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Kia ora koutou,

Updated Legal Aid Outcomes of Budget 2022

I wrote to you on [15 December 2022](#), providing an update regarding the government's Budget 22 investment to strengthen the legal aid scheme.

As detailed in that letter, this funding allowed for an increase of 15% to the eligibility thresholds and 16.5% to the debt repayment thresholds which took effect on 1 January 2023. In addition, this investment provided for a yearly increase to both thresholds for the next three years.

As of 1 July 2023, the eligibility and debt repayment thresholds will increase by 1.9%. This will help to ensure the scheme remains resilient and sustainable.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the legal aid service and continued efforts to advocate for change to the legal aid scheme. I look forward to working together to make improvements in future.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Tracey Baguley
Legal Services Commissioner