

## **Barton Deakin Brief: New Zealand Government 2016-17 Pre-Budget Announcements No. 4**

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New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Hon Bill English MP, will hand down the National-led government's eighth budget on Thursday, 26 May 2016.

A number of pre-Budget announcements have already been made including:

- \$46 million to support victims of domestic violence and to prevent sexual violence; and
- \$97 million additional funding for health research.

This Barton Deakin Brief outlines the key aspects of these funding commitments.

### **Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence**

New Zealand's Minister of Justice, the Hon Amy Adams MP, and the Minister of Social Development, the Hon Anne Tolley MP, announced \$46 million of operating funding over four years will go to better support victims of domestic violence and prevention of sexual violence.

The funding will be used to design and implement new services as well as maintain existing services. Funding allocation has been assessed by the [Ministerial Group on Family Violence and Sexual Violence](#). They have been overseeing a [work programme](#) to review the existing system in order to deliver the best possible result for victims.

To view the media release from the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Social Development, click [here](#).

### **Health Research**

The Minister of Science and Innovation, the Hon Steven Joyce MP and the Minister for Health, the Hon Jonathan Coleman MP announced for an additional \$97 million to go to the health research budget.

Over four years, the annual amount available for health research through the [Health Research Council](#) will increase by 56 per cent – from \$77 million in 2015-16 to \$120 million in 2019-20.

The New Zealand Government has released a [discussion document](#) to inform the development of a new [health research strategy](#).

To view the media release from the Minister of Science and Innovation and the Minister for Health, click [here](#).

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