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To: Minister of Finance (Hon Bill English)

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(if any)



Aide Memoire: Briefing for Meeting with Hon Nikki Kaye on Budget 2014

You are meeting with Hon Nikki Kaye regarding Budget 2014 and her portfolios. We understand she wishes to discuss initiatives in Vote Food Safety, Civil Defence, Digital Literacy, and Youth One Stop Shops.

Food Safety:^[7]

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Civil Defence and Emergency Management:^[7]

Treasury supports one initiative, reflecting the operating costs of new capital provided to DPMC to integrate the Civil Defence and Emergency Management function. These costs were omitted from a Cabinet paper transferring the function in November 2013, and cannot be realistically absorbed within Civil Defence and Emergency Management due to its small size.

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<i>Initiative</i>	Description	Average spend
Treasury supports		
Operating costs on capital for transfer of emergency management functions	Depreciation and capital charge from new capital after transfer of function to DPMC. Costs were omitted from Cab paper.	\$0.334m
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Digital Literacy:

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The package of initiatives covers:

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- funding to continue the Vote Internal Affairs Computers in Homes programmes

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Youth One Stop Shops:^[7]

This initiative was signalled as a priority by the Minister for Social Development in the social sector Ministers meeting on Monday 3 March. It seeks to cover the currently unfunded social support work done by Youth One Stop Shops.

Treasury does not see this as a high priority within the social sector package for this Budget, as the services already exist and are being provided without additional funding.
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