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People's wellbeing is intrinsically linked to their housing situation. Government is focused on increasing housing support and supply throughout the country. The changes across the housing system enables more housing to be delivered at pace and scale for New Zealanders.



Homelessness



Public Housing



Private Rental Market



Housing First

\$197m in Budget 2019 to expand and strengthen Housing First in areas of high demand and support more than 2,700 people and whānau over the next few years.

Preventing and Reducing Homelessness – Sustaining Tenancies

\$54m to prevent and reduce homelessness with support for households to sustain their tenancy, intensive case management, and additional support services for all families.

Transitional Housing

\$283m in Budget 2019 to fund and maintain over 2,800 Transitional Housing places through-out New Zealand.

Public Housing

Increased supply of public houses. Delivered 2,178 public housing places in 2018/19 – exceeding the target of 1,600 places per year.

Community Housing Providers (CHPs)

CHPs are making a significant contribution to increasing public housing supply. CHPs delivered 955 of the additional 2,178 public houses.

Housing Support Products

\$19.8m over four years to expand provision of existing Housing Support Products. Including a new Rent Arrears Assistance product to help at-risk people sustain their housing and avoid homelessness.

Residential Tenancy Act Reform

Nearly 600,000 households rent in New Zealand. A reform of the Residential Tenancies Act is underway to make life better for renters.

Ban on Letting Fees

Reducing the up-front costs of moving to a new property for tenants.

Healthy Homes Standards

Ensuring rental homes are warmer and drier through adequate insulation, ventilation and heating.

The Families Package

In 2018, an increase to the Accommodation Supplement saw an estimated 135,000 households get an additional average of \$35 per week.

Progressive home ownership

\$400m to help more New Zealanders into home ownership with progressive home ownership schemes. Additional funding could support between 2,500-4,000 households into home ownership.

Progressive home ownership schemes help people who are priced out of home ownership and can operate as the modern day version of the State Advances scheme.

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KiwiBuild has delivered a pipeline of 258 completed homes, with 537 currently under construction, 1,993 contracted and just over 8.000 committed forecast.

A lot has been learned from KiwiBuild over the past year, that is now helping streamline processes and improve operational practices.

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