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Treasury/MSD Joint Report: MSD Baseline Review: Terms of Reference

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Action Sought

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Minister of Finance (Hon Grant Robertson)	Agree the Terms of Reference	Friday 27 July 2018
Minister for Social Development (Hon Carmel Sepuloni)	Agree the Terms of Reference	Friday 27 July 2018

Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

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Actions for the Minister's Office Staff (if required)

Return the signed report to Treasury.

Enclosure: Yes ([MSD Baseline Review Terms of Reference](#))

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Purpose of Report

1. Attached for your approval are the Terms of Reference, agreed by MSD and Treasury officials, for the review of parts of the Ministry of Social Development's operating baseline.
2. We also recommend that you refer these Terms of Reference to all other Ministers likely to be affected by this review.

Baseline Review

3. The Minister of Finance and the Minister for Social Development have agreed to commission a review of the Ministry of Social Development's operating baseline, to be jointly conducted by the Treasury and MSD. It is scheduled to report in time for the Ministers' decisions to be included in Budget 2019.
4. The review is complementary to the Welfare Expert Advisory Group's review (WEAG), and the Terms of Reference make it clear that the areas covered by WEAG are out of scope, although there may be a few minor areas of overlap which will need to be managed carefully. The review will therefore focus on the approximately \$1.4 billion of spending on the core operational activity of MSD.
5. Depending on Ministers' decisions once the review has reported, it is possible that an agreed funding path for MSD's operations beyond Budget 2019 might emerge.

Recommended Action

We recommend that you:

a **agree** to the attached Terms of Reference

Agree/disagree.

b **refer** to:

i. the Minister for Housing and Urban Development (Hon Phil Twyford)

Refer/Not referred

ii. the Minister for Revenue (Hon Stuart Nash)

Refer/Not referred

iii. the Minister for Veterans (Hon Ron Mark)

Refer/Not referred

iv. the Minister for Seniors (Hon Tracey Martin)

Refer/Not referred

v. the Minister for Youth and Associate Minister for Social Development
(Hon Peeni Henare)

Refer/Not referred

vi. the Minister of Employment (Hon Willie Jackson)

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