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Hi all,

Thanks everyone for the hard and late work on the Tax at a Glance. We are now checking the Budget at a Glance and the tax PR is being worked on today. The Minister is interested in some further supporting back pocket material.

Good to discuss what is possible.

1. As discussed with Jean a “methodological note” that explains the “who will benefit” section of the Tax at a Glance – that is where the data came from, what is the population of “households” and how the average was determined, likewise how the average for New Zealanders was calculated. I understand the basis for these numbers is the Tawa modelling and so there is a need to look at how these numbers fit alongside the specific examples under “What could this mean for me”. In these examples can we be clear what the average income is and where it comes from and for the minimum wage earner. Can we also get the note to cover the NZ Superannuation explanation in a bit more detail. As part of this, following conversations over the weekend, good to understand when the benefits of the package will start from – comparison of what you will get immediately and what is based on the average across the year.

2. The Minister also raised the following for back pocket – “So the thing the media will want to know is how many people get what: in particular how many households will get more than \$100 a fortnight and how many less. How many people will get \$250 a fortnight or more (cause it was on the pledge card) etc.” I note that over the election campaign there were a lot of focus on how many households that would benefit – the following article is an example
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Good to touch base today to confirm the timing of these pieces of information – and also happy to discuss.

Emma
