

# INTRODUCTION COPY

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## PUBLIC FINANCE (RESTRAINT OF POLITICAL ADVERTISING) AMENDMENT

### ANALYSIS

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### A BILL INTITULED

#### **An Act to amend the Public Finance Act 1977**

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

5 **1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Public Finance (Restraint to Political Advertising) Amendment Act 1988, and shall be read with and deemed part of the Public Finance Act 1977 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Audit of monies expended on advertising government policies**—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 25, the following new section:

15 “25A (1) Without limiting any other powers conferred on the Controller and Auditor-General by this Act, the Controller and Auditor-General shall report to the House of Representatives on an annual basis, or at such lesser intervals as he sees fit, on the expenditure of monies itemised pursuant to section 53 (2A) of this Act.

20 “(2) Any report of the Controller and Auditor-General made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall specify whether in his opinion such expenditure amounted to, or currently amounts to political advertising.

“(3) For the purposes of this section, the expression political advertising” includes any advertising which:

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- “(a) has, as its predominant purpose, the promotion of any Minister of the Crown, member of Parliament, parliamentary candidate, or political party;
- “(b) seeks to persuade the public of the merits of government policy with the intention to promoting the political interests of the Government; or
- “(c) in the opinion of the Controller and Auditor-General otherwise warrants the attention of the House of Representatives.”

**3. Appropriation of public money**—(1) Section 53 (2) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting after the words “for the year.”, the words “Subject to subsection 2A of this section,”. 10

(2) Section 53 is hereby further amended by inserting, after subsection 2, the following new subsection: 15

“(2A) Any appropriation sought primarily for the purpose of advertising government policies shall be identified as a separate item in each Vote.”