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Action required by: routine

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Ministry of Health number: AD01

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Health report

MINISTER'S OFFICE

DISPATCHED

Hon Tony Ryall (Minister of Health) and Hon Bill English (Minister of Finance)

Early Advice of Additional Electives Funding Planned for Budget 2014

Advice

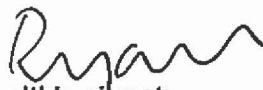
1. Under the Electives Health Target, District Health Boards (DHBs) are expected to deliver at least 4000 additional elective discharges each year. The 2013 Four Year Budget Plan for Vote Health (2014/15 to 2017/18) includes an additional \$25 million per annum from 2014/15. This funding is \$13 million to cover a budget gap from one-off funding which ceases in 2014/15, and \$12 million new funding. This funding will allow continuation of existing elective surgery levels, and will fund an additional 2000 elective discharges in 2014/15. DHBs will self-fund a further 2000 discharges from within their baselines to achieve the expected 4000 discharge increase.
2. DHBs' Annual Plans are due in March 2014 for the 2014/15 financial year. For planning purposes only, we seek your agreement to provide DHBs with early advice about the new funding. The advice would confirm the continuation of the existing baseline and the new funding proposed in Budget 2014. The advice will allow DHBs to plan for the delivery of the additional electives and avoid the need for their plans to be revised when the funding is formally agreed and announced in Budget 2014. As with the advice given in December regarding DHBs' 2014 population based funding adjustment, the Ministry will emphasise that all funding changes are subject to final Cabinet decisions for Budget 2014.

The Ministry recommends that you:

	Hon Ryall	Hon English
a) Agree to the Ministry providing DHBs with advice, for planning purposes only, of new electives funding planned for Budget 2014.	Yes / No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No



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Minister's feedback on quality of report

Very poor (1)	Poor (2)	Neutral (3)	Good (4)	Very good (5)
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