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Hon Marama Davidson
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Dear Marama

Overview

Thank you for your recent engagement on Budget 2022. As you will be aware, we have set a very high bar for the initiatives that will be invited for submission.

Over 560 initiatives were submitted through the Budget 2022 invitation process. Indicative funding sought totals \$64 billion operating and \$9.2 billion capital across the forecast period. As will be obvious to you, that is far beyond the funding available and has required me to make early decisions to allow for an effective Budget process.

Even having done this, I still need your assistance to support the Budget process. In that light, I have had to carefully reduce the number of potential Budget 2022 initiatives through the invitation process, to reduce wasted effort and to ensure that the Budget decision-making stage is as strategic and targeted as possible, supported by robust value-for-money analysis and confidence of delivery.

I expect the number of initiatives submitted in December across all portfolios to be less than the number invited. Similarly, I expect total funding sought to be less than the indicative funding of invited initiatives. I ask that you play your part in this focusing of Budget priorities and only submit those invited initiatives in your portfolio that are the highest priority, represent strong value for money, and are implementation ready.

When initiatives are submitted in December, I expect these to be accompanied by a clear articulation of relative priorities. This may include a ranking of submitted initiatives within your portfolio, identifying those that are less discretionary and higher priority.

When prioritising, I expect you to focus on the implementation readiness of initiatives and delivery risk. I will only be supporting initiatives that are implementation ready, unless there is clearly articulated reasoning for why an exception to this rule should be considered.

Budget 2022 Invitations

With this in mind, I have considered the proposals that you outlined in your letter for your Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence portfolio. While I have invited all of the initiatives submitted for consideration through Budget 2022, I wish to outline the following expectations in relation to the submission of these initiatives. As lead Minister I would be grateful if you could reiterate these expectations to the relevant Ministers.

- I expect Ministers to coordinate on the overall package of Family Violence and Sexual Violence cost pressure and new spending initiatives, to ensure initiatives are prioritised and to avoid any duplication of funding requests. This includes any initiatives submitted individually by agencies that are key to delivering on priorities outlined in the National Strategy and Action Plan.
- As outlined in my letter of 12 August on the funding approach for the Justice Cluster in Budget 2022, I expect that any Family Violence and Sexual Violence initiatives submitted by justice sector agencies will be taken into consideration and prioritised appropriately through the Justice Cluster process. You may wish to discuss with the Minister of Justice, the lead Justice Cluster Minister, how to ensure this is undertaken prior to the final submission of initiatives in December.
- I expect the package of initiatives to clearly demonstrate they are implementation-ready, their relative priority, and why they cannot be met from within existing baselines. As I have raised during consideration of the National Strategy, I expect the Joint Venture to prioritise work on implementation, including an investment plan, to provide assurance of delivery and to support consideration of Budget 2022 initiatives. There appears to be potential early-stage delivery risk associated with this suite of initiatives and I have asked the Treasury to pay particular attention to this issue in evaluating initiatives and if delivery risk cannot be mitigated, I expect you to consider deferring these initiatives to a future Budget.

All Budget 2022 initiatives are expected to complete all value-for-money information and analysis requirements outlined in the initiative submission template due 10 December, except for the cost pressure initiatives identified with an asterisk in Annex 1. As these initiatives are considered to be low-risk and involve a smaller quantum of funding, these initiatives are only required to complete delivery aspects of the value-for-money information and analysis.

Initiative submission templates and guidance were communicated to your department on 30 September and are available on CFISnet.

Please note that while I have invited these initiatives to be submitted for consideration, this does not guarantee that they will receive funding. The Treasury will assess the value for money and relative priority of all initiatives, and this advice will help to inform the shape of the final Budget 2022 package considered by Cabinet. Therefore, I expect that all initiatives will be supported by a robust case for funding and a strong evidence base, as well as realistic scaling and reprioritisation options.

Next steps

I look forward to discussing options for funding initiatives through Budget 2023 at a later stage. The information that you have provided will help to lay the groundwork for future Budgets. This information provides an important insight into the challenges and opportunities facing our Government this term.

Thank you for your ongoing work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Grant Robertson', written in a cursive style.

Hon Grant Robertson
Minister of Finance

Annex 1: Budget 2022 Invitations

Title	Comment and/or condition	Delivery risk
13601 Preventing family violence and sexual violence: Increased reach of services for victims of non-fatal strangulation		I expect the Joint Venture to prioritise development of the investment plan supporting the National Strategy and Action Plan to demonstrate that initiatives are implementation-ready, their relative priority, and why they cannot be funded from within existing baselines.
[33]	I am inviting this initiative on the condition that it is submitted as a new spending initiative, rather than a cost pressure.	
*13605 Preventing family violence and sexual violence: Maintaining services for court-referred victims and perpetrators		
13606 Preventing family violence and sexual violence: Funding probation services to support integrated community-led responses	I am inviting this initiative on the condition that it is submitted as a new spending initiative, rather than a cost pressure.	
13614 Preventing family violence and sexual violence: Continue and Improve Family Violence Response Coordination	I am inviting this initiative on the condition that it is submitted as a new spending initiative, rather than a cost pressure.	

Title	Comment and/or condition	Delivery risk
*13616 Preventing family violence and sexual violence: Crisis response funding alignment for integrated community-led responses		
13621 Preventing family violence and sexual violence: Investment to give effect to Te Aorerekura and Action Plan	I am inviting subject to submission of specific, prioritised initiatives that can demonstrate implementation-readiness and value for money, and that the individual initiatives listed above are taken into account to avoid any duplication.	