



BUDGET 2023

Summary of Initiatives

IN THE NORTH ISLAND WEATHER EVENTS
RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PACKAGE

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Budget 2023 Initiatives

At Budget 2023, the Government is investing \$941 million total operating and \$195 million capital in the next stage of the recovery from the Auckland Anniversary weekend floods and Cyclone Gabrielle (together the North Island weather events).

This builds on our earlier investments in the immediate aftermath of these events. Prior to Budget 2023 decisions, an additional \$889 million total operating and \$1.5 million total capital investment was allocated to provide business and community support, make urgent infrastructure repairs and assist with temporary accommodation for those displaced from their homes. These figures exclude support provided through automatic mechanisms, such as the Civil Defence Payments.

Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety

North Island Weather Events: Delivering the Interim Post Entry Quarantine Facility

This initiative provides funding to address costs of delays to the construction of the new Interim Post Entry Quarantine facility resulting from the North Island weather events.

This initiative is outside the Budget 2022 Natural Resources Cluster multi-year funding package.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.500

North Island Weather Events: Providing Recovery Support

This initiative provides funding to support the recovery needs for rural businesses and communities impacted by the North Island weather events.

This initiative is outside the Budget 2022 Natural Resources Cluster multi-year funding package.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety	13.603	16.397	-	-	-	30.000	-

North Island Weather Events: Supporting Under-Serviced Rural Communities

This initiative provides funding to support the recovery of under-serviced rural communities that have been impacted by the North Island weather events. Funding will cover the creation of centralised community hubs, as well as improved access to critical recovery services and reliable telecommunications.

This initiative is outside the Budget 2022 Natural Resources Cluster multi-year funding package.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety	3.200	2.200	-	-	-	5.400	-

Arts, Culture and Heritage

North Island Weather Events: Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga

This initiative provides funding for Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga to meet the additional demand related to the North Island weather events, in particular for archaeological authority processes, which support the timely delivery of infrastructure recovery projects.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Arts, Culture and Heritage	0.950	-	-	-	-	0.950	-

Business, Science and Innovation

North Island Weather Events: Plant and Food Research Limited – Response and Recovery

This initiative provides funding to offset Plant and Food Research Limited's (PFR) royalty and commercial net revenue losses as a result of the recent North Island weather events, and to ensure PFR can continue to provide science advice to support the response and recovery from the North Island weather events.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Business, Science and Innovation	11.000	-	-	-	-	11.000	-
Tagged Contingency	-	17.000	-	-	-	17.000	-

Conservation

North Island Weather Events: Department of Conservation Response and Rebuild

This initiative provides funding to plan and rebuild biodiversity, heritage, visitor and other conservation sites and assets that were damaged or destroyed in the North Island weather events. Funding will support critical response and recovery work across the North Island Conservation Districts that sustained damage.

This initiative is outside the Budget 2022 Natural Resources Cluster multi-year funding package.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Conservation	6.220	2.905	-	-	-	9.125	3.475

Education

North Island Weather Events: Replenishing School Library Collections

This initiative provides funding for the replacement of school library collections, related resources, and shelving lost due to the North Island weather events.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Education	-	0.782	-	-	-	0.782	-
Internal Affairs	-	0.218	-	-	-	0.218	-

North Island Weather Events: School Property – Immediate Response

This initiative provides funding for immediate and high-need property works to enable schools to continue safely operating following the North Island weather events. This work includes repairs to roofs, plumbing infrastructure, carpentry, tree removal, and emergency cleaning.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Education	5.128	-	-	-	-	5.128	25.885

North Island Weather Events: School Property – Repair and Rebuild Post North Island Weather Events

This initiative provides funding for further work to return schools severely affected by the North Island weather events to their pre-weather-event state, including, where necessary, redevelopment or relocation of schools on extensively damaged sites.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Education	-	9.799	-	-	-	9.799	75.675

North Island Weather Events: Special Reasons Staffing and Funding – Increase to Existing Budget

This initiative provides funding for immediate assistance to support staff in schools and kura impacted by the North Island weather events. This funding can be used to employ relief staff, provide teaching/principal release time, support ākongā with engagement and wellbeing, or employ additional teachers for those schools that have experienced increased enrolment due to enrolling ākongā from cyclone-affected areas.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Education	0.315	0.385	-	-	-	0.700	-

Health**North Island Weather Events: Hauora Māori Disaster Response Package**

This initiative provides funding for urgent psychosocial response and recovery services that support whānau wellbeing and the community to recover from the impacts of North Island weather events. This funding will be utilised for direct and flexible funding for iwi and Māori health partners, and the Māori Psychosocial Response, in regions impacted by the North Island weather events.

This initiative is outside the multi-year Health spending announced at Budget 2022.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Health	2.624	5.656	-	-	-	8.280	-

North Island Weather Events: Hospital and Specialist Services

This initiative provides funding for air and road transport enabling planned care, outreach, and other hospital services for isolated communities. It also funds alternative provision of acute healthcare, and urgent repairs to hospital facilities as a result of the impact of the North Island weather events.

This initiative is outside the multi-year Health spending announced at Budget 2022.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Health	4.097	4.753	-	-	-	8.850	-

North Island Weather Events: Mental Health and Wellbeing Response

This initiative provides funding for locally led, community-based mental wellbeing initiatives to meet the psychosocial care need for populations in areas affected by the North Island weather events, including Māori, Pacific peoples and youth. This includes funding of \$3.747 million for the mental wellbeing support for primary and intermediate school-aged students through the expansion of the Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow programme into Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti.

This initiative is outside the multi-year Health spending announced at Budget 2022.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Health	-	10.000	-	-	-	10.000	-

North Island Weather Events: Primary, Community, and Residential Care Recovery

This initiative provides funding to support provision of primary, community and residential care services to the population affected by the North Island weather events. The provision of an increased level of support to the affected population will decrease the acuity and frequency of these patients presenting at hospitals. It also provides additional funding for air ambulance services and to improve the accessibility of virtual primary healthcare services.

This initiative is outside the multi-year Health spending announced at Budget 2022.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Health	3.294	2.817	-	-	-	6.111	-

North Island Weather Events: Transport and Power

This initiative provides funding for leasing suitable additional vehicles to provide for patient access where road infrastructure is compromised, and generators and diesel for the continued operation of health services while repairs are undertaken, following the North Island weather events.

This initiative is outside the multi-year Health spending announced at Budget 2022.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Health	0.579	1.157	-	-	-	1.736	-

Housing and Urban Development

North Island Weather Events: Temporary Accommodation Response

This initiative provides funding for the coordinated provision of temporary accommodation supply and services to people displaced from their homes because of the North Island weather events.

Funding is also provided to enable Temporary Accommodation Services to maintain the workforce needed to respond to the large-scale events across multiple regions.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Housing and Urban Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	70.000
Building and Construction	-	84.500	-	-	-	84.500	17.500

Internal Affairs

North Island Weather Events: Local Government Flood Resilience Co-Investment Fund

This initiative provides funding, held in contingency, for Crown co-investment with local authorities in areas impacted by the recent North Island weather events to support the proactive management of climate-exacerbated flood risk.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Tagged Contingency	-	100.000	-	-	-	100.000	-

Labour Market

North Island Weather Events: Cyclone Recovery Visa – Cost of Refunding Fees and Levies

This initiative provides funding to reimburse immigration fees and levies to successful applicants for the Recovery Visa. The funding is limited to reimbursement of the immigration fee, immigration levy, and international visitor and conservation levy. The Recovery Visa category was established following the North Island weather events.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Labour Market	0.735	-	-	-	-	0.735	-

Lands

North Island Weather Events: Purchase of Imagery and Repairs to Crown Property

This initiative provides funding for the purchase and publication of satellite and Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) imagery, and urgent repairs to Crown property due to damage from the North Island weather events.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Lands	2.500	3.120	-	-	-	5.620	-

Māori Development

Ngā Whakatikatika Nui ki ngā Kāinga Māori i Papāngia e te Huarere

North Island Weather Events: Critical Repairs to Weather-Impacted Māori-Owned Homes

This initiative provides funding to repair homes owned by low-income whānau Māori that were significantly damaged in the North Island weather events. The initiative supports whānau experiencing severe housing deprivation who require urgent support to move back into safe, warm, and dry homes as soon as possible.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Māori Development	5.000	20.000	-	-	-	25.000	-

Prime Minister and Cabinet

North Island Weather Events: National Emergency Management Agency Response and Recovery Funding

This initiative provides funding for the increased National Emergency Management Agency workforce supporting ongoing recovery efforts arising from the North Island weather events.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	1.849	-	-	-	1.849	-
Finance	-	0.025	-	-	-	0.025	0.050

North Island Weather Events: Regional and Local Support

This initiative provides funding to support the Regional and Local Recovery Structures to allow for centrally supported, locally led recovery assistance for severe weather events. These structures will work to assist their relevant regional Ministerial lead to advise on recovery activities, alongside different responsible stakeholders and affected parties (eg, government, councils, iwi and community groups).

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Prime Minister and Cabinet	5.000	15.000	-	-	-	20.000	-

Social Development

North Island Weather Events: Employment Recovery Response

This initiative provides funding for employment programmes and services that support New Zealanders affected by the North Island weather events. This will help employers to retain workers in their current employment, redeploy displaced workers back into employment quickly, and upskill New Zealanders for opportunities arising from the rebuild and recovery. The initiative will also support the rebuild and recovery efforts by contributing to the development of a pipeline of talent. It is funded through reprioritisation from the Flexi-Wage Employment Assistance programme.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Social Development	-	24.100	11.100	-	-	35.200	-
Social Development	(35.200)	-	-	-	-	(35.200)	-

North Island Weather Events: Extending Community Support Funds

This initiative provides funding for the Community Support Fund and the Provider Support Fund, which were established following the Auckland Anniversary weekend floods. The funding will help existing community groups (including Māori, Pacific peoples, youth, ethnic communities, and volunteer groups) and providers (including family violence providers and providers supporting disabled people) to continue supporting their communities in areas affected by the recent North Island weather events.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Social Development	5.000	-	-	-	-	5.000	-

North Island Weather Events: Food Secure Communities

This initiative provides funding for community food provision in regions affected by the North Island weather events, helping to ensure access to affordable, healthy, and culturally appropriate food.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Social Development	2.000	4.000	-	-	-	6.000	-

North Island Weather Events: Regional System Leadership Framework

This initiative provides funding to retain existing Regional Public Service Commissioners' (RPSCs) support staff in regions affected by the North Island weather events to June 2024. This will enable RPSCs to continue to carry out their convening function for the public service in these regions, including resolving and escalating issues relating to the North Island weather events.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Social Development	-	4.120	-	-	-	4.120	-

North Island Weather Events: Social Sector Recovery Plan

This initiative provides funding, held in contingency, to implement the proposed Social Sector Recovery Plan. The funding will be used for initiatives that support communities, households and whānau in regions affected by the North Island weather events.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Tagged Contingency	-	30.000	-	-	-	30.000	-

Transport**North Island Weather Events: KiwiRail – Rail Reinstatement Following the North Island Weather Events**

This initiative provides funding to support the reinstatement of operating sections of the rail network impacted by the Auckland Anniversary weekend floods and Cyclone Gabrielle. The rail network was damaged in the affected regions, requiring remediation to address slips and washouts, as well as the rebuilding of damaged structures, including rail tracks, sleepers, formation and bridges.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Transport	40.000	-	-	-	-	40.000	-
Tagged Contingency	-	160.000	-	-	-	160.000	-

North Island Weather Events: Waka Kotahi – State Highway and Local Road Response and Recovery

This initiative provides funding to top up the National Land Transport Fund to support immediate response and recovery costs for state highways and local roads affected in the North Island weather events. Works to be undertaken include clearing sites to make them safer to operate, providing temporary fixes (eg, bailey bridges), and providing access for communities. Funding is also included for initial business case and design work on the reinstatement of roads.

Vote	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Operating Total	Capital Total
Transport	-	275.000	-	-	-	275.000	-