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In preparing this Information Release, the Treasury has considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

Hon Paula Bennett
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Dear Paula

Thank you for your submission of Budget initiatives in Vote Social Development for consideration by Budget Ministers.

Budget initiatives

Budget Ministers have considered the following Budget initiatives and have reached the following decisions:

The following initiatives are supported in full:

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- Additional Financial Assistance for Kin Carers (initiative 7626)
- Additional Funding for Budget Services (initiative 7757)
- Confidential Listening and Assistance Service (initiative 7608)
- Disability Allowance Budget 2011 and 2012 (initiative 7616)
- Family Violence Response Coordination (initiative 7612)
- Growing Up in New Zealand (initiative 7610)
- Needs Assessment for Social Housing (initiative 7816)
- Portability of New Zealand Superannuation to the Realm of New Zealand (initiative 7856)
- Resolution of Historic Claims of Abuse (initiative 7609)
- Social Sector Trials - Transfer to Vote Social Development (initiative 7785)
- Support for Food in Schools Programme (initiative 7756)
- TeachNZ Scholarships Reprioritised (initiative 7683)
- To Transfer Operational Funding for Tertiary Education Commission (initiative 7850)
- Transfer of Work and Income External Monitor Costs to Vote Finance (initiative 7754)
- Underspend - Partially Fund 2013 Budget Package (initiative 7821)
- Welfare Reform Phase Two - 28 Day Rule (initiative 7788)
- Welfare Reform Phase Two - Abatement Rules (initiative 7789)
- Welfare Reform Phase Two - Departmental Implementation (initiative 7779)
- Welfare Reform Phase Two - External Contracting (initiative 7782)

- Welfare Reform Phase Two - Health and Disability Workability Assessment (initiative 7783)
- Welfare Reform Phase Two - Investment Approach (initiative 7780)
- Welfare Reform Phase Two - Pre-employment Drug Costs (initiative 7790)
- Welfare Reform Phase Two - Widows/Woman Alone Rate Change (initiative 7792)
- Welfare Reform Phase Two - Work and Income staff (initiative 7781)
- Welfare Reform Phase Two - Work Bonus (initiative 7627)
- White paper for Vulnerable Children - Children's Action Plan Start-up Costs (initiative 7611)

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

- Additional financial assistance for kin carers (initiative 7626) – funding will be set aside in a tagged contingency
- Family Violence Response Coordination (initiative 7612) – a report-back by December 2014 to the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Social Development addressing whether services delivered through this initiative can be delivered through the Vulnerable Children work programme to inform Budget 2015 decisions
- Support for food in schools programme (initiative 7756) – funding will be set aside as a tagged contingency
- White paper for Vulnerable Children - Children's Action Plan Start-up costs (initiative 7611) – funding will be set aside as a tagged contingency

Please note that decisions have not yet been made on the Māori party initiatives.

The 2013/14 costs of the Community Group Housing initiative will be funded from 2012/13 underspends in Vote Social Development, excluding Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses and other demand driven entitlement based appropriations. These underspends will be approved by Joint Ministers in the October Baseline Update once final audited accounts are available.

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