

## **5. SOCIAL PROVISIONS IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET** RR 9984

The Senior Social Policy Analyst, Mary Richardson, informed the Committee on the key social provisions in the central government 1999 budget.

The report detailed specifically the budget components, grouped under the broad themes of:

- Caring for families
- Security of families
- Building a smarter nation
- Making a difference
- Innovative environment
- High performance economy

Members discussed the issue of decile rating for schools, in particular schools in the middle decile range, and requested that reports be provided on:

1. How schools are decile rated, a list of the ratings for schools in Christchurch, the implications of decile ratings for schools and the criteria used in assessing these.
2. The basis for, and implications of, targeted funding, particularly in relation to targeted funding based on school decile ratings.

In addition, the Committee requested that a copy of the report be sent to Community Boards, and any information which may be beneficial be advised to schools.