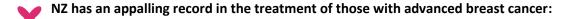


BCAC Submission to the Health Select Committee re: Terre Maize petition for funding of Ibrance and Kadcyla:

KEY MESSAGES:



- **16 months** is the median survival time from diagnosis for **NZ women** with this disease, compared to **2-3 years or longer in other Western countries**
- Only **5% of Maori** with advanced breast cancer will be alive after 5 years; **15% of non-Maori** will survive this long.
- NZ has a two-tier system when it comes to cancer care and outcomes:
 - Those who can afford to pay live longer than those who cannot
 - Recent NZ research shows that advanced breast cancer patients receiving public care
 have a 95% higher chance of dying than those receiving private care.
- Even with the best screening and prevention programmes in place, significant numbers of NZers will still get advanced cancer and they deserve good quality care.
- The medicines budget must be increased substantially to bring it into line with other OECD countries:
 - NZ spends \$199 per person per year on medicines, compared to the 2016 OECD average of \$951
 - NZ spends only 5% of its health budget on medicines; the OECD average is 14%
 - NZ spends 0.34% of its GDP on medicines; the OECD average is 1.4% of GDP
 - NZ consistently ranks 19th or last out of 20 OECD countries in access to new medicines.
- Ibrance and Kadcyla are proven medicines that can improve and extend lives of NZers with BC; they actually do 'what it says on the tin'.
- Delay in funding these medicines is killing women, and causing personal and financial stress and lasting harm to their families and communities.
- Low and slow access to cancer medicines is not cost-effective it results in significant costs to the health system, the economy, and our society.
- We cannot wait until medicines are off-patent (10 years), before providing them to NZers.
- PHARMAC's funding and operations need external independent review especially timeliness, transparency and impacts on people and their length and quality of life.
- PHARMAC's KPIs need to reflect the critical role that it plays in determining the health and wellbeing of NZers.
- We need to **double the medicines budget** if NZ is to deliver the quality of care to cancer and other patients that would be expected in a developed country.