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To: Minister of Finance (Hon Steven Joyce)

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Aide Memoire: Health package at ^[33] million per annum

The accompanying spreadsheet shows Treasury's suggestions for a health package with an average annual cost of ^[33] . Where bids have changed since the most recent draft package ^[33] numbers are coloured red. For comparison, the package circulated by the Minister of Health's office on 3 April ^[33] million per annum) is also shown.

Cost pressures

Primary care (9738) and disability support services (9781) are now fully funded to include price pressures. ^[33]

New initiatives

Electives (9733) are funded at [33] million per annum, consistent with the Ministry's 3 April package.

Earlier today, we discussed the possibility of increasing the mental health contingency from [33] to \$25 million per annum. The mental health contingency is not part of the health package, so we have not included this increase here. (If you decided to count the mental health contingency as part of the health package, you could scale the rest of the package down a bit and [33])

We have left Pharmac funding (9782) at the \$60 million scaled option suggested by Pharmac, rather than increasing to [33] million as proposed in the Ministry's 3 April package.

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