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Subject: Heads up about JM paper: Costs to Vote Education and Vote Justice related to Welfare Reform and implementation plan for social obligations

Hi AC

This is a heads up about a Joint MSD/Tsy/MoE/MoJ paper titled 'costs to Vote Education and Vote Justice related to Welfare Reform and implementation plan for social obligations' [T2013/470].

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Overview of paper:

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- *ECE costs to MoE:* MoE are not able to identify the exact costs of the social obligations policy. Any increased costs to Vote Education will be included in the expected cost increases to subsidy and equity funding to meet the BPS 98% target.
- *Warrants to Arrest costs to MoJ:* MoJ are looking to develop a system which enables them to alert MSD to beneficiaries who have an outstanding warrant to arrest, [9] This cost will be met by Justice through reprioritisation.

Our advice:

- *If the paper is a Joint Ministers paper:* We recommend MoF signs the paper, but asks that MSD report back by 15 July 2014 (one year after implementation) to the Ministers of Finance, Social Development, Education and Justice with the plan for implementing social obligations over the longer term.

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Happy to discuss.

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