

Budget – Standard of Living

“On Thursday 22 May, the government announced its latest budget with the main focus being on providing tax cuts for almost all New Zealanders.

Under the tax cuts announced in the Budget, workers will be \$12 - \$28 dollars a week better off from this October, with someone on the average wage, of about \$45,000 per year, being about \$16 a week better off. Looking at your own situation, do you think the tax cuts delivered in the Budget will make a significant difference to your standard of living?”

	24-29 May 2008
Yes	14%
No	84%
Don't know	2%
TOTAL	100%

Base: n=1,000 New Zealanders, 24th – 29th May, 2008

- Those more likely to say that the tax cut will make a significant difference to their personal standard of living included:
 - Those with household incomes less than \$30,000 (30%) compared to those households earning more than this (11%)
 - Labour Party supporters (23%) compared to National Party supporters (8%)
 - Females (17%) compared to males (11%)
 - Main urban areas (15%) compared to non-main urban areas (11%)