

# Disabled people - improving wellbeing through strategic support and advocacy

As part of the Wellbeing Budget the Government wants to ensure greater accessibility and inclusivity in communities for disabled people.

## Budget 2019

### ○ Towards a non-disabling society where disabled people have equal opportunity to achieve their goals and aspirations.

- Ensuring MSD's Office for Disability Issues (ODI) has the resource to support the Government's focus on wellbeing through working with other Government agencies and disabled people to progress the vision and outcomes in the New Zealand Disability Strategy (2016–2026) and the strategy's action plan.
- Building capacity in the Disabled People's Organisations (DPO) coalition, its engagement with the wider disability community, and its engagement with government agencies so that progress is achieved through the New Zealand Disability Strategy (2016–2026), and the strategy's action plan works for disabled people.
- Supporting long-term strategic projects to maintain and promote New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) through the NZSL Board.

#### The benefits of this funding include:

- A platform to make a real difference to improve the wellbeing and participation of disabled people, who make up 24 percent of the population and are amongst the most disadvantaged people in New Zealand.
- There is a growing recognition of disability issues across government and the need to promote the wellbeing of disabled people in both mainstream policy and services and those focused on disabled people.
- There has been a significant and sustained increase in demand for advice from ODI and the DPO coalition, both which provide lived experience advice to government.
- The General Social Survey and other data on employment, and economic wellbeing, demonstrate the significant disparity between disabled people's (their families and whānau) experience of wellbeing and that of non-disabled New Zealanders.
- This investment sits alongside increased funding for services for disabled people through other government portfolios.

#### Costs (operating) \$m

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 & outyears	TOTAL
1.620	1.620	1.620	1.620	6.480