

Reference: 20220063

12 April 2022

Dear

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 25 February 2022. You requested the following:

Under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 I request all original communications including briefings, reports, memos, aides memoirs, cabinet papers, data, texts, presentations and letters regarding the following information...

 Around Vote Health 2021 and the \$200M PHARMAC funding including but not limited to any communications around the PHARMAC initiative being delayed because of the pending PHARMAC review

As you are aware, on 22 March I extended the date to make a decision on your request by 15 working days.

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision		
1.	11 December 2020	T2020/3595: Budget 2021 - Briefing for vote health bilateral	Release in part		
2.	8 March 2020	Attachment to T2021/359: Draft Package advice for Budget 2020 Annex 5	Release in part		
3.	16 March 2021	Email titled 'BM2 Summary Notes'	Release in part		
4.	19–21 April 2021	Email titled 'Treasury catch-up with PHARMAC Weds 21 April'	Release in part		
5.	17 December 2020	Email titled 'Budget 2021 update'	Release in part		

6.	18 May 2021	Email attachment titled 'CPB from 2008-09 as at Budget 2021'	Release in part
		Attachment to email titled 'PHARMAC new funding over recent years'	
7.	NA	Initiative Template – Vote Health – Increase in Combined Pharmaceutical Budget	Release in part
8.	NA	Assessment Template - Vote Health – Increase in Combined Pharmaceutical Budget	Release in full
9.	NA	Intervention Logic Map - Vote Health – Increase in Combined Pharmaceutical Budget	Release in full
10.	17 February 2021	PHARMAC/Treasury meeting agenda	Release in full
11.	9 November 2020	PHARMAC/Treasury meeting agenda	Release in full
12.	18 May 2021	Email titled 'PHARMAC new funding over recent years'	Release in part

I have decided to release excerpts or summaries of documents 1 to 6 listed in the above table as applicable under section 16(1)(e) of the Official Information Act.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of documents 7 to 12 listed in the above table, subject to information being withheld under the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

 section 9(2)(k) – to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage

Some information has been redacted because it is not covered by the scope of your request. This is because the documents include matters outside your specific request.

Direct dial phone numbers of officials have been redacted under section 9(2)(k) in order to reduce the possibility of staff being exposed to phishing and other scams. This is because information released under the OIA may end up in the public domain, for example, on websites including the Treasury's website.

Information publicly available

The information listed in the table below is also covered by the request and available on the Budget section of the Treasury's website.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address				
1.	11 March 2021	Treasury Report T2021/383:	https://budget.govt.nz/information-				

		Briefing for vote health budget 2021 Bilateral meeting 15 March	release/2021/pdf/b21-t2021-383- 4421093.pdf
2.	21 December 2020	Letter to Minister: Hon Andrew Little - Health - Budget 2021 invitation	https://budget.govt.nz/information- release/2021/pdf/b21-health- letter-invitation-4390138.pdf
3.	12 April 2021	Cabinet Minute CAB-21-MIN- 0116.14: 2021 Budget Package: Vote Health	https://budget.govt.nz/information- release/2021/pdf/b21-cab-21-min- 0116-14-4444344.pdf
4.	16 March 2021	Budget Minister 2 - Emerging Budget 2021 Package	https://budget.govt.nz/information- release/2021/pdf/b21-slides- 4417845.pdf

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act:

• the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the Official Information Act, on the grounds described in the documents.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

Jess Hewat

Manager, Health and ACC

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Excerpts from reports

Excerpts from T2020/3595: Budget 2021 - Briefing for vote health bilateral

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	Other Manifesto Commitm	nents								
			o seeking funding for cost be seeking funding to progress							
	a Purchasing more modern medicines and drugs by increasing funding for PHARMAC by \$200 million. This initiative will have ongoing out-year costs of \$55 million per annum. It is possible that some of these costs may be able to be met from underspends in funding provided to PHARMAC earlier this year from anticipated COVID-19 cost pressures that have not materialised as fully as expected.									
Page 9	Annex 1 – Indicative list of V	ote Health initiatives for Buc	Iget 2021							
	Information below is based of Finance at noon today.	n the letter sent from the Mini	ster of Health to the Minister of							
	Manifesto commitments – I assess whether they should	,	nough information on these to							
	Initiative title	Operating average (\$m)	Capital total (\$m)							
	Funding boost for PHARMAC to purchase more medicines	50.00	-							
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Excerpt from attachment to T2021/359: Draft Package advice for Budget 2020 Annex 5

						Asses	Assessment Department Sought (\$m)		VA Assessment (\$m)			Draft High Package (\$m)			Draft Low Package (\$m)				
Initiative ID	Priority Area	Vote	Title	Description	VA Comment	Vote Analyst	Package	Opex Avg	Opex Total	Capex Total	Opex Avg	Opex Total	Capex Total	Opex Avg	Opex Total	Capex Total	Opex Avg	Opex Total	Capex Total
13184	Manifesto Commitment Source	Health	Increase in the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget	Increase the level of the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget by \$200 million over 4 years to ensure more medicines are available for more New Zealanders.	Defer to Budget 2022 or 2023 so that the findings of the independent review of PHARMAC can be considered before committing this funding. There is no way to scale this initiative and still deliver on the manifesto commitment as the manifesto specifically mention the \$200 million figure.	Defer	Defer	50.000	200.000	-		-		-	-		-	-	-

Email summaries

Item	Subject line	Date	From	То	Summary
	BM2 Summary Notes	16 March 2021	Hamish Dick, Analyst	Gerald Lee, Acting Team Leader, Budget. Simon Duncan, Manager, Budget. Stacey Wymer, Director, Budget Management. Tom Hall, Manager, Finance Policy. Budget Team.	Internal Treasury email providing notes from the Budget Ministers 2 meeting of 15 March 2021. Under the heading 'Other – Specific Initiatives' is a bullet point: 'Budget Ministers would like funding for PHARMAC (\$200 total operating) to be included in the Budget 2021 package (this was excluded in the draft package; however, this should be funded by identifying other areas in the overall Budget 2021 Health package of lower priority (so the overall Health package with respect to the Budget 2021 allowances will not change).'
	Treasury catch-up with PHARMAC Weds 21 April	19 and 20 April 2021	Jess Hewat, Manager Health & ACC, The Treasury	Michelle Burton, Executive Assistant to Chief Executive, PHARMAC	Email chain between The Treasury and PHARMAC seeking to rearrange a catch-up between Treasury and PHARMAC Officials. The final email of 20 April from The Treasury to PHARMAC confirms the new meeting times and offers three points to be added to the meeting agenda. Point one is 'Budget 2021'.
	Budget 2021 updated	17 December 2020	Niki Lomax, Senior Analyst, Health & ACC	@Health	Internal Treasury email providing an update on the Budget 2021 process and allocating Budget initiatives to Treasury Analysts for processing and sign out. Included in the initiative work list is: 'Funding boost for PHARMAC to purchase more medicines'.

Email attachment – CPB from 2008-09 as at Budget 2021

Combined Pharmaceutical Budget (CPB) since 2008/09																		
Year	Reference	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & outyears
2021/22 increase	CAB-21-MIN-0116.14 (BUDGET 2021)														40	45	55	60

Budget 2021 Initiative Summary

Increase in the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget

Section 1: Overview

Department to complete	
Lead Minister	Hon Andrew Little, Minister of Health
Department	Health
What type of initiative is this?	Critical cost pressure X Manifesto commitment
Initiative description	Increase the level of the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget by \$200 million over 4 years to ensure more medicines are available for more New Zealanders.
Is this a Cross-Vote initiative?	No
Department contact	Peter Jane, s9(2)(k) peter.jane@health.govt.nz
Treasury contact	Henry Neas, Vote Analyst, Vote Health

Total Funding Sought

Department to complete							
Operating funding sought (\$m)		2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & outyears	Total	
	-	40.000	45.000	55.000	60.000	200.000	

Department to complete											
Capital funding sought (\$m)	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total
	-	_	-	_	_	-	_	-	_	_	_

Section 2: Proposal

For cost pressure initiatives, or manifesto commitments to fund a cost pressure, complete **section 2A** only. For any other manifesto commitments, complete **section 2B** only.

Section 2A: Critical cost pressure initiative

N/A

Section 2B: Manifesto commitment initiative

Department to complete (as r	elevant)									
Each answer must not exceed 300 words. To the extent practical, answers should link to information in the bid's Wellbeing Analysis and any other supporting information.										
Source of commitment	Х	Labour Party Manifesto		Speech from the Throne						
Problem or opportunity	must wo	ective of PHARMAC is to secure the best possible health ork within a fixed annual budget, it is not possible to fund I for medicines will always exceed PHARMAC's ability to	every ne	ew medicine that may potentially benefit someone. The						
Proposed initiative	Increase Zealand	e the level of the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget whic lers.	ch will sup	oport more medicines being available for more New						
Expected outcomes	annual i expecta activitie disadva	vel of the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget is not incread budget an increase in access to new medicines or existing tions. The only way to fund new medicines from within the sunderway which PHARMAC routinely undertakes would nead to patient's health and wellbeing and would like by groups and the wider public.	ng funded he existir d be disir	d medicines for expanded use to meet increasing public ng fixed budget over and above the existing commercial nvest in medicines already funded. This would be						

	370,000 There w	/22 we estimate that with the proposed increase of \$40 million to the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget approximately patients would benefit across a range of therapeutic group areas. will always be more medicines than PHARMAC can fund from within the fixed annual budget. PHARMAC makes careful sidered choices in the interests of all New Zealanders in managing cost pressures by: making sure the medicines and related products already funded stay available;
		deciding which other medicines have the highest priority for new funding; and working to reduce the price paid for medicines that are already available. IAC achieve savings through a range of commercial, procurement and contracting activities and savings that are d are used to ensure more medicines are available.
		ease in the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget will allow PHARMAC to invest in more new medicines or widen access to funded medicines.
Is the initiative related to the COVID-19 response or recovery?	N	The Government provided in July 2020 temporary funding of \$150 million over 2020/21 and 2021/22 (\$74 million and \$76 million respectively) for COVID-19 Combined Pharmaceutical Budget related expenditure.
Regulatory or legislative change required	N	

Section 3: Additional information requirements

Department to complete											
Does the initiative require new FTE or contractors?	No	Vo									
Does the initiative directly impact on Māori or Pacific peoples?	Yes	Not all New Zealanders are achieving 'best health outcomes' from medicines funded by PHARMAC and some are missing out on the opportunity to improve their health and wellbeing through use of medicines. We know that there are differences in the use of medicines by some population groups, particularly when looked at by ethnicity. Research shows significant differences in the way Māori receive medicines in comparison to other New Zealanders. When the burden of disease is considered, there is a significant amount of medicines that Māori are not getting. This is also likely for Pacific peoples and other population groups experiencing inequities.									
Does the initiative have an impact on child poverty?	Yes					health disparities may reduce to a reduction in child pove		stream financial costs and			
Are there any other relevant population impacts?	Yes	When a medicine is medicine is indicate		*	w Zeal	anders who meet the criteria	for its	use, and in whom the			
If <u>capital or ICT</u> initiative	Туре	Type - ICT/data/digital - Physical Infrastructure - Other please specify									
	Start	Start and end dates N/A									
	See A	Annex A for further o	questic	ons – mandatory to con	nplete	for all capital initiatives					

Section 4: Monitoring and reporting

Department to complete

PHARMAC provides monthly and quarterly reports to the Minister of Health and the Ministry of Health on its performance which includes detailed information on new medicines investments and instances in which access to existing funded medicines is widened to new patient groups.

PHARMAC also produces an annual report to Parliament and this report provides information on PHARMAC's overall performance for the previous financial year, including the uses of new funding.

Section 5: Further breakdown of funding sought

Funding sought by component

Department to complete

Provide a component-by-component breakdown of what the requested funding will purchase. Briefly explain the formula used, or key assumptions made, to calculate the cost of each output. Add additional rows to the table as needed to capture each output separately. Please include which Vote(s) will be impacted by each component.

component.												
		Funding profile (\$m)										
Input – Operating	2020/	21	2021/22 2022/23		20	23/24	2024 & out	4/25 years	To	otal	Vote	
New Medicines or widened access to currently funded medicines			40	0.000	45.00	0	55.000		60.000		200.000	Health
Total		-	40.	.000	45.00	0	55.000		60.000		200.000	N/A
lament Camital	Funding profile (\$m)								Total	Vote		
Input – Capital	20/21 21/22		22/23 23/24		24/25 25/2		26 26/27 27/2		27/28 28/29		Total	vote
	-	-	-			-	-	-	_	-	-	
Total	-	-	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Formula and Assumptions	PHARMA appraisa seek add Factors f PHARMA complete As possi	es. AC's decis I process litional info for Consid AC uses a ed assessi ble opport	sions are m is rigorous. ormation as leration. prioritisation ment. The tunities for	ade inde PHARM s required on proces output of new med	pendently to IAC staff cons d to ensure th ss to compan f the prioritisa	ensure the classifier the classifier the comparison and randition processing the contract will as the contract will be contract with the contract will be contract will as the contract will be contract will as the contract will be contract will as the contract will be contract will be contract will as the contract will be contract.	ey are bas clinical adv. prehensive k potential ess is a list	ed on clin ice, under assessm investmer t of potenti	ical eviden take cost u ent occurs nt options a ial medicine	ce and exp tility and b using our gainst othe investme	pert decisio nudget impa decision-ma er unfundea ents – the C	n making. The act assessments and aking framework – the dimedicines that have options for Investment.

Appropriations

PHARMAC does not hold Combined Pharmaceutical Budget funding, it manages pharmaceutical expenditure at a national level. The funding held by District Health Boards. The Ministry of Health has historically used the population-based funding formula to allocate these funds to individual District Health Board appropriations. Any increase to the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget would mean an increase to existing individual District Health Board appropriations.

Fit with existing activity

Depart	ment	to	Comp	lete
Dopui			oomp.	

The answer must not exceed 300 words.

Existing services

The existing level of the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget for 2020/21 is \$1045 million (excluding the temporary funding provided for COVID-19 Combined Pharmaceutical Budget related expenditure). The initiative will increase the level of the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget to support an increase in more medicines being available for more New Zealanders.

Provide an overview of exist	ing funding le	evels for this	initiative, ar	nd/or initiativ	es with simil	ar objectives	s, in the two	tables below	<i>'</i> .			
				Operating	Funding p	ofile (\$m)						
	2020/	21	2021/22		2022/23	20	23/24	2024 & outy		To	otal	
Existing funding for this/similar initiatives	10	45.000	1045	.000	1045.000		1045.000		1045.000		1045.000	
Total funding sought for this initiative		-	40	.000	45.00	0	55.000		60.000		200.00	
% change between existing funding and funding sought		- 3.83% 4.31% 5.26% 5.74%									4.79%	
Comments (optional)	Provide ex	planatory co	mments to I	help interpre	tation of the	above base	line figures.					
				Ca	pital Fundir	ng profile (\$	im)					
	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total	
Existing funding for this/similar initiatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total funding sought for this initiative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
% change between existing funding and funding sought	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Comments (optional)	Provide ex	planatory co	mments to I	help interpre	tation of the	above base	line figures.					

Options analysis

Department to Complete

The answer must not exceed 300 words.

Options analysis

Two options were considered to meet the manifesto commitment of a Combined Pharmaceutical Budget funding uplift of \$200 million over 4 years, with one option being a consistent flatline annual increase and a second option proposing a growth based annual increase (note both options excluded the temporary COVID-19 funding of \$76 million for 2021/22). The options were:

- Option 1 This option contains a one-time increase in the CPB of \$50 million, and the CPB is maintained at that level going
 forward. This would result in total CPB expenditure of \$1095 million in 2021/22 and flat thereafter, representing a 4.8%
 increase to the currently approved CPB level in 2021/22 and none thereafter. This option would provide scope for new
 investments in some, but not all, good value medicines.
- Option 2 This option is lower in 2021/22 than Option A by \$10 million and higher in 2024/25 by \$10 million. This would result
 in total CPB expenditure of \$1085 million in 2021/22 and a small increase in subsequent years and would represent a 3.8%
 increase to the currently approved CPB level for 2021/22. This option would provide scope for new investments in some, but
 not all, good value medicines. This option has the same total expenditure over the four-year period as Option A but includes
 incremental increases in outyears.

A large increase in expenditure in one year followed by no increase in following years, as would occur in Option 1, does not reflect PHARMAC's experience of expenditure driven by the uptake of new pharmaceuticals, which provides for a lagged uptake period of new medicines after a funding decision is taken. For this reason, PHARMAC propose Option 2 as this provides for growth in pharmaceutical expenditure with a pattern that reflects a more realistic growth path and would still leave some room for additional investments in outyears.

Alternative scaled option

Department to complete												
The answer must not exceed 300 words.												
Option overview	No scaled	No scaled option has been considered as the Government signalled the initiative as a manifesto commitment.										
Department to complete												
	Provide a component-by-component breakdown of what the scaled funding would purchase. If the formula used or key assumptions made differ from those used for the primary option, briefly explain these. Add additional rows to the table as needed to capture each output separately.											
	Operating Funding profile (\$m)											
Input – Operating	2020/	2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 2023/24 2024/25 & outyears								To	Total	
		-		-		-	-		-			
Total												
				Ca	pital Fundir	g profile (\$	Sm)					
Input – Capital	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total												
Formula and assumptions	Explain if o	different fron	n primary opt	tion								

Section 6: Wellbeing impacts and additional information

Section 6A: Wellbeing analysis

Department to attach

Each initiative must be accompanied by the following supporting information:

- o <u>Cost benefit analysis</u>, or CBAx;
- An <u>intervention logic map</u>, capturing the initiatives' aims, outputs, outcomes (over the short, medium and long term), and the future state the initiative contributes to: and
- Analysis of wellbeing impacts & risks in the table at Section 6B below, containing analysis of the groups likely to be impacted by the initiative, the magnitude of impact, and the efficacy of the initiative in responding to the problem or opportunity.

This analysis may be presented in the prescribed formats outlined above; <u>OR</u> any other suitable format, containing analysis that fulfils these information requirements. Analysis in either format must make reference to the Wellbeing Domains impacted, and quantify and monetise each impact where possible. **For capital initiatives**, it is mandatory to attach a <u>business case</u> in compliance with CO(19)6.

Additional attachments An intervention logic map is attached.

Wellbeir	ng domains						
	Civic engagement and governance People's engagement in their country's governance, how "good" NZ's governance is perceived to be and the procedula fairness of our society.	€ ®	Cultural identity Having a strong sense of identity, belonging and ability to be oneself and the existence value of cultural taonga	Po	Environment The natural and physical environment and how it impacts people today	*	Subjective wellbeing Overall life satisfaction and sense of meaning and self
€	Health Our mental and physical health		Housing The quality, suitability, and affordability of the homes we live in	\$	Income and consumption People's disposable income from all sources, how much people spend and the material possessions they have	\Box	Safety People's safety and security (both real and perceived) and their freedom from risk of harm, and lack of fear.

Jobs and earnings

The quality of people's jobs (including monetary compensation) and work environment, people's ease and inclusiveness of finding suitable employment, and their job stability and freedom from unemployment.



Knowledge and skillsPeople's knowledge and skills



Social connections

Having positive social contacts and a support network



Time-use

The quality and quantity of people's leisure and recreation time (that is, people's free time where they are not working or doing chores).

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Section 6B: Wellbeing impacts & risks

Department to complete

This section is mandatory, <u>unless</u> this analysis has been included in a separate attachment.

Outline the key wellbeing impacts of the initiative, using a new row for each impact. These should highlight:

- o For <u>cost pressures</u>, the wellbeing impacts if funding is not provided
 - For manifesto commitments, the key impacts of the intervention, both positive and negative

There should be at least three key impacts identified

Impact Description	Affected Group	Timeframe Realised	Domain Impacted	Supporting Evidence	Magnitude of impact
More medicines are available for more New Zealanders which will lead to improved health outcomes	All New Zealanders, with each new medicine targeted at specific populations who would be able to access the new or widened access to medicines.	Outcome impacts are likely to accrue at a population level over the medium to long term.	Health Health	PHARMAC can clearly demonstrate over time that more New Zealanders are getting more medicines. In PHARMAC's 2020 Year in Review 1 PHARMAC can show that over the last 10 years the number of medicines (volume index) and the variety of medicines (mix index) have increased, meaning we are seeing more, and varied, medicines for the treatment of a wider range of conditions in New Zealand. At the same time, the cost of medicines (the cost index) has increased but the actual price paid (the subsidy index) has decreased. This demonstrates that PHARMAC is getting more medicines for less money.	Difficult to estimate impact going forward but historical performance as previously outlined clearly demonstrates that if funding levels for the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget are increased that more and varied medicines are made available.

Department to complete

Dependencies, assumptions and risks

None.

¹ Chart on page 16 - https://pharmac.govt.nz/assets/Year-in-Review-2020.pdf

Initiative Assessment Template

Initiative Title: Increase in the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget

Overview

Initiative type	Manifesto commitment		
Was the initiative invited?	Invited		
Lead Minister	Hon Andrew Little, Minister of Health	Lead agency	Ministry of Health

Funding Sought

Operating funding (\$m)	2020/	/21	2021/22		2022/23		2023/24		1/25 years	Total	
Vote Health			40	.000	45.00	0	55.000		60.000		200.000
Capital funding (\$m)	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total
Sign											

Funding Recommended

Operating funding (\$m)	2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		2023/24		2024/25 & outyears		tal
Capital funding (\$m)	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total

Overall Comment

Do not support	Defer to Budget 2022 or 2023 so that the findings of the independent review of PHARMAC can be considered before committing this funding. There is no way to scale this initiative and still deliver on the manifesto commitment as the			
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	manifesto specifically mention the \$200 million figure.			

Impact Analysis

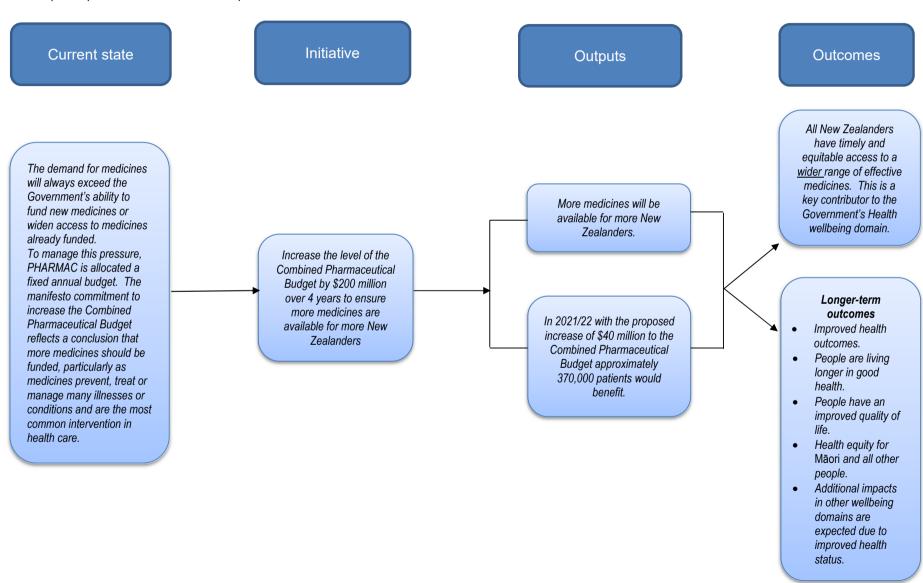
Priority alignment	Strong		Moderate	Yes	Weak	
	This initiative is explicitly referenced in the Labour Party Manifesto but it is not time-sensitive.					
Value for money	Strong		Moderate	Yes	Weak	
	No CBA has been provided but will likely deliver moderate value for money compared to other investments in the health system.					
Implementation readiness	Green	Yes	Amber		Red	
	PHARMAC will not be delivering anything new and will require no new FTE.					

Other comments

Scaling	Refer to overall comment.
Urgency	This manifesto commitment is not time-sensitive. It can be met through any budget in this electoral term.
He Ara Waiora alignment (if applicable)	N/A
Distributional impacts	When the burden of disease is considered, there is a significant amount of medicines that Māori are not getting. This is also likely for Pacific peoples and other population groups experiencing inequities.
Child poverty impacts	Indirect. Equitable medicines access for populations experiencing health disparities may reduce downstream financial costs and loss of income from ill health, which in turn may contribute to a reduction in child poverty.

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Context: Currently all publicly funded medicines are funded through the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget (CPB). PHARMAC is responsible for making choices about which medicines will provide the best overall health outcomes for the New Zealand public from available funding. When CPB funds become available to invest in new medicines or widen access to medicines already funded, PHARMAC works through a priority list (the Options for Investment List).





PHARMAC / Treasury

10.00am, Wednesday 17 February 2021

Via Zoom

https://pharmac-nz.zoom.us/j/88912445191 Passcode: 375071

PHARMAC attendees:

Michael Johnson, Director of Strategic Initiatives Rachel Read, Manager Policy

Treasury staff attendees:

Jess Hewat Henry Neas

- 1. Budget 2021
- 2. Covid-19 Relief Fund
- 3. FPIM and Health Sector Catalogue
- 4. Health and Disability System Review
- 5. Proposed review of PHARMAC
- 6. General Business



PHARMAC / Treasury

2.00pm, Monday 9 November 2020, Treasury offices

PHARMAC attendees:

Michael Johnson, Director of Strategic Initiatives Rachel Read, Manager Policy

Treasury staff attendees: Jess Hewat

- 1. COVID-19 relief funding
- 2. Budget 2021
- 3. FPIM / Health Sector catalogue
- 4. External review of PHARMAC
- 5. Health and Disability System Review
- 6. Vaccines / Immunization

From: Henry Neas [TSY]

Sent:Tuesday, 18 May 2021 12:05 pmTo:^Parliament: Stephen BainbridgeCc:Jess Hewat [TSY]; Helen Anderson [TSY]Subject:PHARMAC new funding over recent yearsAttachments:CPB from 2008-09 as at Budget 2021.xlsx

Excerpt from attachment included in document 1

Kia ora Steve,

See attached a detailed Combined Pharmaceutical Budget tracking spreadsheet which includes increases to the CPB from 2009/10 to 2021/22 (and tracks them out until the end of the forecast period -2024/25).

Also, see below which I've worked out using info from the spreadsheet attached – note that there were increases higher than in Budget 2021 in 2018/19, 2016/17 and 2011/12.

Year	Total increase to the CPB over the forecast period (\$m) (excluding one-off COVID-19 funding)
Deleted - out of scope	
2021/22 increase (Budget 2021)	200

Happy to discuss.

Ngā mihi,

Henry Neas (he/him) | Graduate Analyst, Health & ACC | Te Tai Ōhanga – The Treasury