

National – ACT – NZ First policy compilation

Law and Order

	Coalition government 100-day plan (49 point)	Coalition Agreement National and ACT	Coalition Agreement National and NZ First	National's 100 Day Action Plan	100 point economic plan   Rebuilding the economy	National Party Fiscal Plan <sup>1</sup>	Tax Plan   Back Pocket Boost <sup>2</sup>
<b>Prison capacity and funding</b>		Increase funding for the Department of Corrections to ensure there is sufficient prison capacity as required.				Overall, National's policies are designed to reduce crime, but the increase in sentences may result in a higher prison population.  \$718 million contingency to cover a potential 1,400 increase in the prison population over the next four years, costed on the basis of current average per prisoner costs.	
<b>Equipment for corrections officers</b>			Equip corrections officers with body cameras and protective equipment, where appropriate.				
<b>Prisoner reduction target</b>	Abolish the previous Government's prisoner reduction target.	Abolish the previous Labour Government's prisoner reduction target.					
<b>Gangs</b>	Introduce legislation to ban gang patches, stop gang members gathering in public, and stop known gang offenders from communicating with one another.	Take advice on amending the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009 so the threshold amount for seizing gang assets is \$0 if an illegal firearm is found.	Restore law and order by backing Police to tackle gangs, boot camps for serious young offenders, and stronger sentencing so New Zealanders can feel safe.	Introduce legislation to ban gang patches, stop gang members gathering in public, and stop known gang offenders from communicating with one another.			
<b>Police</b>	Give Police greater powers to search gang members for firearms and make gang membership an aggravating factor at sentencing.		Commit to training no fewer than 500 new frontline Police within the first two years.  Adequately resource community policing, including Māori and Pasifika wardens, Community Patrol New Zealand, and Neighbourhood Watch.	Give Police greater powers to search gang members for firearms and make gang membership an aggravating factor at sentencing.		National will restore law and order by backing Police with new tools to crack down on gangs, delivering more Police, and ensuring criminals face real consequences for their crimes.	

<sup>1</sup> The Parties recognise that details of the Fiscal Plan may be subject to amendment in response to significant new information or events. See paragraph 15 of the National – ACT coalition agreement.

<sup>2</sup> Note that only the key points have been taken from the Tax Plan | Back Pocket Boost.

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Protection for First Responders and Prison Officers			Introduce the Protection for First Responders and Prison Officers legislation which will create a specific offence for assaults on first responders which includes minimum mandatory prison sentences.				
Sentencing and offences		Restore Three Strikes legislation, with amendments to tighten the definition of strike offences and ensure some benefit for pleading guilty.	Investigate the introduction and implementation of Degrees of Murder Sentencing legislation.  Introduce the Coward Punch legislation which will create a specific offence for anyone who injures or kills someone with a coward punch.			[W]e are proposing to strengthen sentencing for criminal offenders by placing limits on the discounts judges can apply to sentences, strengthening sentences for gang offenders, and restoring Three Strikes.  National will assess the impact of sentencing changes over time and adjust spending allocations accordingly, including any allocations from the Multi Year Capital Allowance for more prison capacity, if required.	
Youth offending   justice	Begin work to crack down on serious youth offending.	Invest in the construction of new youth justice beds.	Introduce a suite of measures designed to tackle youth crime including consideration of a Youth Justice Demerit Point system.	Introduce legislation to crack down on serious youth offending.		National is also setting aside \$18 million in capital expenditure to cover the cost of retrofitting existing military facilities to host National's Young Offender Military Academies, on top of the \$60 million in operating commitments previously announced.	
Youth Aid Officers			Increase the number of the trained Youth Aid Officers over the term.				

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<b>Sentencing Act 2002</b>	Stop taxpayer funding for Section 27 cultural reports.	Amend the Sentencing Act 2002 and associated legislation to ensure appropriate consequences for criminals, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giving greater weight to the needs of victims and communities over offenders.</li> <li>• Including gang membership as an aggravating factor during sentencing.</li> <li>• Including the victim working sole charge or adjacent to a dwelling as an aggravating factor during sentencing.</li> <li>• Defund Section 27 reports and explore reforming Section 27 requirements.</li> </ul>	Amend the Sentencing Act 2002 and associated legislation to ensure appropriate consequences for criminals, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giving priority to the needs of victims and communities over offenders.</li> <li>• Including gang membership as an aggravating factor during sentencing.</li> <li>• Ensuring real consequences for lower-level crimes such as shoplifting.</li> <li>• Removing concurrent sentences for those who commit offences while on parole, on bail, or whilst in custody.</li> </ul>	Stop taxpayer funding for Section 27 cultural reports.			
<b>Rehabilitation Programmes</b>	Introduce legislation to extend eligibility to offence-based rehabilitation programmes to remand prisoners.		Seek to make it easier for New Zealanders, including prisoners, to get drivers licences, and better support to existing programmes that are delivering positive outcomes.	Introduce legislation to extend the eligibility for remand prisoners to access rehabilitation programmes.			
<b>Electronic monitoring</b>		Strengthen the electronic monitoring regime.					
<b>Virtual participation in court</b>	Enable more virtual participation in court proceedings.			Introduce legislation to enable more virtual participation in court proceedings.			
<b>Fleeing drivers</b>			Reform the Fleeing Driver laws to curb the increase in fleeing driver incidents.				

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Work for prisoners			Where appropriate, require prisoners to work, including in the construction of new accommodation in prisons or pest control.				
Arms Act 1983 and firearms	Begin to repeal and replace Part 6 of the Arms Act 1983 relating to clubs and ranges.	<p>Rewrite the Arms Act 1983 to provide for greater protection of public safety and simplify regulatory requirements to improve compliance and pass it through all stages during this term of Parliament.</p> <p>Transfer responsibility for the Arms Act 1983, policy and regulation to the Ministry of Justice, and transfer the Firearms Safety Authority, administrator of the Act, to another department such as the Department of Internal Affairs.</p> <p>Review whether the Firearms Registry is effectively improving public safety, beginning by June 2024.</p> <p>Immediately begin to repeal and replace Part 6 of the Arms Act 1983 relating to clubs and ranges.</p>					