

# The Treasury

## Budget 2013 Information Release

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<b>Date:</b>	16 April 2014	<b>Report No:</b>	T2013/996
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**Action Sought**

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	<b>Action Sought</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Minister of Finance (Hon Bill English)	<b>Agree</b> to the finalised Budget 2013 Vote Social Development package	Friday 19 April 2013
Minister for Social Development (Hon Paula Bennett)	<b>Agree</b> to the finalised Budget 2013 Vote Social Development package	Friday 19 April 2013

**Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>1st Contact</b>
[7]		[3]	✓
Fiona Carter-Giddings	Team Leader, Labour Market and Welfare		

**Actions for the Minister's Office Staff (if required)**

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**Forward** the signed report to the Minister for Social Development for her approval.  
**Return** the signed copy to Treasury.

**Enclosure:** No

## Treasury Report: Finalising the Vote Social Development Budget 2013 package - Vulnerable Children's Contingency Fund

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In December 2012, Cabinet agreed that \$3 million for initial White Paper start-up costs be set aside in a tagged contingency: "Vulnerable Children's Contingency Fund" [CAB Min (12) 44/11 refers].

This funding was drawn down jointly by the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Health and the Minister for Social Development on 11 April 2013. Ministers agreed that:

- \$2.6 million would be appropriated in 2012/13 for implementing eight proposed start-up projects as part of the Children's Action Plan, and
- the remaining \$0.4 million would be appropriated in 2013/14 and this would partially offset the cost of the Minister for Social Development's Budget 2013 proposals.

As such, we are seeking your agreement for a technical change to reduce the amount of new operating funding sought for the "Vulnerable Children's Contingency Fund" by \$0.400 million. This finalises the Budget 2013 Vote Social Development Package.

The Ministry of Social Development and the Children's Action Plan Directorate support the recommendations in this paper.

### Recommended Action

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We recommend that you:

- note** that Cabinet met on 15 April 2013 to discuss the Budget 2013 Vote Social Development financial recommendations, and authorised the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Social Development to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2012/13 Supplementary Estimates, the 2013/14 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts
- note** that the Vote Social Development financial recommendations sought operating funding for the "Vulnerable Children's Contingency Fund", as follows:

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Vulnerable Children's Contingency Fund	-	7.380	-	-	-

- c **note** that on 11 April 2013 Joint Ministers (Minister of Finance, Minister of Health, and Minister for Social Development) agreed that \$0.4 million of the \$3 million of funding set aside in December 2012 for implementing the Children’s Action Plan [CAB Min (12) 44/11 refers] be used to partially offset the cost of the Minister for Social Development’s Budget 2013 proposals
- d **agree** that the amount required for the “Vulnerable Children’s Contingency Fund” in 2012/13 be reduced by \$0.4 million, and

*Agree/disagree.*  
Minister of Finance

*Agree/disagree.*  
Minister for Social Development

- e **note** the revised operating funding available in the “Vulnerable Children’s Contingency Fund”:

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17 &amp; Outyears</b>
Vulnerable Children’s Contingency Fund	-	6.980	-	-	-

Fiona Carter-Giddings  
**Team Leader, Labour Market and Welfare**

Hon Bill English  
**Minister of Finance**

Hon Paula Bennett  
**Minister for Social Development**