



INFRASTRUCTURE

Summary

National is working to unclog the growth arteries of our economy and create jobs with better roads, broadband, rail, and electricity networks. Budget 2010 also boosts funding for other essential social infrastructure such as schools and prisons.

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INFRASTRUCTURE – BUILDING ON THE RECOVERY

Budget 2010 allocates \$1.45 billion this year – the second year of our five-year \$7.5 billion infrastructure programme.

On top of this funding, the Government is investing \$10.7 billion over the next 10 years in the State Highway network. Another \$3.3 billion is being invested through Transpower in upgrading the National Grid over five years.

AT A GLANCE

\$1.45 BILLION	for projects in 2010/11 – the second year of a 5-year \$7.5b infrastructure programme.
\$200 MILLION	for the roll-out of Ultra-Fast Broadband , as well as \$48m more for broadband in schools.
\$500 MILLION	for upgrade of Auckland Rail , and \$250m for the wider rail network and rolling stock.
\$337.4 MILLION	to lift Prison Capacity and manage justice sector pressures.
\$177.4 MILLION	for New Schools and School Property .
\$10.7 BILLION	over 10 years for State Highways .
\$3.3 BILLION	over 5 years to upgrade the National Grid .



BROADBAND – A STEP-CHANGE FOR OUR ECONOMY

Budget 2010 provides a further \$248.3 million for our flagship broadband initiatives. \$200 million will go toward rolling out ultra-fast broadband. A further \$48.3 million will help schools upgrade internal networks to harness the benefits of ultra-fast broadband.

By connecting our businesses, schools, and communities with the world, fast broadband will encourage investment and help create jobs, boost wages, and deliver the high-quality public services that Kiwi families need.



TURNING AROUND KIWIRAIL

National is investing \$250 million in Budget 2010 to support KiwiRail in its plan to create a business that can stand on its own feet financially.

Improving rail transport will help increase New Zealand's economic productivity and put us on the path to faster growth.

This funding builds on previous commitments we have made to Auckland and Wellington commuter rail, including the \$500 million being appropriated for KiwiRail to buy new electric trains for Auckland.



BIG INVESTMENT IN SCHOOLS

Budget 2010 provides more than \$177 million for new school property.

As well as helping existing schools, this funding will go towards buying two new school sites, opening three new schools in 2013, and doing a major redevelopment of one special school. This Budget provides \$82 million to fix leaky school buildings.



IMPROVING OUR PRISONS

As part of a \$337.4 million programme, we are providing \$69.3 million over four years to ensure there are enough prison beds to cope with the rising inmate population.

Public-private partnerships can introduce new design, financing, maintenance, and operating techniques that provide better services and value to taxpayers.

A public-private partnership will design, build, and operate a 1000-bed prison at Wiri, South Auckland. It is expected to be operating by the end of 2014. Budget 2010 provides \$24 million for the Wiri project.

Another \$45.3 million will provide an additional 245 beds at Mt Eden Prison.

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