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Hi all, please see below for a readout from Budget Ministers that was held yesterday. This reflects edits from the Office too. **Please treat this email as Budget Sensitive and do not share this email wider.**

Thanks
Emily

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- Allowances
 - Plan is to seek Cabinet's agreement to a B24 operating allowance of up to \$3.5b in the BPS Cabinet paper for 18 March – so that there is scope to decrease if possible depending on where B24 package decisions land.
 - MoF also intends to seek agreement to increase the MYCA by up to \$7b but likely to be smaller.
 - Not making decisions on outyear allowances (i.e. B25, B26 and B27) until April/May 2024.

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