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BUDGET GAINS POST-ELECTION ACHIEVEMENTS

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MEDIA STATEMENT

Hon Tariana Turia and Hon Dr Pita Sharples
Co-Leaders of the Māori Party
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Just the beginning – here for the long term

The \$286 million specifically secured by the Māori Party in today's Budget will set the scene for change and a foundation to transform the lives of many Māori whānau.

"This year's Budget is just the beginning of the work we are doing to bring about change and transformation," Māori Party co-leader Tariana Turia said.

"The circumstances of Māori haven't happened overnight, they are intergenerational and will not go away in one term so we are definitely here for the long-haul," she said.

The \$286 million included \$134.3 million to implement the party's flagship policy, whanau ora, announced recently.

"We will be supporting today's Budget legislation because our people are depending on whānau ora to bring the change that is really needed out there," Mrs Turia said.

"The momentum and interest I've seen on the faces of over 3500 people in the past two weeks has confirmed that we are heading in the right direction."

Dr Sharples said that despite a context of fiscal restraint, there were some real gems in Budget 2010 and as a result the Māori Party would be honouring its confidence and supply agreement with the Government by voting for the Budget this week.

"We have managed to progress a number of our party kaupapa in this Budget by getting new money to reduce criminal reoffending, to support kura kaupapa Māori, to seek justice by bringing an end to Treaty claims and to help develop Māori economic potential.

"We are proud that we have boosted the numbers of low income households that will benefit from the home insulation programme as well as increasing the funding for employment assistance for young people," Dr Sharples said.

"We remain committed to advocating for the removal of poverty by 2020.

"We know there's a lot more work to be done and our people can be assured that we'll continue to advocate for them until the scales have been balanced and the gaps closed."

Māori were likely to benefit from other initiatives negotiated or influenced by the Maori Party, including, \$48.1 million to raise the number of places on the Youth Guarantee scheme; \$91.8 million for early childhood; about \$100 million to support disabled persons and their whanau; and the expansion of the Computer Clubhouse programme.

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Hon Tariana Turia

Co-Leader of the Māori Party

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\$100 million: Support to live their own lives

The Māori Party's policy that disabled persons and their whanau should have access to support so they can live their own lives has come to fruition because of the \$100 million secured by Māori Party co-leader Tariana Turia, who negotiated the funding in her capacity as Associate Minister of Health and as Minister of Disability Issues.

About one in five Māori people have a disability.

"This money will go along way over the next four years to achieving some of the priorities including disabled people having the right to participate in decision-making, to be protected by law and to have control of their lives," she said.

About \$72 million will be used to address a range of volume and price pressures which will help ensure disabled people continue to access similar levels and types of services. These include:

- \$25.5 million for home and community support services
- \$3.4 million for other disability support services
- \$21 million for residential services for people with intellectual disabilities
- \$7.9 million for supported independent living
- \$2.7 million for respite care

"Ongoing access to support is extremely important for disabled people and their families" Associate Health Minister and Māori Party co leader Tariana Turia says.

About \$1.6 million over four years will be used to reduce waiting times for adults getting cochlear implants.

About \$20 million will provide more home modifications and equipment for disabled people.

In addition to these vital disability supports, Minister Turia is especially proud of \$6.8m secured in focusing on quality of life outcomes for people with disabilities.

"The initiatives announced today include \$3m for a public awareness to change attitudes and behaviours; \$2.34 million to help promote, protect and monitor the rights of people with disabilities; and \$1.5 million to help achieve design standards for 'accessible' homes".

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Hon Dr Pita Sharples

Co-Leader of the Māori Party

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\$19.8 million: Restorative approach to offending

The Māori Party's policy to decrease Māori offending and victimisation will be assisted because of the \$19.8 million secured by Māori Party co-leader Dr Pita Sharples, who negotiated the funding in his capacity as Associate Minister of Corrections.

Budget funding for two new Whare Oranga Ake – kaupapa Maori reintegration units for prisoners – in Auckland and the Hawkes Bay will help to reduce re-offending and re-imprisonment rates.

“At the moment more than 50% of Māori prisoners reoffend within four years of being released, and we can not be allowed to continue,” Dr Sharples said.

“For Māori, criminal offending is not an isolated situation, it hurts everyone from our kuia and koroua right through to our mokopuna.

“We know that kaupapa Māori rehabilitation strengthens the cultural identity of Māori participants, improves their attitudes and behaviours and can motivate them to avoid further offending.”

Each whare will be reviewed after a year, and again a year later, to see how well it is working.

“In the longer term, I expect Whare Oranga Ake to show measurable reductions in rates of re-imprisonment,” Dr Sharples said.

The Budget will allocate the new funding over four years for the building and operating of two new 16-bed units by 2011/12. After a review in 2012, each unit will expand to 32 beds in 2013. With the typical stay expected to be nine months, a 32-bed unit would provide for 42 residents a year on average.

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\$9 million: Support for Māori business

The Māori Party's desire to see entrepreneurship and enterprise in the Māori economy will be given a lift because of the \$9 million secured by Māori Party co-leader Dr Pita Sharples, who negotiated the funding in his capacity as Minister of Māori Affairs.

Budget 2010 provides support in several areas for Māori business to contribute to the economic recovery and help Māori get ahead under their own steam.

"We recognise that there is untapped entrepreneurial talent out there among our people and these funds should, among other things, help bring that talent to the fore.

"We also know that iwi are major contributors to the economy, and owners of large natural resources, so these funds will also support them to investment in tourism, geothermal, water power plants and other schemes," Dr Sharples said.

"Māori economic growth is good for Māori and good for the nation."

\$4.5 million of new money has been allocated to grow Māori productivity and export growth, and to support Māori innovation. A significant amount of this money will be put into developing units and training to up skill Māori working for Māori in the primary sector.

"The Māori asset base is concentrated in dairy, tourism, meat, wood and seafood – most of New Zealand's key export earners. There are huge potential economic returns from our investment in skills and training for Māori in the primary sector.

"Key drivers of growth for Māori in the 'innovation economy' include the creation of knowledge and innovation, technological advances, research and development, and education and skills," Dr Sharples said.

The other \$4.5 million has been set aside for initiatives currently being developed to strengthen and promote Māori tourism.

"Māori culture offers a unique dimension for New Zealand's tourism industry so any strengthening of the leadership in the Māori tourism sector will be of benefit."

Other Budget 2010 initiatives included developing a 'Brand Māori' to gain premium prices for Māori-produced goods exported to niche markets and support for a delegation of Māori business leaders at the World Expo in Shanghai, to be funded from existing allocations.

Iwi and Māori were also likely to benefit from the \$1.5 million for iwi/Māori partnerships to identify priorities in science.

END

**TABLE 1: \$ FOR MĀORI INITIATIVES¹
SPECIFICALLY SECURED BY THE MĀORI PARTY**

VOTE CATEGORY & MINISTER	INITIATIVE	AMOUNT
Māori Affairs (Turia)	Whanau Ora: New funding for 20 providers to implement the whanau ora programme.	\$134.3 million (over four years)
Corrections (Sharples)	Whare Oranga Ake: New funding to allow an additional 42 Māori inmates every year to take part in this kaupapa Māori based scheme aimed at reducing criminal offending by 2012.	\$19.8 million (over four years)
Health (Turia)	Te Ao Auahatanga Hauora Māori – Maori Health Innovation Fund: Allows Maori health providers undertake innovative projects that produce effective health outcomes for Maori.	\$20 million (over 4 years)
Education (Sharples)	Kura – Operational Funding: Funding to help kura with their operations.	\$3.8 million (over four years)
Education (Sharples)	Kura – Change of Class Application: Funding to help kura retain their secondary school students.	\$8.4 million (over four years)
Education (Sharples)	Treaty of Waitangi Settlements Education Impacts: Provision for education land and buildings (old schools) to be land-banked for use in Treaty settlements.	\$72.2 million (over four years)
Education (Sharples)	Māori Medium Assessment Tools: Funding for implementation of Nga Whanaketanga Rumaki Māori – national standards in Māori language Māori-medium schools.– and development of tools to assess the progress of students in Māori-medium schools.	\$12.6 million (over four years)
Māori Affairs (Sharples)	Māori Tourism: Form a group to lead the Māori tourism sector; raise the quality of Māori tourism experiences; develop a brand and marketing strategy for Māori tourism.	\$4.5 million (over three years)
Māori Affairs (Sharples)	Māori Productivity & Growth: Form a group to coordinate the delivery of primary sector training and qualifications to Māori; develop a NZQA unit standards-based training programme to Māori which is relevant to the business of iwi and Māori organisations which hold commercial assets.	\$4.5 million (over three years)
Māori Affairs (Sharples)	Māori Economic Development: Support iwi and Māori groups to employ innovation coordinators to put into practice strategies; and to convene Māori innovation summits.	\$1.5 million (over three years)
Māori Affairs (Sharples)	Ex-Gratia Payment: Treaty settlement pay out to the Ngati Rarua and Atiawa Iwi Trust for the Crown's taking of their land in Motueka.	\$5 million (one-off)
TOTALS	This Budget (2010): Previous Budget (2009): GRAND TOTAL:	\$286.6 million \$120.3 million \$406.9 million

¹ These are initiatives that will specifically benefit Māori.

TABLE 2: \$ FOR GENERAL INITIATIVES²

SECURED OR INFLUENCED BY THE MĀORI PARTY

* SECURED BY THE MĀORI PARTY

VOTE CATEGORY & MINISTER	INITIATIVE	AMOUNT
Health (Turia)*	Disability Support: \$72 million to ensure disabled people continue to get support and services; \$20 million to provide home modifications and equipment for disabled people; \$1.6 million to reduce waiting times for adults getting cochlear implants.	\$93.6 million (over four years)
Social Development (Turia)*	Disabled People: Improving attitudes to disabled people.	\$3 million (over three years)
Social Development (Turia)*	Disabled People: Promote design standards to ensure homes are accessible.	\$1.5 million (over three years)
Social Development; Justice; Ombudsmen (Turia)*	Disabled People: Promote, protect and monitor the rights of people with disabilities.	\$2.34 million (over three years)
Community & Voluntary (Turia)*	Digital Literacy: Introduce the Computer in Homes programme to more low income households; and set up more Computer Clubhouses in low income areas.	\$8.3 million (over three years)
Social Development (Turia)*	Settling in Programme: Expansion of this programme so to better help migrants and refugees settle in Aotearoa.	\$3 million (over three years)
Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations	Treaty Settlements: Speed up settlements by providing more resources for Crown negotiators and employing extra staff to support negotiations.	\$6.5 million (over three years)
Education	Youth Guarantee: To raise the number of places on this scheme, which provides tertiary education to 16 and 17-year-olds who have left school, from 2000 to 2500 ³ .	\$48.1 million (over four years)
Education	Early Childhood: Targets communities with a low socio-economic communities – including Māori, Pasifika – to participate in early childhood education.	\$91.8 million (over four years)
Housing	Housing Innovation Programme (includes Kainga Whenua scheme): Extend the fund for another year so to grow the supply of affordable housing for whānau, including those who want to build on multiply-owned Māori ancestral land.	\$20 million (over one year)
Energy and Resources	Warm up New Zealand: Raise the number of low-income households that benefit from the scheme by at least 8,500 ⁴ .	\$24 million (over four years)
Justice	Community Law Centres: Operating funding to top up the funding level for these centres to the same level as last year.	\$5.9 million (over two years)
Social Development	Community Response Fund: Enable non-Government organisations in the social sector to deliver high quality, integrated, more efficient services.	\$90.5 million (over four years)
Social Development	Teenage Parents: Boost funding for services for teenage parents.	\$14.9 million (over four years)
Social Development	Social Workers: Increase the number of social workers in hospitals to prevent child abuse and neglect.	\$6.6 million (over four years)
Social Development	Job Ops: Double the number of youth with low or no qualifications to be placed in jobs.	\$26.7 million (over one year)
Social Development	Employment Assistance: Focus on helping young people affected by the recession.	\$12.6 million (over one year)
TOTALS		This Budget (2010): \$459.3 million Previous Budget (2009): \$10.9 billion GRAND TOTAL: \$11.3 billion

² These are initiatives that are not exclusively for Māori but where significant benefits and opportunities exist for Māori.

³ About 30% of the students on the scheme are estimated to be Māori.

⁴ About 2000 jobs are expected to be created during the next four years of the programme. To date 22,365 low-income households have taken part in the programme.

TABLE FROM BUDGET 2009

\$ FOR SPECIFIC MAORI INITIATIVES			
AREA	AMOUNT	HOW WILL IT BENEFIT MAORI	YEARLY BREAKDOWN
Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Vote Treaty Negotiations)	\$22.2 million (extra)	Help reduce the time it takes the Office of Treaty Settlements to settle claims by Maori.	Over four years
Education (Vote Education)	\$19.9 million (extra)	Add another 30 secondary schools with high Maori students numbers to run Te Kotahitanga – a programme aimed at reducing under-achievement by Maori students.	Over four years
Aquaculture (Vote Fisheries)	\$15.9 million (extra)	Settle claims by several Maori groups over aquaculture.	Over two years
Housing (Vote Housing)	\$12 million (extra)	Help Maori build homes on Maori land in rural areas.	Over two years
Whanau (Vote Maori Affairs)	\$32 million	Whanau Social Assistance: Provision of services to Maori whanau, who experience multiple disadvantages in education, employment, health housing and crime prevention. Service to be delivered by Whanau Advocates and Maori wardens.	Over four years
Economic (Vote Maori Affairs)	\$10 million	Funding to support a ministerial advisory group to progress Maori economic development during this period of economic uncertainty.	Over two years
Te Reo Maori (Vote Maori Affairs)	\$5.7 million (includes an extra \$3m)	\$4.5 million for million for Whanau Language Development – a programme to help Maori whanau with Maori language acquisition; \$1.2 million to help iwi radio with operational costs.	\$4.5 million over three years \$1.2 million over two years
Maori Trustee (Vote Maori Affairs)	\$2.6 million	Funding to set up a new corporate service function to enable the Maori Trustee to operate as a stand-alone independent and viable organisation.	Over four years
TOTAL	\$120.3 million		

TABLE FROM BUDGET 2009

\$ FOR GENERAL INITIATIVES WHERE BENEFITS and OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR MAORI			
AREA	AMOUNT	HOW WILL IT BENEFIT MAORI	YEARLY BREAKDOWN
Health (Vote Health)	\$3 billion	Investment in health priorities. Maori are high users of the Government-funded health services.	Over four years
Infrastructure	\$7.45 billion	This investment will support jobs in the short term through construction of major projects and in the long term by lifting economic growth.	Over five years
Energy (Vote Energy)	\$323.3 million	Help insulate and heat homes of people suffering from poor health. Many Maori are in this situation. The extra money will also provide employment opportunities for Maori as contracts to carry out the work will likely go to local trades people and groups.	Over four years
Education (Vote Education)	\$198.7 million	\$36 m to help students meet literacy and numeracy standards; \$34m to improve access to high-speed broadband for schools in isolated communities; \$69.7m to expand 20 hr ECE scheme from 1 July 2010 to 5-year-olds, play-centres and Te Kohanga Reo; \$59m to give greater access to education for 16 and 17-year-olds outside school environment (Youth Guarantee)	Over four years
Housing (Vote Housing)	\$40 million	\$12 million of this money has been specifically tagged for Maori rural housing. The other \$28 million is likely to benefit Maori who make up a significant number of Housing NZ tenants.	\$12 million for Maori programme over two years \$28 million to generally boost housing initiatives in over four years
Social Development (Vote Social Development)	\$40 million	Help to support voluntary groups provide services to those most vulnerable to the recession. Maori are very vulnerable to the recession.	Over four years
Community and Voluntary Groups (Vote Social Development)	\$1.2 million	Strengthen local networks and give a voice to community groups not usually heard in government processes. Maori volunteer and community groups are rarely heard in government processes.	Over three years
Carers (Vote Social Development)	\$370,000	Production of information mediums for people looking after their relatives who are sick or disabled	Over four years
TOTAL	\$10.9 billion		

ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE THE ELECTION

1. A guarantee by the National Party that it will not seek to remove the **Māori seats** without the consent of the Māori people.
2. Review of the **Foreshore and Seabed Act** completed.
3. Implementation of the Goulter Report to enable **extra funding for very large electorates** to improve access to MPs for constituents (the increased funding will provide vital support to 6/7 Māori electorates).
4. Undertaking from Government to consider **constitutional issues** including Māori representation and establishing a group by early 2010.
5. Māori Party input into the process of **Government appointments**, with recommendations being considered 'in good faith.' In some occasions two Māori appointees have been considered. New fresh faces.
6. Established **Māori Economic Development Taskforce**, following the Māori Economic Workshop held in January 2009.
7. Established a Taskforce on **Whanau ora** and report released. \$134 million announced on 6 May 2010.
8. Agreement on **Māori Flag**
9. Māori **Family Violence** strategy published, review of services.
10. Government dropped plans to rewrite **Treaty clauses in the Resource Management Act** in the face of opposition from the Māori Party.
11. **Te Ao Auahatanga Hauora Māori** received international award from the University of Toronto. \$5 million a year available under fund for Māori health providers to develop and implement a pilot or new service, share and spread innovative information to improve Māori health.
12. **Tobacco displays:** Consultation has begun on a proposal to ban the display of tobacco products in all retail outlets in New Zealand. **Tobacco tax:** excise on loose tobacco (Roll your own) increased 14%. Excise on all tobacco products to be increased for 33.3%.
13. **Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People**
14. **Budget 2010:** Māori language review; Māori economic taskforce; Whanau ora; supporting Māori innovation; digital literacy; disabilities; migrant and refugees; Whare oranga ake. Etc.

15. **Advocacy on behalf of whanau, hapu and iwi**
16. Support for **Carers Strategy**. New Ministerial (Disability Issues)

ETS gains negotiated between the Māori Party and the Government:

- Impacts of power and petrol price charges will be halved.
- A specific proposal to enhance the Government's energy efficiency assistance (including home heating and insulation) for low income households.
- Treaty clause in the legislation to ensure Crown's obligations to its Treaty partner are not compromised by the ETS.
- Recognition that iwi have issues with respect to deforestation provisions and their specific Treaty settlements where they have unknowingly been disadvantaged.
- A commitment from Government to work with iwi and the Māori Party to find solutions for iwi with forests returned in Treaty settlements pre-ETS.
- Climate Change Iwi Leadership Group to play an ongoing role in international negotiations to allow for offsetting.
- Potential for Treaty partners to be jointly involved in afforestation programmes to deliver both climate change and biodiversity benefits.
- Māori Party to be consulted closely on review of the Permanent Forest Sink Initiative and terms of reference and membership of the reference group.
- Allocation of NZUs to iwi quota holders in respect of the fisheries industry.
- Māori Party to be consulted, and iwi agricultural interests represented, in an agricultural advisory group.
- Māori Party input into a National Policy Statement under the Resource Management Act on indigenous vegetation to protect New Zealand's unique biodiversity.
- Government to work with the Māori Party to invest in domestic research priorities and an international initiative to address agricultural greenhouse gas emissions.
- Māori Party input into ongoing dialogue on a broader environmental policy programme.