Introduction

The New Zealand First-Labour Coalition Agreement sets out the policy priorities for the coalition Government. The Coalition Agreement also provides an outline of the ministerial portfolios that New Zealand First is responsible for and provisions on how the coalition relationship is managed. New Zealand First is proud to have achieved so much within the first year of this coalition Government. We’re working hard to deliver on the 61 policy points that the Coalition Agreement details.

Our Ministers and Members of Parliament have achieved a lot in the first year of the 52nd Parliament. We’re making inroads with the achievement of items in the Agreement, and through negotiations with our coalition partner, we are implementing more policy from our manifesto.

The Coalition Agreement emphasises the importance of regenerating the regions, restoring lost capacity in social services, building a sustainable economy, preserving and enhancing our environment, and taking the first steps toward a better democracy. These are common sense goals that will put New Zealand and New Zealanders first.

This first edition Coalition Tracker provides a progress report outlining the initiatives that we have launched or completed, those that are works in progress and those that are ongoing commitments.
Regional Economic Development & Primary Industries

A $1b per annum Regional Development (Provincial Growth) Fund, including:
- **Launched 15 February 2018**
  - Significant investment in regional rail.
  - **Work underway**

- **Launched 23 February 2018**
  - Planting 100 million trees per year in a Billion Trees Planting Programme.
  - **Work underway**

- **Underway as part of the Upper North Island Logistics study**
  - Commissioning a feasibility study on the options for moving the Ports of Auckland.

- **Te Uru Rākau opened in Rotorua**
  - A commitment to relocate government functions into the regions.

- **Launched 11 May 2018**
  - Re-establish the New Zealand Forestry Service, to be located in regional New Zealand.

- **Achieved through Budget 2018**
  - An increase to MPI BiosecurityNZ’s resourcing.

- **Achieved**
  - Honour existing Crown Irrigation investment commitments.

- **Work underway, such as the Blue Mussel processing plant in Marlborough**
  - Recognise the potential for aquaculture in promoting regional economic growth.

- **Completed**
  - Examination of agricultural debt mediation as well as receivership fees and charges.
  - **Completed**
    - **Farm Debt Mediation Bill introduced and adopted as part of Government programme**

- **Ongoing commitment**
Democracy
No new Parliamentary building to proceed this term.
- Achieved

Introduce and pass the Electoral (Integrity) Amendment Bill.
- Passed

Economy
Review and reform of the Reserve Bank Act.
- Now at phase two

Progressively increase the Minimum Wage to $20 per hour by 2020.
- Minimum wage lifted to $16.50 in April 2018

Increase penalties for corporate fraud and tax evasion.
- Achieved

Strengthen the Overseas Investment Act.
- Passed third reading on 22 August 2018

Health
Re-establish the Mental Health Commission.
- Work in progress with Mental Health Inquiry

Free doctors’ visits for all under 14s.
- Achieved through Budget 2018

Superannuitants
National Superannuation eligibility to remain at 65.
- Achieved
**Education**

Develop a 30 year strategic plan for New Zealand education.
- Work in progress through the Education Conversation

**Defence**

Re-examine the Defence procurement programme within the context of the 2016 Defence Capability Plan budget.
- Work underway

**Research & Development**

Work to increase Research & Development spending to 2% of GDP over ten years.
- Work underway with a $1 bn tax credit policy funded through Budget 2018

**Housing**

Establish a Housing Commission.
- The KiwiBuild Unit within MBIE has been set-up while the legislation to establish the Housing Commission is developed
Social Development

Increase funding for family violence networks, including Women’s Refuge and Shakti.
- Achieved Budget 2018

Provide 800 extra places for the LSV scheme.
- Achieved Budget 2018

Introduce programmes for long-term unemployed to improve work readiness. ‘Ready for Work’.
- Work underway with schemes such as Mana in Mahi launched 9 August 2018

Environment

Introduce a Zero Carbon Act and an independent Climate Commission, based on the recommendations of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment.
- Work underway

Establish a tyre stewardship fund.
- Being investigated as part of Govt waste work programme

No resource rentals for water in this term of Parliament.
- Achieved

Law and Order

Strive towards adding 1800 new Police officers over three years and commit to a serious focus on combatting organised crime and drugs.
- Achieved Budget 2018, allocation 20 August 2018

Increase Community Law Centre funding.
- Achieved Budget 2018

Establish a Criminal Cases Review Commission.
- Work underway, legislation introduced 27 September 2018
Immigration

- Take serious action on migrant exploitation, particularly of international students.
  - Achieved Budget 2018

Other

- Commit to re-entry to Pike River.
  - Work underway, re-entry announced 14 November 2018

- Hold a full-scale review into retail power pricing.
  - Work underway, first discussion document released 11 September 2018

- Support New Zealand First’s Racing policy.
  - Work underway

- Record a Cabinet minute regarding the lack of process followed prior to the National-led government’s sponsorship of UNSC2334.
  - Achieved
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