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Kia ora folks

As you'll have heard, we didn't make it into the meeting yesterday. Sebastian passed on what was discussed.

The ministers discussed the Annex from our briefing: [Annex A - Education portfolio initiatives \(Treasury:3929297v1\)](#) [Add to worklist](#)

Ministers agreed that the following initiatives are not priority for Budget 18, and can be deferred:

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Ministers discussed the following priorities for Budget 18 (in no particular order), which should be considered in draft package formation:

- All of the red rated initiatives in our Annex (NB: including the Tertiary Annual Maximum Fee Movement which is not to be counted against the allowances)
- 1.6% (scaled) across-the-board price adjustments for both ECE and Schooling
- Full funding for ESOL (as supported by Treasury)
- The Treasury scaled option for Sensory Schools and NZSL
- Full funding for the Early Intervention Service
- The Treasury scaled option for A Progress Approach Across the Schooling System
- The Treasury scaled option for Te Kahu Toi Intensive Wraparound Service
- The School Leavers Toolkit, potentially at a scaled rate
- Strengthening Equity and Lifting Achievement for Māori Students, potentially at a scaled rate
- [33]
- Te Kawa Matakura, potentially at a scaled rate
- Christchurch Schools Rebuild, potentially at a scaled rate
- [33]

Further discussion is required to consider full funding for the following initiatives:

- Teacher Supply Response Package
- Teacher Aide Funding Rates

Ministers want more information from us on:

- The level of certainty around the \$86.5 million in projected demand savings that were proposed to offset the Tertiary price adjustment. What is the risk associated with banking these now to offset Budget pressures?
- How the Supporting Infrastructure Service Delivery initiative has been scaled by Treasury
- [33], [37], [38]

Next steps:

- **Abbas** and I will follow up on the three points above, [33]
- The **Budget team** will decide how the bilateral discussions will be reflected in draft package/s
- Abbas and I will work with the Budget team to provide any more information required (eg. scaled options/costings) for package formation

Holla if this isn't clear

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