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Hon Paula Bennett  
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Dear Minister

Thank you for your recent March Baseline Update submission, and Four Year Budget Plan covering Votes Social Development, Senior Citizens, Veterans Affairs and Youth Development.

#### **Four Year Budget Plan**

I consider that the Four Year Budget Plan, prepared by the Ministry of Social Development, is acceptable. However, as there is significant reform underway in the sector it will be necessary to submit another Four Year Budget Plan before Budget 2013.

#### **Budget initiatives**

Budget Ministers have considered the following Budget initiatives and the following initiatives are supported in full:

- Community Group Housing programme (7453)
- Expanding frontline social work capability (7454)
- Efficiency saving (7455)
- Families Commission reprioritisation (7456)
- Growing up in New Zealand longitudinal study (7457)
- NGO funding and Christchurch support (7458)
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- Quality services innovation fund reprioritisation (7460)
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- Vulnerable children (data matching, information sharing and privacy) (7462)
- Welfare reform – Work and Income staff costs (7463)

- Welfare reform – Special needs grant for long acting reversible contraception (7464)
- Welfare reform – Work and Income Board (7465)
- Welfare reform – underspend (7466)
- Welfare reform – Work and Income programme savings (7467)
- Welfare reform – return of balance sheet cash-capital repayment (7468)
- Youth mental health – social support for Youth One Stop Shops (7469)
- Youth mental health – information for parents, family and friends (7470)
- Youth mental health – social media innovation fund (7471)
- Youth mental health – youth workers in secondary schools (7472)
- Youth package – budgeting and parenting programmes (7473)
- Youth package – childcare and long acting contraception (7474)
- Youth package – provider payments (7475)
- Youth package – young parent payment, youth payment and \$10 incentive payments (7476)
- Youth pipeline – ongoing cost of IT changes required to implement Youth Pipeline (7477)
- Youth pipeline – payments to providers (7478)

### **Final Budget decisions**

Final decisions on all Budget initiatives, as well as possible expenditure savings, will be made by Cabinet on 23 April 2012. Please note also that acceptance of all Four-year Budget Plans is subject to the Government making satisfactory progress towards its priority of returning to surplus by 2014/15. If economic circumstances put the surplus target at risk, Cabinet may need to reconsider its fiscal track and some or all Budget Plans.

### **March Baseline Update**

I have examined your submission and approve your updated baselines for Votes Social Development, Senior Citizens, and Veterans Affairs.

Yours sincerely



Hon Bill English  
**Minister of Finance**