

Eight-Point Plan to transform school property services

This Government is committed to investing in education and making sure schools have high-quality infrastructure. Our focus is on delivering more modern learning environments that are safe, connected, fit for purpose, and inspiring to both teachers and students.

To achieve this we will provide schools with better property services that will support improved levels of student achievement and address the issues affecting school property around New Zealand. There will be a dedicated Education Infrastructure Service established within the Ministry of Education which will focus on:

1. Investing in areas of growth

The Government has set aside \$134 million to support new schools and major capital works in Budget 2013.

\$70 million of these funds are being allocated to establish three new schools and 65 additional classrooms over the next two years.

2. Targeting support to schools that require major developments

Over \$300 million will be invested over the next six years to assist approximately 30 schools to address complex infrastructure issues and modernise their facilities.

3. Helping schools resolve outstanding property issues faster

The Ministry of Education will establish a dedicated team that can work with schools to resolve property issues faster.

4. Providing schools with access to better services including facilities management

Schools will have the opportunity to contract facilities management services that will help them minimise the time they commit to day-to-day property management and increase their focus on teaching and learning.

5. Offering support for major property works

Schools will be able to work in partnership with the Ministry on major property works to increase oversight, support delivery and reduce the school's time on contractual matters.

6. Better procurement to enable faster delivery of national programmes

Schools will be able to choose the level of property assistance they want from a suite of certified, professional services and expertise procured through Ministry-coordinated national programmes. This includes an \$80 million five-year programme for earthquake strengthening and a separate leaky building national programme.

7. Providing schools with incentives to collaborate and develop innovative approaches to property developments

There will be greater options for schools that want to collaborate with other schools and groups to develop shared facilities.

8. Providing greater transparency about the costs and condition of school property

There will be better access to information about the condition and costs of school property to inform planning and investment decisions.