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Tēnā koe Andrew

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00204652

Thank you for your email on 8 June 2026, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

Please provide the amount of money which Te Whatu Ora | Health New Zealand allocated for programmes to support immunisation of children in each of the three fiscal years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025, broken down by type of programme, if relevant and available, or any record which includes this information.

Response

Health NZ funds immunisation services through two primary mechanisms: fee-for-service (via general practices and community pharmacies) and bulk-funded contracts (e.g. hauora Māori services and Pacific providers).

Over the past three years, investment in immunisation has grown, and service delivery costs have increased, and models of care have diversified. Most of this is covered by the allocation of Immunising our Tamariki investment of \$25 million per annum and Pacific Provider funding of \$10m per annum.

FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
\$113.9 million	\$153.6 million	\$230.2 million

Health NZ does not hold a single report or consolidated record that captures the information in the way requested. Funding for childhood immunisation has historically been managed across a range of programmes and business units, which means the information is not held centrally in one source. Health NZ is working towards a more integrated funding approach to reduce siloed funding, improve visibility across investment, and support more efficient service delivery. To provide some information in response to your request for breakdown, we asked relevant business units to identify the bulk- funding streams that support childhood immunisation, and the information provided below has been collated from those responses.

Please note that some programmes were broader initiatives that included childhood immunisation as one of their objectives or outcome measures.

2022/23

- \$1 million was allocated as a temporary top-up payment for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) and influenza vaccination. This payment was made to general practices, community pharmacies, and other community providers to support MMR catch-up and influenza immunisations for tamariki and the catch-up cohort.
- Approximately \$5.1 million was allocated to performance-based payment for childhood immunisation through the System Level Measure (SLM) framework, which is passed onto general practice via PHOs.

- Approximately \$4.4 million was allocated to Pacific Health programmes that include support for childhood immunisation, which included Pacific Immunisation NPHS (\$1.5 million), Kahu Taurima (\$2.2 million), and the National MMR Campaign (\$0.6 million).

2023/24

- Approximately \$5.28 million was allocated to childhood immunisation under the SLM programme.
- \$25 million was provided by Hauora Māori Services to the Winter Preparedness programme, which supported childhood immunisation initiatives.
- Approximately \$1 million was allocated to the pre-call/recall initiative to increase immunisation delivery at six weeks of age.
- A total of \$14.3 million to Pacific Health on programmes that include support for childhood immunisation, which included Pacific Outreach (\$9.5 million), Community Action NPHS (\$0.9 million), Kahu Taurima (\$2.7 million), and MMR Surge NPHS (\$1.2 million).

2024/25

- Approximately \$24.1 million was allocated through the SLM programme to childhood immunisation.
- Hauora Māori Services provided \$25 million through the Immunising Our Tamariki programme, which continued funding previously provided through the Winter Preparedness programme as mentioned in FY2023/24 (\$50 million total package).
- Approximately \$4 million to support pre-call and recall activities, including local immunisation coordination support, practice enablement, and capability and capacity building for general practices.
- \$0.5 million for the Whānau Āwhina Plunket Pilot, which supports opportunistic immunisation.
- \$0.7 million for Outreach Immunisation Service Delivery, which supports children who are unenrolled or not regularly seen in general practice, including those in remote or hard-to-access areas.
- A total of \$17.3 million to Pacific Health allocated to programmes that include support for childhood immunisation, including Wellchild (\$2.8 million), Pacific Outreach (\$9.4 million), Kahu Taurima (\$4 million), and District OIS/Mobile Nursing (\$1 million).

How to get in touch

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Nāku iti noa, nā



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