



# Tackling P

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## The Government's Action Plan on Methamphetamine

### Actions

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#### Restricting Access to Precursor Chemicals

- Reclassifying pseudoephedrine as a Class B2 prescription-only drug.
- Directing Medsafe to consider a total ban on pseudoephedrine.
- Devising further means of restricting criminal access to other precursor chemicals.

#### Cracking Down on P Dealers

- New anti-drug taskforces at the border – 40 customs officers to be redeployed.
- New police P control strategy – cracking down on gangs through extra intelligence, working with customs, targeting P 'cooks', and seizing assets gained through P dealing.
- New police powers to search for evidence and intercept gang communications & profits.
- All proceeds of crime seized by the Crown directed to anti-P initiatives.

#### Increased Addiction Services

- \$22 million extra for P treatment over the next three years.
- 2700 patients to access new beds in 'social detox' facilities.
- 400 patients to access new long-term rehab beds in residential facilities – a 60% boost.
- Frontline government workers to refer P addicts to treatment.
- Improving the drug and alcohol helpline, and enhancing online information.
- Families given the power to force addicts into compulsory treatment.

#### Supporting Families and Communities

- Promoting new drug and alcohol guidelines for schools.
- Directing 'Community Action on Youth and Drugs' programmes to focus on tackling P.
- Working with voluntary organisations to tackle P in the community.

#### Providing Leadership and Accountability

- Making government chief executives accountable for getting results.
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