Mana in Mahi — supporting successful transition into sustainable work

As part of the Wellbeing Budget the Government is supporting young New Zealanders into sustainable employment.

Mana in Mahi helps young people to achieve and maintain employment, and to participate in formal industry training

- Mana in Mahi – Strength in Work helps people, particularly 18-24 year olds, find and stay in work while also gaining industry recognised qualifications.
- Employers can get funding and support to recruit, train and retain young people. This can help employers develop skilled, knowledgeable young workers and build their business.
- Budget 2019 includes funding to make the programme available to more young people and employers.
- The total cost of this initiative is $49m over four years.
- Since Mana in Mahi was launched in August 2018, over 90 employers have taken on more than 150 young people. Most are small businesses with fewer than 20 employees.
- A further 1,850 young people will be placed into employment and training opportunities, bringing the total number supported under Mana in Mahi to 2,000.
- As part of the initial phase MSD engaged with young people and employers, to gain a clear understanding of what they need for the programme to be successful.
- The programme will be developed to better meet the needs of young people and employers, building on what has been learnt since it was launched.
- Mana in Mahi contributes to the following Budget 2019 priorities:
  - Lifting Māori and Pacific incomes, skills and opportunities.
  - Supporting mental wellbeing for all New Zealanders, with a special focus on under 24-year olds.

Mana in Mahi will increase the number of qualified tradespeople in New Zealand, which will help address skills demand.