

Strengthening the Office of the Children's Commissioner (OCC)

As part of Budget 2020 we are committed to improving child wellbeing.

Budget 2020

We want to make sure the OCC can continue to advocate for the interests and wellbeing of children and young people and maintain their confidence and that of New Zealand.

The Government is providing funding for the continuation of services by the Children's Commissioner for its monitoring, reporting and system-level advocacy functions.

- The new funding will:
 - allow the OCC to continue to employ nine permanent full-time employees established following funding provided in Budget 2019, and
 - assist in the implementation of a new document management system. This system will enable more resilient and efficient operation and improve the Children's Commissioner website and web security.
- The benefits from the funding will be to help:
 - meet statutory requirements and legal obligations, ensure young people's voices are heard and the Office continues to have the confidence of the Government and the public, and
 - improve usability and security of the website to help maintain the reputation and effectiveness of services provided.

Costs (operating) \$m				
2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	TOTAL
1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00
Costs (capital) \$m				
0.25				0.25