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Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) received on 30 March 2022 regarding the Wellbeing Budget. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

Earlier this month, Minister of Health Andrew Little was asked what the government's \$1.9 billion Wellbeing Budget had been spent on, to date. He advised "For the Ministry of Health, the \$1.1 billion they've got, over a four year period nearly half a billion dollars is going into what we call the Access and Choice program. Two years into that program we've added 850 full-time equivalent roles or people to the frontline of mental health.

1. *Can you please provide a comprehensive breakdown of how that \$1.1 billion has been spent to date? Please include ALL briefings, reports, memos or advice provided to the Minister of Health over the past two years regarding this funding*

Your request for all briefings, reports, memos and advice provided to the Minister of Health over the past two years about the \$1.1 billion Vote Health mental wellbeing package from Budget 2019 is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as this cannot be made available without substantial collation or research; however, you may be interested in this recent response to a Written Parliamentary Question which outlines advice received from the Ministry's Mental Health and Addiction Directorate between September 2021 and March 2022:

www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_08341_2022/8341-2022-matt-doocey-to-the-minister-of-health.

You'll note that these documents are unlikely to provide the most current information available in relation to each of the specific points you indicated an interest in. The Ministry remains willing to engage with you on a revised scope for your request.

2. *How much of is yet to be spent?*
3. *How much has been earmarked for mental wellbeing and prevention?*

The table in Appendix 1 lists two documents related to the Vote Health mental wellbeing initiatives that are part of the \$1.1 billion from Budget 2019. The response to these parts of your request is included in Document 1, which is attached to this letter.

Document 1 sets out a description of the initiatives funded, as well as the following financial information:

- *Funding allocated*: annual and total funding appropriated through Budget 2019 to spend on the initiative;
- *Funding committed*: funding that the Ministry has agreed to pay providers for the delivery of services via a signed contract or agreement; and
- *Funding spent*: funding that the Ministry has distributed to providers to date based on the agreed payment schedules.

Please note that the level of spend in 2021/22 represents the phasing of payment schedules in contracts and reflects that we are partway through the financial year. There are a number of procurement processes planned, underway or recently completed, which will see additional funding committed and spent.

4. How much has been spent providing Integrated Primary Mental Health and Addiction Services to GP practices

I can advise that as of 31 March 2022, approximately \$40.962 million has been spent on Integrated Primary Mental Health and Addiction Services. This is part of the spend for 'Expanding access and choice of primary mental health and addiction support – Service delivery' outlined in Document 1.

- 5. How much has been spent boosting Telehealth capacity?*
- 6. How much has been spent on other initiatives (exactly what are they, and how much has been spent on each?)*

Please refer to the response to questions 2 and 3 for information relating to these parts of your request.

- 7. How many of the 850 FTE frontline roles have been filled, to date, and how many are yet to be filled? Where are these roles?*

The Ministry has interpreted this part of your request as relating to the 'Expanding access and choice of primary mental health and addiction support' initiative. This has been provided to you as Document 2. It sets out information on:

- the number of contracted frontline Full Time Equivalent (FTE) roles in the services associated with this initiative;
- how many of the contracted frontline FTE roles in these services have been filled; and
- where these contracted and filled FTEs are distributed across the country.

You may also be interested in the following material that is publicly available:

- Ministerial decision-making documents related to *Kia Manawanui Aotearoa – Long-term pathway to mental wellbeing* (particularly Appendix B) available at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/release-ministerial-decision-making-documents/kia-manawanui-aotearoa-long-term-pathway-mental-wellbeing.
- Quarterly Mental Health Report to Cabinet Priorities Committee available at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/release-ministerial-decision-making-documents/quarterly-mental-health-report-cabinet-priorities-committee-quarter-1-2021-22.

- Implementation Unit: Mid-term Review of the 2019 Mental Health Package available at: dpmc.govt.nz/publications/implementation-unit-mid-term-review-2019-mental-health-package.
- Progress updates from the Ministry available at: www.health.govt.nz/publication/mental-health-and-wellbeing-year-review.
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission's Access and Choice Programme progress report available at: www.mhwc.govt.nz/our-work/our-reports/.

I trust this fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases

Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	14 April 2022	Overview of Vote Health Budget 2019 mental health and addiction initiatives	Released in full.
2		Information on FTE roles	

Overview of Vote Health Budget 2019 mental health and addiction initiatives

Up to 31 March 2022

Initiative	Description	Funding allocated (\$m)					Funding committed as at 31 March 2022 (\$m)					Funding spent as at 31 March 2022 (\$m)				
		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	Total	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
Budget 2019 - Expanding access and choice of primary mental health and addiction support		48.138	97.217	133.630	176.089	455.074	26.209	81.018	119.200	125.45	351.874	26.209	81.018	85.040	-	192.266
Service delivery	Service delivery in a range of settings including general practices and kaupapa Māori, Pacific and youth-specific settings	25.000	70.781	101.250	141.875	338.906	14.105	62.665	97.061	111.467	285.298	14.105	62.665	69.788	-	146.558
Workforce development	Workforce development investment to grow and upskill existing workforces and develop new workforces	13.888	18.186	22.330	22.664	77.067	9.593	12.390	12.653	11.362	45.998	9.593	12.390	8.464	-	30.447
Enablers	Enablers funding including for engagement and collaborative design, implementation support and Ministry of Health capacity and capability	9.250	8.250	10.050	11.550	39.100	2.511	5.962	9.487	2.618	20.578	2.511	5.962	6.789	-	15.261
Budget 2019 - Other primary and community mental health and addiction initiatives																
Expanding telehealth and digital supports for mental wellbeing	Increasing people's access to mental health and addiction support over the phone and online through an expansion of telehealth and digital supports	5.200	5.200	5.200	5.200	20.800	2.200	2.998	3.400	4.200	12.798	2.200	2.998	2.350	-	7.548
Well Child Tamariki Ora Enhanced Support Pilot	Pilots in Lakes, Counties Manukau and Hauora Tairāwhiti District Health Boards to develop, test and evaluate enhanced support for parents and whānau who have mental health and addiction needs during pregnancy, the first two years of a child's life or following a stillbirth	0.550	3.100	3.100	3.250	10.000	0.200	1.425	3.044	2.594	7.263	0.200	1.425	1.541	-	3.166
Promoting wellbeing in primary and intermediate schools	Making resilience-building resources available to primary and intermediate schools and teachers across the country. Note: This initiative was put on hold as joint work between Ministries of Health and Education was delayed due to COVID-19 and the changes in alert levels that resulted in children being schooled at home. As an alternative to the school-based programme, the Ministry of Health invested funding from the \$15 million package to support the psychosocial response to COVID-19 in the Sparklers at Home toolkit, which helps parents and whānau support the wellbeing of primary and intermediate school-aged children at home, including supporting discussions about COVID-19. The Ministries of Health and Education are working together to ensure mental wellbeing supports and resources are aligned to the New Zealand Curriculum and can be accessed through schools, with an additional focus on tailoring support for the post-COVID-19 environment.	1.000	0.400	0.400	0.400	2.200	-	0.285	0.050	-	0.335	-	0.285	-	-	0.285
Expanding and enhancing School Based Health Services (SBHS)	Enhancing SBHS (nurses in schools) in decile 1-4 schools and expanding to decile 5 schools	5.232	4.771	4.871	4.726	19.600	4.082	4.369	4.428	4.433	17.312	4.082	4.369	4.289	-	12.740
Support for Christchurch: Continuation of Funding for Primary Care and Community-Based Mental Health Workers	Continuation of the time-limited support established following the earthquakes to provide ongoing support for the 15 March 2019 terror attacks	5.480	-	-	-	5.480	5.480	-	-	-	5.480	5.480	-	-	-	5.480
Budget 2019 - Specialist, forensic and crisis mental health and addiction initiatives																
District health board (DHB) mental health and addiction ringfence	Uplift to DHB funding ringfenced for specialist mental health and addiction services	53.272	53.272	53.272	53.272	213.088	53.272	53.272	53.272	53.272	213.088	53.272	53.272	39.954	-	146.498
Forensic mental health services for adults	Enhancing forensic services for adults, including additional full-time equivalent (FTE) and training courses and wrap-around support for staff	1.770	3.430	4.410	5.390	15.000	1.770	3.114	4.447	4.560	13.890	1.770	3.114	3.449	-	8.333
Forensic mental health services for young people	Enhancing forensic services for young people, including additional FTE and training courses and wrap-around support for staff	2.420	3.960	5.470	7.150	19.000	2.450	3.750	5.260	6.700	18.160	2.450	3.750	4.005	-	10.205
Improving support for people experiencing a mental health crisis	Enhancing crisis response services across all 20 DHBs with a focus on emergency departments and community alternatives	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	8.000	2.000	1.370	1.958	1.958	7.286	2.000	1.370	1.469	-	4.838

Document 1

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		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	Total	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
Budget 2019 - Addiction initiatives																
Enhancing primary addiction responses	Expanding the range of primary support available to people with mild to moderate alcohol and other drug (AOD) issues	2.000	3.000	4.000	5.000	14.000	0.302	2.327	3.898	2.388	8.915	0.302	2.327	3.065	-	5.693
Enhancing the quality and capacity of specialist AOD services	Improving the sustainability of AOD services, with a focus on residential care, managed withdrawal (detox) and continuing care	10.500	10.500	10.500	10.500	42.000	9.439	9.439	9.439	8.000	36.316	9.439	9.439	9.079	-	27.957
Te Ara Oranga – continuing the methamphetamine harm reduction programme in Northland	Continuing the successful joint initiative between Northland DHB and Police to reduce harm from methamphetamine	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	4.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	3.000	1.000	1.000	0.750	-	2.750
Intensive parenting support – Expanding the Pregnancy and Parenting Service (PPS)	Expanding PPS, an intensive outreach service for parents experiencing problems with AOD, to two additional sites (Bay of Plenty DHB and Whanganui DHB)	1.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	7.000	0.800	2.156	2.156	2.000	7.112	0.800	2.156	1.630	-	4.586
Budget 2019 - Suicide prevention																
Preventing suicide and supporting people bereaved by suicide	Expanding and improving suicide prevention efforts and improving responses to the needs of people bereaved by suicide	10.100	10.000	9.950	9.950	40.000	6.499	6.333	8.840	6.927	28.598	6.499	6.333	4.670	-	17.502
Budget 2019 - Establishing a new Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission																
Establishing a new Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission	Funding to establish the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission. An Initial Commission was established under section 11 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and operated between November 2019 and February 2021. The Permanent Commission began operating as an independent Crown entity on 9 February 2021.	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	8.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	8.000	2.000	2.000	1.500	-	5.500
Total: Budget 2019 initiatives (excluding capital)		151.662	201.850	241.803	287.927	883.242	117.702	174.855	222.392	224.479	739.428	117.702	174.855	162.792	-	455.348
Capital investment in mental health and addiction facilities	Funding for five projects to upgrade current mental health and addiction facilities and add capacity by building new facilities. The five projects are in Waikato DHB, MidCentral DHB, Tairāwhiti DHB, Waitematā DHB and Lakes DHB. Note: - In relation to the capital investment made through the Budget 2019 mental wellbeing package, as of 31 March 2022, approximately \$1.001 million in equity has been drawn down. Capital spending is typically incurred by a district health board before reimbursement is sought from the Ministry of Health. Capital funding can be drawn down once a project's business case has received Ministerial approval. The majority of funding is usually drawn down after construction has begun. These projects are at various stages of development, including not having yet commenced construction. The drawdown is in line with expectations.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	235.000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	240.600	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	1.001

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Document 2

Table 1: Access and Choice integrated primary mental health and addiction (IPMHA) services - actual and contracted full-time equivalent staff

	Actual	Contracted
Auckland collaborative	142.2	179.5
Bay of Plenty DHB	17.7	21.0
Canterbury DHB	44.5	60.0
Hawke's Bay DHB	25.7	27.0
Lakes DHB	14.8	19.6
MidCentral DHB	24.4	26.0
Nelson Marlborough DHB	12.5	11.7
Northland DHB	32.6	33.1
South Canterbury DHB	2.2	8.5
Southern DHB	44.1	38.1
Hauora Tairāwhiti	0.0	7.2
Taranaki DHB	15.6	16.0
Waikato DHB	46.8	64.3
Wellington collaborative	51.9	59.4
West Coast DHB	0.0	5.4
Whanganui DHB	11.6	14.0
	486.5	590.8

Table 2: Access and Choice kaupapa Māori, Pacific and youth primary mental health and addiction services - actual and contracted full-time equivalent staff

	Actual	Contracted
National	5.5	5.5
Auckland	20.0	24.5
Bay of Plenty	20.7	24.8
Canterbury	27.1	28.0
Capital and Coast	8.5	15.5
Counties Manukau	24.7	48.0
Hawke's Bay	13.5	14.5
Hutt Valley	10.4	11.7
Lakes	11.6	12.3
MidCentral	3.2	4.5
Nelson Marlborough	0.0	0.0
Northland	11.3	12.7
South Canterbury	2.6	2.8
Southern	15.2	15.2
Taranaki	4.0	4.0
Tairāwhiti	17.0	19.0
Waikato	18.5	26.5
Wairarapa	4.0	4.0
Waitematā	25.0	27.0
West Coast	1.0	1.5
Whanganui	6.5	6.5
	250.30	308.5

Notes:

- Full-time equivalent staff numbers are given by health district except for IPMHA services provided by the Auckland and Wellington collaboratives (table 1) where the Waitematā, Auckland and Counties Manukau DHBs and Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley and Wairapa DHBs respectively provide these services jointly.
- 'Actual full-time equivalent (FTE) staff' are as reported by service providers. The Ministry asks providers to report 'actual FTE' based on whether positions are filled on the last day of the month.
- The numbers provided are for actual and contracted FTE to the end of February 2022.

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