

SECURING NEW ZEALAND'S FUTURE



**BUDGET
2026**

Budget 2026 welfare package – supporting information

\$45 million to community food support and kids' breakfasts, to assist those in highest need

- \$8 million per year ongoing funding for a central hub which distributes food to local community food suppliers, including food banks. This funding covers the hub's facilities, transportation and storage of food, and staff to collect and redistribute food.
- \$1.5 million per year ongoing funding for the Government's contribution to the KickStart Breakfast programme, which provides food for schools to run their own breakfast programmes.
- \$7 million reprioritised in 2026/27 to fund food parcels for food banks and community-based initiatives that support local food security and resilience.

\$93.3 million over two years to help 25,000 sole parents access more assistance to find work, providing opportunities for income and career growth

- This initiative will run for two years from July 2026 to June 2028. It provides case managers for 25,000 sole parents, along with additional funding for Flexi-wage payments and flexible funding to address employment barriers.
- This initiative is expected to deliver net savings of \$97.2 million over the next four years as sole parents are supported into work because of this investment.

\$22.4 million over two years to prevent households needing emergency housing, and facilitating sustainable exits that reduce reoccurring emergency housing need

- This funding is for emergency housing support services, including case managers, housing brokers, flexible funding for families with children, coordinated services to provide wraparound support and Ready to Rent courses.
- This initiative is expected to deliver net savings of \$14.3 million over the next four years as the number of households in emergency housing will remain low due to the investment in these services.