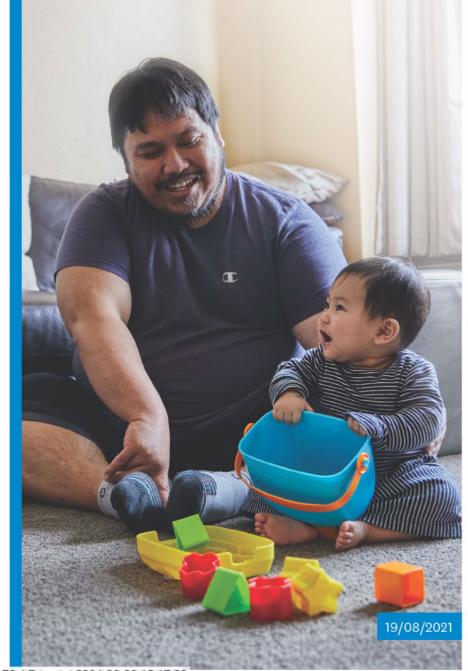


Delivering the Welfare Overhaul

Milestones



2018 Families Package

Monitoring by MSD in 2020 showed:



\$60 a weekBest Start payment for new-born babies.



Around 330,000 families with

benefitted from the Families package in its first year.

children



1.2m adults and their children

helped by the winter energy payment (introduced in 2018) in 2020, where it was doubled.

2021: Wellbeing Budget



Weekly benefit rates lifted by between

\$32 and **\$55** per adult,

in line with a key recommendation from the Welfare Expert Advisory Group (WEAG).



109,000

families and whānau with children will be, on average,

\$175 a week

better off as a result of changes made by the Government since 2017.



263,000

individuals and couples without children better off by

\$42 a week,

including 134,000 Māori and 33,000 Pacific peoples.

2019: Wellbeing Budget



263 new frontline staff

to focus on helping more people into meaningful and sustainable work.



24,000

children will be better off as a result of the repeal to Section 192, with many sole parents' incomes increasing by an average of

\$34 a week.



73,000 individuals and their families

will be better off by the Government raising abatement thresholds for those on benefits who work.



19,000-33,000

children are projected to be lifted out of poverty on the after-housing-costs measure in 2022/23 as a result of increases to benefit levels in

Budget 2021.



372,000

individuals and families and whānau on benefits will be better off, on average,

\$114 a week

by April 2022 due to the Government's changes since 2017.



Training Incentive Allowance to support

16,000

New Zealanders into jobs.

2020: Response to COVID-19



\$25 increase in main benefits.



Removing the hours test

from the In Work
Tax Credit to assist
those who may face
variable hours.



Expansion of Flexi-wage subsidy, which supports up to

40,000

New Zealanders get the skills they need to meet the requirements of a job.



The indexation of Childcare Assistance income thresholds to increases in the average wage will benefit **1,000**

benefit **1,000** families, or around **1,500** children.

