# For Budget 2019 we will be investing $548.702m for initiatives that directly affect disabled people

**Education $13.97m**

**Learning Support - Addressing critical cost and demand pressures for children with disability and learning support needs**

* Includes two relevant components: maintaining access to education for deaf and hard of hearing children and young people, and learning support: increasing access to assistive technology
* Led by the Associate Minister of Education
* Funding (for the components of the initiative related to children with disability and learning support needs): $13.97m
* This is in addition to the $217m over four years for approximately 600 new Learning Support Coordinators announced in November

**Employment $26.332m**

**Improving work and wider wellbeing outcomes for disabled people and people with health conditions**

* To support 2,600 disabled people and people with health conditions to find and stay in meaningful and suitable employment, increase their knowledge and skills and improve their health and wider wellbeing
* Provides funding for the Oranga Mahi programme and disability Employment Services, as well as covering additional costs of disability in employment and work-related training
* Led by the Minister for Social Development
* Funding: $26.332m

**Social $18.656m**

**NGO Cost Pressures**

* To recognise cost pressures experienced over the past few years within the delivery of selected programmes and services, including some community participation services for disabled people that allow them to more fully participate in their communities through enhancement of available skills, knowledge and services.
* Led by the Minister for Social Development.
* Funding (for the community participation component of the initiative): $12.176m

**Improve the wellbeing of disabled people**

* To improve the well-being of disabled people through achieving the vision and outcomes in the New Zealand Disability Strategy (2016-2026) and the Strategy’s Action Plan.
* Strengthens the Disabled People’s Organisations (DPO) coalition and the Office for Disability Issues (ODI)
* Supports long term strategic projects to maintain and promote New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL)
* Led by the Minister for Disability Issues
* Funding: $6.48m

**Health $489.744m**

**Meeting minimum wage obligations under the Home and Community Support (Payment for Travel Between Clients) Settlement Act**

* To cover the increase in the minimum wage and the increased cost of travel time claims for home and community support workers, as set out in the Home and Community Support (Payment for Travel Between Clients) Settlement Act
* Ensures care and support workers are fairly recompensed for the travel time involved in completing their roles
* Led by the Minister of Health
* Funding: $23.024m

**Disability Support Services – Support Service Funding**

* To maintain the existing support services delivered to disabled people that support their on-going good health and wellbeing
* Funds a range of disability support services that provide ongoing support to over 34,000 people and one-off support to 75,000 people
* Helps to ensure that we can continue to meet the needs of a growing disability community
* Led by the Associate Minister of Health, Hon Genter
* Funding: $348.4m (note that this figure includes current year funding)\*

**Funding the growth in in-between travel for Home and Community Support**

* To provide funding for travel costs and the costs of achieving a regularised workforce (e.g. of guaranteed hours)
* Meets legal obligations under the Home and Community Support (Payment for Travel Between Clients) Settlement Act 2016
* Funding will go directly to workers, resulting in increased income and contributing to improved living standards
* Led by the Minister of Health
* Funding: $118.320m

**Key messages**

* The wellbeing of disabled New Zealanders matters
* Disabled people make up 24% of the population and are amongst the most disadvantaged people in New Zealand
* Budget 2019 provides additional funding for disability services, generating benefits for disabled people, their support workers and their whānau
* Disabled children benefit from a more inclusive education system that better supports their needs, for example with new Learning Support Coordinators from 2020
* Support workers benefit from a regularised workforce and fair compensation of travel costs
* The disabled community benefits from the largest ever increase in disability support services, as well as additional funding for community participation services
* The disability sector benefits from stronger advocacy, with increased funding for the Office for Disability Issues and the Disabled People’s Organisations (DPO) coalition. This will help to ensure that the experiences and views of disabled people are heard in government.

\*Note that figures for each initiative are for funding across four years (2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 & 2022/23 and outyears). The only exception to this is Disability Support Services, which also includes the current year of funding.