

Workshop 4 ●

Parliament - Legislative Chamber both days

Funding the Future: How will the Health System Sustainably Fund Modern Medicines?

This session tackles the difficult but necessary question: how can Aotearoa sustainably fund access to an increasing number of innovative medicines within a publicly funded health system? With constrained budgets and growing health inequities, participants will explore the pros, cons, and trade-offs of potential funding reforms — including tax policy, co-payments, private insurance, and new risk-sharing models.

WORKSHOP CHAIRS



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Workshop 4 - questions:

1. What does a sustainable medicines funding model mean from a fiscal , ethical, and social perspective ?
2. Given the existing fixed budget model for medicines, what trade-offs must be made as a result?
3. Using the existing public financing (i.e. no new taxes), what system redesigns do you think are plausible and why ? e.g. risk-sharing models with funding suppliers , reallocation of funding from within Vote Health?
4. What public financing solution/solutions in health could be best utilised to help generate a sustainable medicines financing system e.g. increased funding, ring-fenced/hypothecated tax for medicines, general health tax.
5. Can any private financing solutions (e.g. insurance, co-funding (philanthropy, out of pocket payments)) be better employed in New Zealand , if so how ?

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