



Better Public Services: Media Releases and Speeches [archived]

1 May 2018: The Government announced in January 2018 that the Better Public Services programme would not continue in this form. These pages have been archived.

The Better Public Services programme was launched by Prime Minister John Key in March 2012.

Links to ministers' media statements and speeches are available on this page.

13 March 2017:

Statements on the 13 March 2017 release of progress towards the Government's Better Public Services results targets

- Immunisation and rheumatic fever prevention remain priorities
(<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/immunisation-and-rheumatic-fever-prevention-remain-priorities>): statement by Minister of Health Hon Jonathan Coleman
- Challenges and successes in justice BPS results
(<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/challenges-and-successes-justice-bps-results>): statement by Minister of Justice Hon Amy Adams
- BPS results show outstanding progress in education
(<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/bps-results-show-outstanding-progress-education>): statement by Minister of Education Hon Hekia Parata and Minister of Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment Hon Paul Goldsmith

6 July 2015:

Statements on the 6 July 2015 release of progress towards the Government's Better Public Services results targets

- Report card on Better Public Service targets published (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/report-card-better-public-service-targets-published>): joint statement by Deputy Prime Minister Hon Bill English and Minister of State Services Hon Paula Bennett
- Business compliance costs dropping (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/business-compliance-costs-dropping>): statement by Minister for Economic Development Hon Steven Joyce
- Around 64,000 fewer recorded crimes (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/around-64000-fewer-recorded-crimes>): statement by Minister of Justice Hon Amy Adams
- Progress a tribute to teachers (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/progress-tribute-teachers>): statement by Minister of Education Hon Hekia Parata

19 February 2015:

Statements on the 19 February 2015 release of progress towards the Government's Better Public Services results targets

- Ministers set new targets to reduce dependence (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/ministers-set-new-targets-reduce-dependence>): joint Statement by Deputy Prime Minister Hon Bill English and Minister of State Services Hon Paula Bennett
- Workforce skills target lifted (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/workforce-skills-target-lifted>): statement by Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment Hon Steven Joyce
- Progress on reducing compliance costs (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/progress-reducing-compliance-costs>): statement by Minister for Economic Development Hon Steven Joyce
- Great progress made towards education targets (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/great-progress-made-towards-education-targets>): statement by Minister of Education Hon Hekia Parata
- Further gains made in health BPS targets (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/further-gains-made-health-bps-targets>): statement by Minister of Health Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman

21 July 2014:

Statements on the 21 July 2014 release of progress towards the Government's Better Public Services results targets

- Good progress on Better Public Service targets (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/good-progress-better-public-service-targets>) - joint statement by Deputy Prime Minister Hon Bill English and Minister of State Services Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman.
- Social sector makes gains in BPS targets (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/social-sector-makes-gains-bps-targets>) - joint statement by Minister of Health Hon Tony Ryall, Minister for Social Development Hon Paula Bennett, and Minister of Education Hon Hekia Parata.

- Online government services proving very popular with Kiwis (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/online-government-services-proving-very-popular-kiwis>) - statement by Minister of Internal Affairs Hon Peter Dunne.
- Better public services for businesses (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/better-public-services-businesses>) - statement by Minister for Economic Development Hon Steven Joyce.
- Excellent progress on education results (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/excellent-progress-education-results>) - joint statement by Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment Hon Steven Joyce, and Minister of Education Hon Hekia Parata.
- Better Public Service target for welfare on track (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/better-public-service-target-welfare-track>) - statement by Minister for Social Development Hon Paula Bennett.
- Continued collaboration delivers top results (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/continued-collaboration-delivers-top-results>) - statement by Minister of Justice Hon Judith Collins.

28 April 2014:

Statements on the 28 April 2014 release of progress towards the Government's Better Public Services results targets

- Big Strides In Latest Justice BPS Results, (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/online-government-services-hit-kiwis>) statement by Justice Minister Hon Judith Collins on the latest updates on Results 7 & 8.

21 February 2014:

Statements on the 21 February 2014 release of progress towards the Government's Better Public Services results targets

- Online government services a hit with Kiwis (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/online-government-services-hit-kiwis>) - media statement from Minister of Internal Affairs Peter Dunne.

20 February 2014:

Statements on the 20 February 2014 release of progress towards the Government's Better Public Services results targets

- Progress continues on public service targets (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/progress-continues-public-service-targets>) - joint statement by Deputy Prime Minister Hon Bill English and Minister of State Services Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman.
- Investment in Early Childhood Education gets results (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/investment-early-childhood-education-gets-results>) -

media statement from Education Minister Hekia Parata.

- More children protected from preventable diseases (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/more-children-protected-preventable-diseases>) - media statement from Minister of Health Hon Tony Ryall.
- Collaboration Key To Keeping Crime Down (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/collaboration-key-keeping-crime-down%20>) - media statement by Justice Minister Hon Judith Collins.

8 July 2013:

Statements on the 8 July 2013 release of progress towards the Government's Better Public Services results targets

- 'Good progress in meeting public service targets' (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/good-progress-meeting-public-service-targets>) - Joint statement by Deputy Prime Minister Hon Bill English and Minister of State Services Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman
- 'Welfare reforms bringing positive results' (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/welfare-reforms-bringing-positive-results>) - Statement from Minister for Social Development Hon Paula Bennett
- 'New Zealand children getting better start to life' (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/new-zealand-children-getting-better-start-life>) - Joint statement by Minister of Health Hon Tony Ryall, Minister of Education Hon Hekia Parata, and Minister of Social Development Hon Paula Bennett.
- 'More NZ children succeeding in education' (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/more-young-nz-children-succeeding-in-education>) - Joint statement by Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment Hon Steven Joyce, and Minister of Education Hon Hekia Parata.
- 'Youth crime down 18 per cent, exceeds target' (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/youth-crime-down-18-cent-exceeds-target>) - Statement by Minister of Justice Hon Judith Collins.
- 'Increasing use of online government services' (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/increasing-use-online-government-services>) - Joint statement by Minister for Economic Development Hon Steven Joyce, and Minister of Internal Affairs Hon Chris Tremain.
- 'Delivering better services and better value' (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/delivering-better-services-and-better-value>) - Statement by Minister of State Services Hon Jonathan Coleman.

15 April 2013

- Speech delivered to Chapman Trip, Wellington by Secretary to the Treasury Gabriel Makhoulf, Stewardship of the Public Service: Serving New Zealand's Needs and Changing the Way We Do - made on 15 April 2013, can be viewed at

www.treasury.govt.nz/releases/publications/media-speeches/speeches/stewardshippublicservice
(<http://www.treasury.govt.nz/releases/publications/media-speeches/speeches/stewardshippublicservice>)

19 March 2013

- Internal Affairs Minister Hon Chris Tremain's media release: 'Online government services prove popular' - made on 19 March 2013, can be viewed at www.beehive.govt.nz/release/online-government-services-prove-popular (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/online-government-services-prove-popular>)

14 March 2013

- Hon Jo Goodhew's media release: DHBs at forefront of family violence initiatives - made on Thursday 14 March 2013, can be viewed at www.beehive.govt.nz/release/dhbs-forefront-family-violence-initiatives (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/dhbs-forefront-family-violence-initiatives>) – media release (Beehive website).

25 February 2013

- Hon Jonathan Coleman's speech: 'Taking a Results Approach to Delivering Better Public Services' - made on 25 February 2013 at New Zealand House, London, can be viewed at: www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/taking-results-approach-delivering-better-public-services (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/taking-results-approach-delivering-better-public-services>)

21 February 2013

- Hon Tony Ryall's media release: 'Health Minister congratulates mid-central DHB' - made on Thursday 21 February 2013, can be viewed at www.beehive.govt.nz/release/health-minister-congratulates-midcentral-dhb-0 (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/health-minister-congratulates-midcentral-dhb-0>) – media release (Beehive website).
- Hon Anne Tolley's media release: 'Increase in prisoner education to reduce crime' - made on Thursday 21 February 2013, can be viewed at www.beehive.govt.nz/release/increase-prisoner-education-reduce-crime (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/increase-prisoner-education-reduce-crime>) – media release (Beehive website).

29 November 2012

- Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman's media statement: 'Legislative milestone for public sector reform' – made on Thursday 29 November 2012, can be viewed at

www.beehive.govt.nz/release/legislative-milestone-public-service-reform
(<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/legislative-milestone-public-service-reform>) – media release (Beehive website).

22 November 2012

- State Services Minister Dr Jonathan Coleman says a new Public Service property strategy is likely to reduce the office space foot print in Wellington by the equivalent of three Reserve Bank buildings. Minister Coleman's media statement, made on Thursday 22 November 2012, can be viewed at www.beehive.govt.nz/release/office-strategy-save-space-equal-three-reserve-bank-buildings (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/office-strategy-save-space-equal-three-reserve-bank-buildings>) - media release (Beehive website)

21 November 2012

- Hon Hekia Parata's media statement, 'More Kiwis satisfied with education system', made on Thursday 21 November 2012, can be viewed at www.beehive.govt.nz/release/more-kiwis-satisfied-education-system (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/more-kiwis-satisfied-education-system>) - media release (Beehive website)

6 November 2012

- Hon Judith Collins media statement, 'BPS results show 3,000 fewer violent crimes' - made on Tuesday 6 November 2012, can be viewed at www.beehive.govt.nz/release/bps-results-show-3000-fewer-violent-crimes (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/bps-results-show-3000-fewer-violent-crimes>) - media release (Beehive website)

1 October 2012

- Minister Anne Tolley's media statement, 'Crime continues to fall, focus on prevention continues' made on Monday 1 October 2012, can be viewed at www.beehive.govt.nz/release/crime-continues-fall-focus-prevention-continues (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/crime-continues-fall-focus-prevention-continues>) - media release (Beehive website)

30 August 2012

- Minister Jonathan Coleman's media statement, accompanying the introduction of the State Sector and Public Finance Reform Bill into the House on Thursday 30 August 2012, can be viewed at www.beehive.govt.nz/release/state-sector-reform-bill-introduced

(<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/state-sector-reform-bill-introduced>) - media release (Beehive website)

30 August 2012

- Minister Chris Tremain announced that Government moves ahead with Cloud computing strategy (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-moves-ahead-cloud-computing-strategy>) - media release (Beehive website)

22 August 2012

- Ministers Tony Ryall, Hekia Parata and Paula Bennett – Ministers launch supporting vulnerable children result action plan (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/ministers-launch-action-plan-support-vulnerable-children>) – media release (Beehive website)

25 June 2012

- Prime Minister John Key, Deputy Prime Minister Bill English – Government sets public sector 5-year targets (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-sets-public-sector-5-year-targets>) – media release (Beehive website)

21 June 2012

- Deputy Prime Minister Bill English, Minister of State Services Jonathan Coleman – Legislation reforms to improve public services (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/legislation-reforms-improve-public-services>) – media release (Beehive website)

15 March 2012

- Prime Minister John Key – Better Public Services (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/better-public-services-speech-auckland-chamber-commerce>) – speech to the Auckland Chamber of Commerce (Beehive website)
- Prime Minister John Key – Government sharpens focus on public sector results (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/govt-sharpens-focus-public-sector-results>) – media release (Beehive website)

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