

Nursing Review

NEW ZEALAND'S INDEPENDENT NURSING SERIES

Election 2014: Health policy comparison

With Election 2014 fast approaching, *Nursing Review* brings together all the parties' health policy in one place for you to peruse before you vote.

Our election health policy at a glance is a summary of the publicly released policies and announcements made up to September 1 by the nine political parties with the potential to have one MP or more in the next parliament.

NATIONAL <small>www.national.org.nz - Sitting MPs: 59</small>	LABOUR <small>www.labour.org.nz - Sitting MPs: 34</small>	GREEN <small>www.greens.org.nz - Sitting MPs: 14</small>
UNITED FUTURE <small>http://unitedfuture.org.nz - Sitting MPs: 1</small>	ACT <small>www.act.org.nz - Sitting MPs: 0</small>	CONSERVATIVE <small>www.conservativeparty.org.nz - Sitting MPs: 0</small>
NZ FIRST <small>www.nzfirst.org.nz - Sitting MPs: 7</small>	MĀORI <small>www.maoriparty.org - Sitting MPs: 3</small>	INTERNET MANA <small>http://mana.net.nz - https://internet.org.nz Sitting MPs: 1 (MANA)</small>

PRIMARY HEALTH: PRIMARY HEALTH:

NATIONAL	LABOUR	GREEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Free doctors visits and prescriptions to children under 13 (\$30m a year). » Providing 25 graduate nurse scholarships to Very Low Cost Access (VLCA) practices to cover nurses' salaries and graduate support (\$1.5m a year). » Develop primary care-based early intervention teams for musculoskeletal pain to assist with pain management and patient education to help prevent surgery (\$6 million over three years). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Make GP visits, prescriptions, and dental care free for pregnant women (estimated cost \$10.4m a year). » Make GP visits and prescriptions free for people aged 65 and older (estimated cost \$120m a year - delay introduction by six months). » Extend Care Plus programme to 250,000 more people plus free prescriptions (estimated cost \$90m per year). » Make GP visits and prescriptions free for children aged up to 13 (\$30m a year). » Extend reach of Very Low Cost Access (VCLA) funding to 700,000 more people by "relaxing" funding formula (estimated cost \$4m a year). » Increase funding for maternity services (LMCs) and health NGOs (extra \$20m per year). » Review the Population Based Funding Formula (PBFF). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Extend proposed free GP visits and prescriptions to include teenagers aged 13 to 17 (\$29m a year). » Dedicated school nurses in decile 1-4 schools. » Review the funding formula for primary care to address the specific situation of practices looking after very high proportions of high needs populations. » Diabetes action plan: includes tax on sugary drinks, "traffic light" labeling of fat and sugar content, and restricting advertising on unhealthy foods and drinks: https://home.greens.org.nz/factsheets/green-party-diabetes-action-plan
UNITED FUTURE	ACT	CONSERVATIVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Introduce a free annual health check-up to all over 65s. » Target infant health and increase funding for sexual health/contraceptive programmes. » Ensure that every community has good after-hours medical services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » ACT does not support free healthcare, stating this results in the provision of a service that is not valued. » Is not opposed to subsidised healthcare on the basis of need but require a co-charge that can be waived at the doctor's discretion. » Nothing should prevent a doctor from charging what they feel is fair remuneration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Supports free health checks/visits for children. » Supports alternative health treatments.
NZ FIRST	MĀORI	INTERNET MANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Introduce the Teen Health Check Bill, requiring DHBs to provide health checks on all Year 9 students. » Immediately review funding of PHOs that fail to maintain adequate emergency services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Signature health and social care policy is Whānau Ora. » Negotiate increased support and investment to ensure Whānau Ora remains a key government priority. » Support development of marae-based health clinics and youth wellbeing centres. » Free healthcare for children and young people up to age of 18 (funded by the Future Investment Funds). » Invest in Māori and Pasifika health provider development and innovation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » End prescription charges. MANA » Extend free after-hours medical care to children up to 18 years and those who are dependents and for senior citizens. MANA » Provide free family planning advice and free contraception. MANA » Eliminate institutional racism in the health system. MANA » All New Zealanders to own and control their own electronic personal health record. INTERNET

SECONDARY HEALTH/DHBs: SECONDARY HEALTH/DHBs:

NATIONAL	LABOUR	GREEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Increase elective surgery - i.e. hip & knee replacements (extra \$25m a year in Budget). » More funding for bariatric surgery (extra \$2.5m a year). » Increase renal transplants performed (extra \$1m a year). » Additional funding announced August 28 for more hip, knee, and other orthopaedic operations (\$30m over three years) and more general surgeries - i.e. hernia and vein conditions (\$14m over three years). » Keep working towards meeting existing health targets. » Extra funding to speed up cancer services rising from \$1.2m in 2014-15 to \$5-6m a year (includes \$8m to increase colonoscopies). » Setting new target of patient receiving first cancer treatment within 62 days of GPs referral to cancer specialist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Undertake an independent review of unmet need for elective surgery in New Zealand and a stocktake of all public and private surgical capacity in New Zealand » Implement with "urgency" nationally consistent prioritisation tools for diagnostic tests and elective surgery. » Require DHBs to include community more in decision-making process including budget development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Reduce patient demand for expensive procedures by facilitating a community dialogue over health care priorities (not costed).
UNITED FUTURE	ACT	CONSERVATIVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Investigate the feasibility of a national health insurance scheme. » Require DHBs to contract out elective surgery to private hospitals for those waiting for longer than six months. » Establish a new prostate cancer screening programme for men. » Boost research funding for health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Government required to describe terms of access and all services available under public health system under Public Health Compact. » Benchmark public health providers to non-government providers and contract private providers if it results in improved access and quality and lower costs of services. » Allow patients who opt for private health care to be subsidised an equivalent amount to cost of service in public health system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Believe all New Zealanders should have reasonable access to quality health care regardless of their ability to pay.
NZ FIRST	MĀORI	INTERNET MANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Support the amalgamation and/or the development of co-operative agreements between DHBs. » Adequately resource elective surgery and provide additional waiting times funding. » Encourage uptake of health insurance by removing fringe benefit tax and providing rebate on health insurance premiums to over-65-year-olds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » No policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Levy private health providers to contribute to the public health system. MANA » Accelerate progress to create an eHealth environment. INTERNET » Initiate a review of healthcare funding with the aim to reduce waiting lists. INTERNET

PUBLIC HEALTH:

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NATIONAL

- » Expanding rheumatic fever drop-in sore throat clinics.
- » Implementing of new Healthy Families NZ campaign (\$10m a year).

UNITED FUTURE

- » Support public education campaigns on nutrition and exercise and the consequences of poor nutrition such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, and premature ageing.
- » Treat child obesity as a parenting issue and use parent education as the first line of attack to reduce obesity rates.
- » Establish a national register for Type 1 diabetes, a diabetes research fund, and increase funding for Type 2 diabetes testing.
- » Establish a new prostate cancer screening programme for men.
- » When fiscal conditions allow develop a national bowel cancer screening programme.
- » Increase number of dental therapists trained and continue roll-out of Mobile Dental Clinics.

NZ FIRST

- » Remove GST off household food basics (estimated cost \$3B a year paid for by reducing tax evasion/black economy).
- » Review accessibility of safe spaces in communities to exercise and play.
- » Ensure nationwide health screening of all children less than one year.
- » Implement recommendations of the Health Select Committee Report on Oral Health.

LABOUR

- » Pass the Public Health Bill into law.
- » Obesity – variety of measures including food labeling, Health Promoting Schools, and regulation of food advertising to children plus sport and recreation.
- » Reduce smokers to 5% of population by 2025.
- » Implement phased roll-out of pilot bowel cancer screening programme.
- » Establish 10 year plan to make oral health care “affordable for all” including allowing dental therapists to work independently.

ACT

- » No policy

MĀORI

- » Continue to invest in rheumatic fever prevention including research on vaccine.
- » Wants a National Nutritional Strategy, Code of Practice for supermarket industry, and greater regulation of marketing food to children.
- » Prioritise oral health including annual oral health check for low-income families and free dental care for all students.
- » Extend funding to help reach Government goal of being smokefree by 2025.
- » Complete introduction of tobacco plain packaging legislation.
- » Revisit removing GST from fruit and vegetables.

GREEN

- » Provide free dental care for students, beneficiaries, and those on superannuation (not costed).
- » Diabetes and Healthy Heart action plans: includes tax on sugary drinks, “traffic light” labeling of fat and sugar content; restricting advertising on unhealthy foods and drinks: <https://home.greens.org.nz/factsheets/green-party-diabetes-action-plan>

CONSERVATIVE

- » Wants better strategy for preventable diseases such as obesity and adult onset diabetes.
- » Supports raising drinking age and an increase in alcohol excise tax.
- » Does not support plain packing of cigarettes.
- » Does not support additional regulation of natural health products.

INTERNET MANA

- » Ban the importation, manufacture, and sale of tobacco and tobacco products in New Zealand.
- » End alcohol advertising and strengthen legislation to restrict the ability of alcohol companies to sell, promote, and discount alcohol.
- » Restrict the advertising of unhealthy kai to children and young people.
- » Abolish pokie machines from local communities and allow a community veto on pokies in casinos. (ALL MANA)

AGED CARE:

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NATIONAL

- » Five per cent increase in rest home bed subsidy from October 1 (\$10m a year).
- » One-off \$2.5m funding for implementing dementia pathways.

UNITED FUTURE

- » Ensure that funding for the aged care sector covers staffing costs in both residential services and in-home care, and strive for better pay and conditions.
- » Develop apprenticeship-style training for caregivers.
- » Re-assess the way in which the government funds aged care services, as part of a broader inquiry into future health care costs.

NZ FIRST

- » Ensure ‘elderly in care’ subsidy is automatically adjusted for CPI inflation annually, review rest home contract funding, and review eldercare sector to facilitate long-term planning.
- » Implement and enforce national standards for aged home care.
- » Incrementally work towards pay parity between eldercare nurses and DBH employed nurses.

LABOUR

- » Promptly establish Aged Care Working Group to advise on timeframe and funding transition to:
 - » A continuum of care model from ageing in home through to palliative care;
 - » Pay parity for aged care nurses and caregivers;
 - » Fair travel costs for home support and community carers;
 - » Minimum qualification standards for aged care workforce;
 - » Safe staffing levels for residential aged care, dementia care and home and community care.
- » Establish Aged Care Commissioner.
- » Create a Musculoskeletal Strategy to plan for our ageing population needs.

ACT

- » No policy

MĀORI

- » Promote employer incentives to introduce living wage of \$18 per hour plus CPI adjustments.
- » Develop a Whānau Ora aged care pilot.
- » Committed to reviewing work, pay, and training conditions of people working in elderly, disability, and home care sector.

GREEN

- » Implement recommendations made in both The Ageing In Place Report 2012 and the Human Rights Commission report on Aged Care 2012 (not costed).

CONSERVATIVE

- » No policy

INTERNET MANA

- » Introduce compulsory standards for aged care providers, including minimum staffing and training levels.
- » Pay parity for aged care workers with staff employed by DHBs. (ALL MANA)

MENTAL HEALTH:
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NATIONAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » \$5.2m new funding a year for specialist support for sexual violence victims. » \$1.5m this year and \$2.35m a year from 2015-16 for Youth One Stop Shops. » \$500,000 extra a year for mental health district inspectors.
UNITED FUTURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Fund child and youth mental health inpatient beds at a level sufficient to achieve the objectives set out in <i>Rising to the Challenge – the Mental Health and Addiction Service Development Plan 2012-2017</i>.
NZ FIRST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Increase the number of acute and non-acute beds and accommodation units for the mentally ill. » Provide additional resources for youth mental health.

LABOUR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Restore mental health as DHB priority and reinstate ringfence for mental health funding. » Review contracting arrangements for mental health providers including offering of "living wage". » Adopt mixed model of integrated and well-resourced youth health services (including youth health centres and nurses in schools).
ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Advocate continued, and more generous, state support for those with physical or mental conditions who are genuinely incapable of supporting themselves, and improved access to supported living arrangements for those with serious mental illness.
MĀORI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Invest in He Punanga Haumarua (prevention of bullying) and Te Rā o Te Waka Hourua (Māori and Pasifika suicide prevention).

GREEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » No policy
CONSERVATIVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » No policy
INTERNET MANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Support Māori health programmes with proven outcomes, including initiatives in mental health.

HEALTH WORKFORCE:
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NATIONAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Extra \$1.7m this year for postgraduate education and training of doctors rising to \$7.6m in 2017-18.
UNITED FUTURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Zero tuition fees for those studying medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and nursing. » Provide first class working conditions for health professionals through accreditation such as Magnet Hospitals. » Introduce a sabbatical scheme that would allow health professionals to take a year out of work every five years to update their skills and knowledge.
NZ FIRST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Propose a number of measures to support medical students and graduates. » Also proposes scholarships, bonding, and peer support schemes to encourage recruitment and retention of health professionals in rural areas.

LABOUR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » "Refocus" Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ) on addressing both short and long term health workforce requirements including making unregulated health workforce a priority.
ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » No policy
MĀORI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Promote employer incentives to introduce living wage of \$18 per hour plus CPI adjustments.

GREEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » No policy
CONSERVATIVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » No policy
INTERNET MANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Pay parity for healthcare workers employed by Māori and iwi health providers. » Develop a paramedic-training programme and emergency rapid response service for areas where health services are scarce. (ALL MANA)

NURSE SPECIFIC:
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NATIONAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Increase number of funded places on Nurse Entry to Practice (NETP) programmes by 200 to 1300 (\$2.8m a year). » Providing 25 graduate nurse scholarships to Very Low Cost Access (VLCA) practices to cover nurses' salaries and graduate support. (\$1.5m a year). » First group of nurse endoscopists to begin training early next year » View full National health election policy at: www.national.org.nz/policies/health
UNITED FUTURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Support pay parity between nursing staff across all nursing sectors. » Support the ongoing development of Nurse Practitioners with scopes of practice for senior nurses. » See full election health policy at: www.unitedfuture.org.nz/policy/health
NZ FIRST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Incrementally work towards pay parity between eldercare nurses and DBH employed nurses. » Read full health policy at: http://nzfirst.org.nz/policy/health

LABOUR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourage DHBs to make greater use of nurse practitioners (NPs) and ensure early passage "Nurse Practitioner Bill" (sic) to expand their role. » Support and train more NPs, community outreach nurses and dental therapists to deliver primary health care services. » Provide an "enhanced funding pathway" for placement of new graduate nurses within DHBs. » View full Labour health election policy at: www.labour.org.nz/sites/default/files/issues/full_health_policy.pdf
ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » See full election health policy at: www.act.org.nz/policies/health-0
MĀORI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Establish a health workforce project for pay parity to retain Māori nurses in iwi providers. » Introduce a pilot to establish Whānau Ora nursing roles. » NOTE: Māori Party had not released specific health policy on website at time of going to press. » Check: http://maoriparty.org/our-policies

GREEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Employ up to 350 new school nurses (ratio of one nurse for every 400 pupils) to work in every decile 1-4 primary and intermediate school to provide basic healthcare and health education and illness prevention to children (\$40m a year). » View full Greens' health election policy at: https://home.greens.org.nz/policy/health-policy
CONSERVATIVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » NO specific election health policy released at time of going to press: » See: www.conservativeparty.org.nz
INTERNET MANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » See MANA Movement policy at: http://mana.net.nz/policy/policy-health/ » See Internet Party policy at: https://internet.org.nz/policies

FINANCE:

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NATIONAL

- » Maintain surplus this financial year and post Budget surpluses for following three years.
- » Use surpluses to bring Government debt to 20% of GDP.
- » Reduce taxes "when there is room to do so".
- » Full details: www.national.org.nz/policies/getting-back-to-surplus and www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/forecasts/prefu2014

LABOUR

- » Limit new operating spending from new policies to less than the new operating spending allowances for future years projected in Budget 2014 – plus any net increase in revenue.
- » Introduce a Capital Gains Tax and a Research & Development tax credit of 12.5%.
- » Introduce new progressive top tax rate of 36% on income over \$150,000
- » Full details: www.labour.org.nz/sites/default/files/issues/labours_alternative_budget_0.pdf
- » *In late August, Labour said it had dropped six yet-to-be announced policies (costing up to \$300m) because Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Update (PREFU) indicated lower tax take.*

GREEN

- » Create new top tax rate of 40% above \$140,000 (estimated revenue \$500m a year).
- » Raise trust tax rate to 40% (estimate revenue \$620m a year).
- » Cut the company tax rate from 28% to 27%.
- » Phase out Emissions Trading Scheme and introduce carbon charge of \$12.50 per tonne for dairy and forestry emissions and \$25 per tonne on all other sectors.
- » "Recycle" carbon charge income/costs through "climate tax cut that makes first \$2000 of income tax-free.
- » See Greens 'alternative budget' and analysis at: www.greens.org.nz/policy/smarter-economy/fiscals

UNITED FUTURE

- » NO costings of policies or alternative budget.
- » Opposes capital gains tax; supports broad-based low rate tax system and introduction of compulsory Kiwisaver.
- » See finance policy at: www.unitedfuture.org.nz/policy/economy

ACT

- » NO costings of policies or alternative budget.
- » Progressively reduce government spending and top income tax rate. Eventual aim of 20% being top income tax rate and company tax rate being 12.5%
- » See finance policy at: www.act.org.nz/policies/economy-and-taxation

CONSERVATIVE

- » NO costings of policies or alternative budget.
- » No tax up to first \$20,000 of personal earnings.
- » 25% flat tax for personal income over \$20,000, company and trusts.
- » See: www.conservativeparty.org.nz

NZ FIRST

- » NO specific costings or alternative budget
- » See <http://nzfirst.org.nz/policy/economic-plan>

MĀORI

- » NO specific costings or alternative budget.
- » NOTE: Māori Party had not released 2014 financial/taxation policy on website at time of going to press. Check: <http://maoriparty.org/our-policies>

INTERNET MANA

- » NO specific costings or alternative budget:
- » MANA Party: <http://mana.net.nz/policy/policy-livelihoods/>
- » Internet Party: <https://internet.org.nz/policies>

FAMILY SUPPORT:

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NATIONAL

- » Staged extension of paid parental from 14 to 18 weeks (includes caregivers other than parents).
- » Increase parental tax credit from \$150 a week to \$220 a week (increased from 8 weeks to 10 weeks from April 1).
- » Roll out eight new children's teams around the country to identify and work with at-risk children and their families, to screen people who work with children, and to support children in care.

LABOUR

- » All families earning under \$150,000 per year to receive \$60 per week for a baby's first year of life.
- » Low and modest income families receive \$60 per week between the child's first and third birthdays.
- » Paid parental leave extended from 14 to 26 weeks.
- » Partner with existing schemes to provide free food in every decile 1-3 primary and intermediate school that needs and wants it.

GREEN

- » Create new Children's Credit of \$60 a week for all families by merging In-Work and Family Tax Credit (\$400m a year).
- » Extend parental tax credit of \$220 a week for first ten weeks for children of beneficiaries or students (cost \$29.4m a year).
- » School Hubs: a coordinator at each decile 1-4 (or group of schools) to coordinate community education, early childhood, social services, and health services (cost of 350 coordinators and admin – \$26.75m a year).
- » National school lunch fund for all school hub schools or on need.
- » School nurses: dedicated school nurses in school hub schools (\$40m a year).

UNITED FUTURE

- » Introduce 'Income Sharing' for tax purposes for couples with dependent children.
- » Extend paid parental leave to 13 months.
- » Create one-stop shop Family Service Centres, building on the current 'Heartland Services Centres' model used in rural areas.

ACT

- » Support (and monitor) practical Māori-focused solutions, including Whānau Ora, to lift Māori out of poverty and benefit dependency.
- » Cut paid parental leave payments to middle and upper income earners.
- » Cut welfare payments to middle and upper income earners through reform of Working for Families.

CONSERVATIVE

- » No tax up to first \$20,000 of personal earnings.
- » Tax rebates for dependent family members.
- » Believe it is "responsibility of individuals to provide for themselves, their families and their dependents, while recognising that government must respond to those who require assistance and compassion".

NZ FIRST

- » Expand early intervention programmes like Family Start and home-based support.

MĀORI

- » Maintain Ministerial Committee on Poverty and prioritise progress review of Expert Advisory Group on Solutions to Child Poverty in first 100 days of new Government.

INTERNET MANA

- » Take all possible steps to end child poverty.
- » Extend paid parental leave to 12 months.
- » Introduce government-funded breakfast and lunch programmes in all low-decile ECE and schools. (ALL MANA)

HOUSING:

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NATIONAL

- » Replace KiwiSaver First Home deposit subsidy with KiwiSaver HomeStart Grant (doubles maximum grant from \$5000 to \$10,000 after five years in KiwiSaver).
- » Enable first homebuyers to withdraw all KiwiSaver savings (except \$1000 kick-start) after three years in scheme.
- » Increase house price limits for HomeStart grant – max \$550,000 Auckland, \$450,000 (Wellington/Christchurch/similar), and \$350,000 (rest of country).
- » Committed \$2.9 billion in 2012 to upgrade and redevelop existing state houses.
- » Granted \$143m through Social Housing fund to help community housing providers build around 1000 new social houses.

LABOUR

- » Proposing KiwiBuild policy – a large-scale 10-year programme of building modest entry-level houses for sale to first homebuyers in partnership with private sector, community agencies, and local government.
- » Aim to be building up to 10,000 houses a year by end of 2017 and aim of 100,000 new houses in ten years – majority initially in Auckland, followed by other high housing cost areas.
- » Requires one-off \$1.5 billion investment to be funded by sell Housing Affordability Bonds.
- » Introduce 'healthy homes guarantee' requiring landlords to meet minimum requirements of insulation and home heating.

GREEN

- » An at least three-yearly warrant of fitness assessment for all rented houses – compulsory by 2017 (cost \$24m over three years).
- » Amend legislation to provide tenants with right of renewal and maximum yearly rent increase and increase funding for tenancy advocates (\$3m over three years).
- » Continue with home insulation subsidies aiming for extra 200,000 homes over next three years. (\$327m over three years).

UNITED FUTURE

- » Encourage home ownership by allowing families to capitalise their Working For Families entitlements for a year as a lump sum.
- » Review Housing NZ tenancies on an annual basis to ensure that the occupants still meet the criteria.
- » Continue to fund EECA for a comprehensive nationwide programme of retro-fitting existing homes with energy saving improvements including insulation.

ACT

- » Strengthen rights of property owner, reduce restrictions on availability of residential land and require local government to accelerate consent processes.
- » Opposes capital gains tax, subsidising homebuyers, and direct government involvement in home building.
- » Encourage private ownership of state houses.

CONSERVATIVE

- » No policy

NZ FIRST

- » Establish new state agency to acquire land and sell residential sections to first homebuyers in Special Housing Areas on cost recovery basis.

MĀORI

- » Continue to devolve state housing to Māori and Pasifika community groups for whānau to purchase their own homes, including a rent-to-own scheme.
- » Look at better utilisation of Māori land to support whānau initiatives into housing.
- » Maintain momentum on Healthy Homes initiative.

INTERNET MANA

- » Build 10,000 new state homes per year for rent (or rent-to-own) until rental availability crisis is addressed.
- » Introduce a 'warrant of fitness' for all rental housing.
- » Assist low and middle-income families into home ownership. (ALL MANA)

**CHILD PROTECTION/
FAMILY VIOLENCE:**

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FAMILY VIOLENCE:

NATIONAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Test intensive care management service offering specialist support for family violence victims at high risk of serious harm or death. » Establish nationwide home safety service to help victims. » Trial mobile safety alarms with GPS for victims to contact police. » Change law to allow courts to stipulate GPS monitoring on high risk offenders. » Work on recommendations from Expert Advisory Group on family violence. » Establish Chief Victims Advisor.

UNITED FUTURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Improve access to relationship counsellors and courses for families.

NZ FIRST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Increase funding to Women's Refuge.

LABOUR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Extra funding to support family and sexual violence front line services, primary prevention, and education (including transitional housing) (\$60m over four years).

ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » No policy

MĀORI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » No policy

GREEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » No policy

CONSERVATIVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Wants to repeal "anti-smacking" law.

INTERNET MANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Provide stable, sufficient funding for women's refuge, rape crisis, men's stopping violence groups, and other organisations working to support those affected by family violence. (ALL MANA)

**BENEFITS/
PAY & YOUTH EMPLOYMENT:**

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NATIONAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Extend Youth Service approach to all teen parents and many 18- and 19-year-old beneficiaries – i.e. payment cards for groceries and essentials plus support from community-based organisation. » Require all under-20s to be assessed when seeking a benefit.

UNITED FUTURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourage all young people under 25 who are not at school to either be 'earning or learning'. » Apply intensive case management to those beneficiaries who struggle to budget and pay for the basics.

NZ FIRST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Raise minimum wage to \$17. » Introduce new system of subsidising wages of young unemployed people taken on for trade training and skills programmes. » Ensure that benefits (and abatement levels) are inflation adjusted.

LABOUR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour in first hundred days and to \$16.25 an hour in early 2015. » Comprehensive Youth Employment Package aiming for all people under 20 to be in work, education or training, (\$183M).

ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Scrap the minimum wage. » Introduce a life-time limit of five years for support under the Sole Parent Support programme and three years for support under the Jobseekers Benefit. » Introduce "income management" (as currently applies to those on the Youth Payment and Young Parent Payment benefits) when those time limits are reached.

MĀORI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Promote employer incentives to introduce living wage of \$18 per hour plus CPI adjustments.

GREEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Bring in 'living wage'. » Establish a Pay and Employment Equity Commission.

CONSERVATIVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Supports tax free threshold of \$20,000 personal income and not increasing minimum wage.

INTERNET MANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Increase the minimum wage to \$18.80 per hour (a living wage) and index it at 66% of the average wage. » Work towards implementing a Universal Basic Income where everyone in Aotearoa aged 18 and over would receive a minimum, liveable, tax-free income after which progressive tax would kick in. (ALL MANA)