a national Bowel Cancer screening pilot programme. |
| TWENTY | new Doctor Training Places . |
| \$80.0 MILLION | extra for Medicines . |

EXTRA FUNDING FOR DISTRICT HEALTH BOARDS

National is providing an extra \$1.4 billion to District Health Boards (DHBs) over four years. DHBs will also receive a large share of the extra funding for targeted initiatives including elective surgery and medicines.

MORE MONEY FOR MEDICINES

Budget 2010 increases funding for medicines by \$80 million over the next four years, with \$40 million to be met from the budget of DHBs, and the extra \$40 million being invested by the Government.

A FOCUS ON ELECTIVE SURGERY

Budget 2010 provides an extra \$59.5 million for elective surgery over the next four years, including \$8 million specifically for breast reconstruction surgery. Elective surgery funding in the current year has also been increased by \$10.2 million, with \$4.2 million for additional cardiac surgeries.

In 2009, our focus on boosting elective surgery – necessary operations such as joint replacements, cataract removal, and ear, nose, and throat surgery – resulted in an extra 12,000 elective operations, the largest ever annual increase.

GREATER SUPPORT FOR DISABILITIES

The Government is providing Disability Support Services with an extra \$93 million in funding over the next four years. This includes:

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| \$25.5m | for home and community support services. |
| \$3.4m | for other disability support services. |
| \$21m | for residential services for people with intellectual disabilities. |
| \$7.9m | for supported independent living. |
| \$2.7m | for respite care. |

The remainder will go towards equipment and modifications, helping people to lead more independent lives.

BOWEL CANCER PILOT PROGRAMME

The Government is funding a pilot programme to assess the feasibility of a national bowel cancer screening programme. We're putting \$24 million into the programme over the next four years.

*All figures are over four years to 2013/14 unless stated otherwise.