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Subject: Welfare Budget meeting - discussion on smaller budget initiatives

Hi AC

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We suggest Ministers briefly discuss:

1. **Additional Targeted Assistance to Carers Receiving UCB/OB** [6] [7]

Ministers may wish to discuss options for phasing. Our recommendation for this initiative is that \$2.5m is provided in 2013/14, building up to \$10m p.a. by 2016/17. This would achieve a reduction in cost of \$15m, while reaching a solution over the longer term.

2. **Growing up in NZ Longitudinal Study (roughly \$3m p.a.):** MoF and Minister Bennett have previously discussed this. As you know there was further discussion between MoF and officials at fiscal issues last Thursday. Our recommendation is that new funding is provided for the first two years, and following that MSD meets the cost within baselines (as was the initial expectation when the study was established). We suggest Ministers indicate whether they wish this study to be funded in full through new money, or whether scaling (as per the Treasury recommendation) is possible.

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