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To: Minister of Finance

AIDE MEMOIRE: VOTE EDUCATION CONTINGENCIES IN BUDGETS 2010 AND 2011

A number of contingencies were set aside for Vote Education in Budget 2010. Proposals to appropriate funds from these contingencies were not completed before the 1 February 2011 expiry deadline and Cabinet extended the expiry dates for the balance of the contingencies to 30 June 2011 [CAB Min (11) 3/7].

The Minister of Education's (the Minister) Budget 2011 package provided to Treasury on 24 March 2011 proposes to further extend the expiry deadline of the remaining balance in three of the Budget 2010 contingencies. This effectively increases the \$350 million package by \$89 million per year on average and \$68 million ongoing in the final outyear (Table 1).

Table 1: Budget 2010 contingencies being rolled into Budget 2011

Vote Education	\$ million					
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears	Five year total
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Secondary/Tertiary Interface (Trades Academies)	0.359	2.856	4.291	2.873	2.873	13.252
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Totals	[6]					

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Table 2: [6]

Vote Education	\$ million					Five year total
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears	
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The Treasury has identified the following options for responding to the Vote Education package:

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The Treasury considers it is feasible and desirable to seek a more significant return of savings. Officials will discuss this with you at Fiscal Issues on Tuesday 29 March 2011.

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