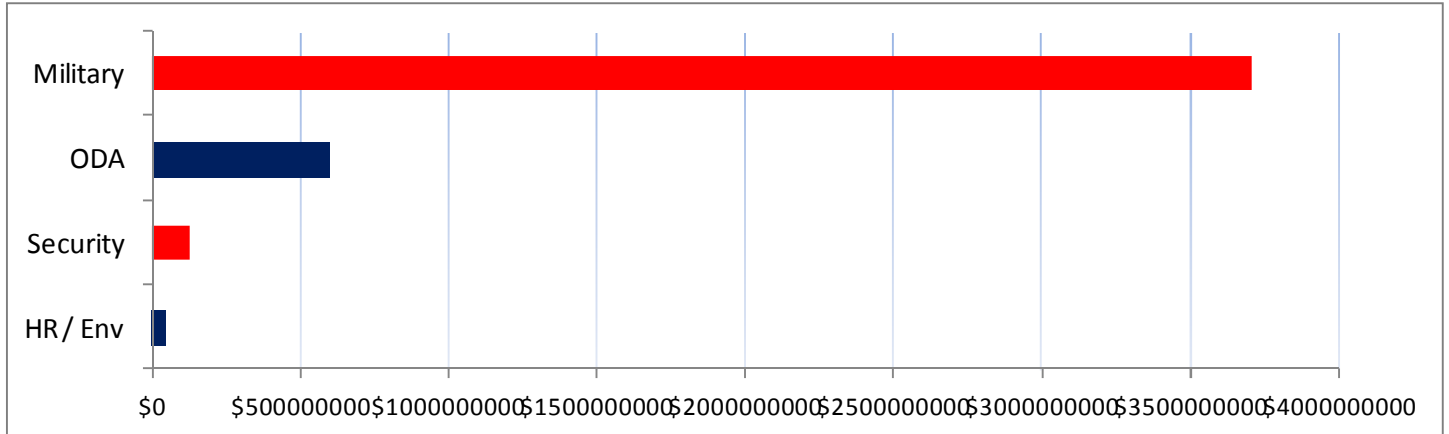




Some comparative facts and figures from the 2014 Budget

Curious how the media keep referring to "the centrepiece of the 2014 Budget" being a \$493 million package aimed at families and 'a major win for families'¹, but there's no mention of the \$446 million combat systems upgrade for the navy's two frigates announced on 1 May² - if it weren't for the government's obsession with offensive military capability, the "centrepiece" could have been an almost \$1 billion package for families and included those families likely to miss out in this Budget ...



Key: ODA = Official Development Assistance; Security = Communications Intelligence and Security Intelligence; HR /Env = Agencies tasked with human rights protection and promotion, and environmental oversight

Military spending: \$3,709,902,000 - 13.82% increase from last year

- Armed forces: \$3,233,032,000 - 7.1% increase
- Ministry of Defence: \$476,870,000 - 98.17% increase (mainly the combat capability contract)

Official Development Assistance: \$589,296,000 - 3.98% increase

Communications Security and Security Intelligence: \$124,440,000

- Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) \$74,717,000
- Security Intelligence: \$40,789,000
- Payments to the Commissioner of Security Warrants: \$74,000
- National Security Priorities and Intelligence Coordination: \$8,860,000

Agencies tasked with human rights protection and promotion, and environmental oversight: \$38,182,000

- Office of the Ombudsman: \$12,055,000
- Law Commission, Human Rights Commission, Independent Police Conduct Authority, the Privacy Commissioner and the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security: \$22,869,000
- Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment: \$3,258,000

¹ See, for example, 'Government prescribes help for families', Radio NZ, 15 May 2014, and 'Budget 2014: Free visits hailed as major win for families', NZ Herald, 16 May 2014

² Frigate combat systems upgrade contract awarded, Jonathan Coleman, 1 May 2014