



Polson Higgs Introduction to Covid-19

Government announces \$12.1 billion support package for COVID-19

Today the government announced a significant package to help support New Zealanders and cushion the economy as a result of the likely impact of COVID-19.

Grant Robertson said “We don’t yet know what the full impact on New Zealand’s economy will be, however we do know it will cost us jobs and have a significant impact on business. We are moving quickly to help people stay in work and reduce the blow for business.”

The \$12.1 billion package includes

- Initial \$500 million boost for health
- \$5.1 billion in wage subsidies for affected businesses in all sectors and regions
- \$126 million in COVID-19 leave and self-isolation support
- \$2.8 billion income support package, including a permanent \$25 per week benefit increase and a doubling of the Winter Energy Payment for 2020
- \$100 million redeployment package
- \$2.8 billion in business tax changes to free up cashflow, including a provisional tax threshold lift, the reinstatement of building depreciation and writing off interest on the late payment of tax
- \$600 million initial aviation support package

For links to the detail of the package go to:

Business cashflow and tax measures factsheet:

<http://www.ph.co.nz/assets/Business-cashflow-and-tax-measures-factsheet.pdf>

Leave and self-isolation support factsheet: <http://www.ph.co.nz/assets/COVID-leave-support-factsheet.pdf>

Income support fact sheet: <http://www.ph.co.nz/assets/Income-support-factsheet.pdf>

Wage subsidy scheme factsheet: <http://www.ph.co.nz/assets/Wage-subsidy-scheme-factsheet.pdf>

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