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Dear Tariana

I am writing in relation to the Whānau Ora initiative, which formed part of your Four-year Budget Plan sent to me on 7 December 2010, and also part of the revised Four-year Budget Plan for Vote Māori Affairs prepared by Te Puni Kōkiri and submitted to me by the Minister of Māori Affairs in early February.

In my reply to your Four-year Budget Plan I indicated that there was little new funding available in Budget 2011 and that new initiatives would need to be funded through reprioritisation of existing resources across relevant votes. More recently the Prime Minister has announced that there will be no net increase at all in operating spending in Budget 2011 – that is, any new initiatives will be agreed only where these can be funded through offsetting reductions elsewhere. [2]

I understand that the Minister for Social Development and Employment has agreed to provide \$20 million of funding over four years from Vote Social Development baselines to Vote Māori Affairs for Whānau Ora expansion.

I intend to take the final Budget package to Cabinet on 11 April. Estimates documents will be due a few days later.

Yours sincerely

Hon Bill English
Minister of Finance