Purpose

• The purpose of the realignment project is to ensure all tobacco control services:
  – maximise their contribution to the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 goal
  – build on the findings and opportunities outlined in the *Review of Tobacco Control Services, 2014*
  – better implement the expectations outlined in the *New Zealand Guidelines for Helping People to Stop Smoking 2014*
  – provide improved value-for-money.
Background

• The realignment project commenced March 2015
• All Ministry funded stop smoking services and health promotion and advocacy services
• Services were given 15 months notice that their contracts would not be renewed after 30 June 2016
• Two stage procurement – ROI then closed RFP
Transition

- Formal notification to all successful and unsuccessful providers was given on 11 May
- All current services were advised to continue as business as usual until 6 May
- After 6 May, clients could be referred to Quitline or to another stop smoking service in the same area
Negotiations

• We are in negotiation with all lead providers and their partners
• All lead providers have confirmed that they will have services in place from 1 July
• Focus is on meeting the regional/local needs of their smoking population with a priority on Māori, Pacific and pregnant women who smoke
• All stop smoking services must meet the following outcomes:
  – 5% of their smoking population must access the service per annum
  – 50% validated quit at 4 weeks post quit date
• Will operate in accordance with the Guideline and Tier 3 service spec
• Negotiations are also continuing with the new provider of the national advocacy organisation
Next steps

• A formal procurement debrief has been offered to all organisations who were unsuccessful at either the ROI or RFP stage
• Following this debrief, portfolio managers are working with providers to offer advice and support with their service wind down
• Formal announcements will be made as soon as contracts have been signed with lead providers.