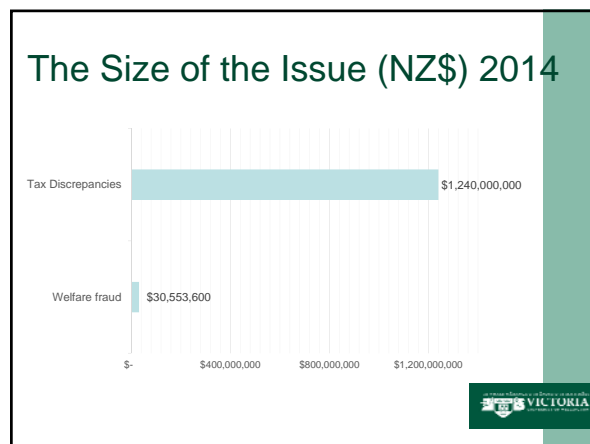



## Crime Pays: Examining white-collar crime in New Zealand

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### Investigations & Prosecutions

- Investigations: approx 5% of beneficiaries per annum vs 0.01% of taxpayers
- Prosecutions: 800-1,000 per annum for welfare fraud vs 60-80 for tax evasion



### Outcomes for Tax Evaders


Year	No of Cases	Average Offending (NZ\$)	Community Work	Community Detention	Home Detention	Prison	Fine
2008-09	55	\$193,539	23	5	19	14	4
2009-10	62	\$413,793	28	9	29	13	0
2010-11	59	\$242,164	27	12	28	12	3
2011-12	68	\$207,379	38	13	34	10	5
2012-13	81	\$151,881	41	27	23	12	4
2013-14	74	\$168,069	33	14	24	9	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>\$229,471</b>	<b>190 (48%)</b>	<b>80 (20%)</b>	<b>157 (39%)</b>	<b>70 (18%)</b>	<b>25 (6%)</b>

### Outcomes for Welfare Fraudsters

Year	No of Cases	Average Offending (NZ\$)	Community Work	Community Detention	Home Detention	Prison
2008	7	\$48,961	4	1	2	2
2009	7	\$64,361	2	0	1	6
2010	6	\$91,977	4	1	1	4
2011	6	\$76,855	1	1	0	5
2012	6	\$45,343	0	0	0	6
2013	9	\$92,902	4	2	2	5
2014	4	\$115,449	1	1	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$76,550</b>	<b>16 (36%)</b>	<b>6 (13%)</b>	<b>8 (18%)</b>	<b>30 (67%)</b>

### White-Collar Crime

- Total harm = \$187,634,169
- At time of sentencing a total of \$8,196,102 had been repaid (4.4% of total offending)
- Total outstanding balance \$179,438,067
- Average sentence just under four years
- Taking into parole – likely sentence served is one-third
- Gain for each month in custody is \$115,795 (\$3,860/day)



- *You are held in very high esteem for your good works in the community...he was generous to a fault. He did too much....In summary, you have built up a very substantial credit in the community upon which you are entitled to draw today.*
- *You are, as I have mentioned, a person of good character. There are many references here. All of them speak of your trustworthiness, high moral character and integrity. ... you have, and I think you acknowledge, slipped up extremely badly here. This was out of character.*



- *You were clearly someone who assisted others in the community, including your family, and you are well spoken of in the references. Your fall, as with others who fly high, has been hard. You have not only the stigma of conviction and the damage to a promising career having achieved a Chief Executive's role ...while still relatively young but have suffered a substantial diminishment in income and in capital as a result of this offending.*
- *The convictions and all matters surrounding them have already inflicted a severe punishment. She has suffered career and social descent and disgrace. And the pain of all that is something I recognise, respect and take into account.*
- *To my mind the major punishment which you will suffer as a result of this arises from the fact of conviction. The convictions in themselves represent a major fall and as I have already said, a major loss of reputation.*



Thank you

Questions / Comments?

