

Initiatives led by other agencies with funding for MSD

MSD receives funding for services it offers as part of cross-agency initiatives.

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● **MSD is committed to working with other agencies to provide better outcomes for clients**

Maintaining and supporting the Housing First programme as a response to ending homelessness (\$2.935m over four years).

- This initiative aims to continue improving the social and housing outcomes of chronically homeless people. This will be done by providing additional funding to maintain the current level of Housing First places and wrap-around support services, as well as expanding the Housing First programme to a total of around 2,700 places.
- Funding for MSD is for an anticipated increase in spending on Accommodation Supplement.

Housing Support Products – expansion to help people access and maintain tenancies (\$18.9m over four years).

- This initiative aims to improve housing outcomes by financially assisting more people to access and retain secure tenancies, which will help minimise the risk of homelessness. This will be done through providing increased funding for Housing Support Products, which are financial and non-financial products that aim to address barriers to accessing or retaining housing by meeting needs not covered by other forms of assistance. This additional funding also provides a new product, for people who do not meet existing criteria, of one-off recoverable assistance to cover rent arrears and help people to retain their housing.

Māori Pathway – Improving outcomes for Māori and their whānau in the Corrections system and supporting their reintegration back into communities (\$2.88m over four years).

- Māori Pathway is the name for a group of targeted interventions from the Department of Corrections, Te Puni Kōkiri and MSD, aimed at reducing reoffending rates of high-security prisoners but also available to other prisoners.
- MSD is providing front-line resource to part A of the initiative: Paeheretia te Muka Tangata – Uniting the threads of whānau. This is a cross-government initiative to provide services to high-risk offenders from Hawke's Bay and Northland regional correction facilities. MSD is committed to planning and co-designing the initiative in conjunction with TPK and Corrections.
- Funding for MSD will provide for Intensive Client Support Managers to work with offenders and their whānau. They will provide a full range of MSD services while working closely with the Whānau Ora kaiārahi/navigators so service coordination is seamless and supportive.

Home-based ECE review – improving the quality of home-based early childhood education (\$11.775m over four years).

- This initiative aims to achieve better outcomes for children by improving the quality of educator-child interactions in home-based early childhood education.
- Tertiary providers to enable the existing educator workforce to upskill to a Level 4 ECE qualification. Funding will also be used to translate the qualification into other languages widely used in home-based ECE, such as Tongan and Samoan, so that educators who are not proficient in English will also be able to upskill.
- MSD funding is for increased expenditure on student loans. There is also funding of \$0.070m in 2018/19 and \$0.023m in 2023/24.

Teacher supply – continuing to increase the levels of teacher supply for the future. \$13.259m over four years.

- This initiative aims to ensure that the Government continues to increase the levels of teacher supply for the future. This will be done through initiatives that: enable the sector to “grow our own” domestic teacher base through attracting and training people to enter the profession, including through increased funding for initial teacher education; enable recruitment of New Zealand- or overseas-trained teachers, while the “grow your own” model beds in; and assist the sector to retain the teachers New Zealand already has and any new teachers that will be coming on board in the future.
- Funding for MSD is for increased spending on scholarships.