



Family Violence and Sexual Violence Work Programme Update

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Nau mai, haere mai. This special Budget edition of the Joint Venture newsletter provides you with an overview of the Family Violence and Sexual Violence package in Wellbeing Budget 2019.

A violence-free future is possible for every New Zealander – Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern

This year's Wellbeing Budget delivers a comprehensive funding package dedicated to eliminating family violence and sexual violence in Aotearoa.

Announcing the package in Auckland on Sunday 19 May, the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, and Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Justice, Jan Logie MP, confirmed that action on family violence and sexual violence is a priority for the government.



From left: Marama Davidson MP, Jenny Marcroft MP, Hon Nanaia Mahuta MP, Under-Secretary Jan Logie MP, Hon Stuart Nash MP, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern MP, Hon Carmel Sepuloni MP, and Hon Grant Robertson MP.



“Family violence and sexual violence have a profound effect on the safety of our children and on the health and wellbeing of our wider communities. This violence is also an underlying cause of significant demand across our public services. That’s why the Wellbeing Budget makes the biggest single investment ever in tackling family violence and sexual violence.

A violence-free future is possible for every New Zealander. This government is united in making it a reality.

Preventing and eliminating family violence and sexual violence is one of the greatest opportunities we have to improve wellbeing,” said Jacinda Ardern.

The Under-Secretary to the Minister of Justice (Domestic and Sexual Violence Issues), Jan Logie MP, said, “We can have a world free of violence, but first we must understand and respond to it with a genuine whole-of-Government, and whole-of-society, approach.”



“This is central to improving the wellbeing of New Zealanders, because the trauma of family and sexual violence has a profound impact on victims, survivors, their whānau and communities.

This work has been held in the community for a long time. You’ve provided the leadership and solutions when government did not. Thank you.”

“We know this is a long-term project. The package we’re announcing today lays the foundations for a violence-free Aotearoa New Zealand,” Jan Logie, Under-Secretary to the Minister of Justice (Domestic and Sexual Violence Issues) said.

“There has never before been investment of this scale in preventing and responding to family violence and sexual violence. We are working differently, breaking out of our silos, and focused on making a real difference for all New Zealanders.”

The Wellbeing Budget 2019 family violence and sexual violence package comprises initiatives across five areas:

- Preventing family violence and sexual violence [\$47.8 million over 4 years]
- Safe, consistent and effective responses to family violence in every community [\$84.3 million over 4 years]



- Expanding essential specialist sexual violence services: moving towards fully funding services [\$131.1 million over 4 years]
- Reforming the criminal justice system to better respond to victims of sexual violence. [\$37.8 million over 4 years]
- Strengthening system leadership and supporting new ways of working [\$20.0 million over 4 years]
- The total monetary value of the package is \$320 million (comprising new operating funding of \$311.4 million, and \$9.5 million of capital funding).

The family violence and sexual violence package, which sits across eight portfolios, is the result of the first ever set of Joint Venture Budget bids from multiple government departments. It includes funding and support for:

- 24/7 sexual violence crisis support services for up to 2,800 children and young people every year, and an additional 7,700 adult victims and survivors from 2020/21;
- Using video victim statements to reduce trauma for up to 30,000 victims of family violence every year;
- enabling victims of sexual violence to give evidence in court in alternative ways in order to reduce the risk of experiencing further trauma, and providing specialist training for lawyers in sexual violence cases;
- improving the wellbeing of male victims and survivors of sexual violence through peer support services – up to 1,760 from 2020/21 onwards;
- dedicated funding for a kaupapa Māori response to sexual violence;
- 1 million New Zealanders covered by Integrated Safety Response sites (Christchurch and Waikato), and over 600,000 by the Whāngaia Ngā Pā Harakeke and Whiria Te Muka sites (in Gisborne, Counties Manukau and Kaitaia); and
- training for health practitioners in District Health Boards to provide effective screening and referrals for family violence.

This will be delivered across eight portfolios: Attorney General, Corrections, Courts, Health, Justice, Oranga Tamariki, Police, and Social Development.

Providers can contact their funding agencies if they have any questions, or email:

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