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Vote Education Budget 2014 Package: Summary of Updated MoE Proposal and Treasury Recommendations¹

For follow-up Budget bilateral meeting, 24 February 2014²

Vote Education Proposed Budget Package, MoE A3							Treasury Alternative Package: Recommended changes						Forecast Period	Treasury comment
	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	Forecast Period	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	Forecast Period		
<i>(\$ millions)</i>														
Investing in success	0	5.5	74.6	124.3	154.8	359.2	0	5.5	74.6	124.3	154.8	359.2	Pre-committed	
OBU 13 forecasts	10.5	38.1	37.4	31	65.6	182.6	10.5	38.1	37.4	31	65.6	182.6	Pre-committed in HYEFU	
MBU 14 forecasts	16.1	27.2	45.6	61.5	71.3	221.7	16.1	27.2	45.6	61.5	71.3	221.7		
Other Initiatives	-	-	-	-	-	[7]	0	60.0	64.4	69.6	74.6	268.6	Initiatives 3-10 included; 11+ are below the line	
Total cost of initiatives						[7]	26.6	130.8	222.0	286.4	366.3	1032.1		
<i>Less</i>														
MBU forecast scaling ³	0	4.6	12.7	21.6	29.9	68.8	0	0	45.6	61.5	71.3	178.4	See footnote 3 below	
Other scaling (New)												[7]	Treasury scenario differences: (i) Scaling not available for initiatives 11+; (ii) Hobsonville can be scaled further	
Savings (Previous)	0.4	5.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	29.7	0.4	5.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	29.7	Support	
Savings (New)	6.0	13.3	7.1	8.4	6.1	40.9	6.0	13.3	7.1	8.4	6.1	40.9	Treasury doesn't know the detail of most of these. Have assumed support.	
Total funding sought through B14					[7]	884.7					[7]	730.0		
<i>Funding sources</i>														
Allocation for Investing in Success	0	5.5	74.6	124.3	154.8	359.2	0	5.5	74.6	124.3	154.8	359.2		
Allocation for Other Initiatives and forecast changes	0	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	450	0	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	450		
Funding gap remaining					[7]	-75.5					[7]	79.1		

¹ This table summarises the 'Vote Education Proposed Budget Package A3' prepared on 21 February, and Treasury's initial feedback on the items within it. It is limited to those initiatives and savings options presented on the A3, so doesn't consider other options – for example, scaling back operations grant funding from the current 2% increase.

² Note Education and Treasury officials are yet to discuss our latest positions with one another, hence these figures are preliminary and should be treated as indicative only

³ The Education package funds the changes in full against the Budget allowance but scales them to the low forecast scenario; the Treasury package funds only the 2014/15 forecast changes against the Budget allowance but reverts to the main forecast scenario.