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Hi [7]

Talking points in response to the statement that a \$30m option (option 2 in the Aide Memoire) isn't viable:

- 1) The current programme partners with private charity groups/businesses to run specific projects – e.g. some DHB or Iwi groups have organised a project in their area and accessed the subsidy in order to deliver on that project. Option two will mean that we are able to have a several projects operating in different areas of New Zealand – the location of these will be determined by the availability of the third party funding. Obviously the number of projects will be fewer than under higher cost options (options 3-6). In recommending option 2, Treasury believes that this option best balances the number of houses/projects with the Government's fiscal constraints.
- 2) The design of this programme means it is easily scalable as it is delivered by a range of individual providers.
- 3) The average expenditure in the first three years of the programme on low income households has been about \$43m a year. Therefore, option 2 would provide an additional \$30m in 2013/14 to the current \$11m appropriation to make a total expenditure of \$41m in 2013/14.
- 4) Administration costs for the programme are directly proportional to the size of the programme above \$30m per annum. E.g. \$30m extension = \$3m in administration; \$75m extension = \$7.5m in administration.

Let me know if you need anything else,

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