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Hon Steven Joyce
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Dear Steven

Thank you for your submission of Budget initiatives in Votes Economic Development, Employment, Science and Innovation, and Tertiary Education for consideration by Budget Ministers.

Budget initiatives

As you are aware, Budget Ministers have considered the following Budget initiatives and have reached the following decisions:

Vote Economic Development

The Film New Zealand initiative (7750) is supported in full.

Vote Employment

The Maori and Pasifika Trades Training initiative (7709) is supported in full.

Vote Science and Innovation

A package of \$50 million per annum in growth initiatives for Vote Science and Innovation has been agreed. The details of the individual initiatives will be worked through before Cabinet on 15 April 2013.

Vote Tertiary Education

The following initiatives are supported in full:

- Equalising Private Training Establishment Funding Rates (7634)
- Expanding Maori and Pasifika Trades Training (7635)
- Centres of Research Excellence – New Selection Round (7637)
- Increase Tertiary Equity Funding (7638)
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- 20 Additional Medical Places (7787)
- Ngarimu VC and 28th (Maori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund (7796)
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- Targeted Tuition Subsidy Increase for Science (7833)
- Science and Mathematics Scholarships and School Achiever Awards (7834)
- New Community Education Appropriation (7835)
- Develop Youth Option in the Literacy and Numeracy for Adults Assessment Tool (7836)
- Foundation Focused Training Opportunities (7880)
- Removing student allowances eligibility for those aged 65 and over (7793) (Vote Social Development)
- Reducing the 200 week SA life-time limit for students aged 40 and over (7794) (Vote Social Development)
- Extending the student support stand-down period for permanent residents (7800) (Vote Social Development)
- Funding for IR to administer overseas-based borrower (OBB) initiatives (7858) (Vote Social Development)
- Changing the way the cost of lending is calculated in the Student Loan Scheme (7859) (Vote Social Development)
- Funding to deliver changes to loan eligibility for entry-level education (7860) (Vote Social Development)
- Continue 99-105% Tolerance Bands (7861) (Vote Social Development)
- Additional flexibility for highly performing Private Training Establishments (7862) (Vote Social Development)

Budget Ministers have also agreed to place the following conditions around the funding of certain initiatives agreed above:

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Please note that final decisions on all Budget initiatives will be made by Cabinet on 15 April 2013.

Yours sincerely

Hon Bill English
Minister of Finance