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15 April 2024

Hon Louise Upston
Minister of Social Development and Employment
Parliament Buildings

Dear Louise

Budget 2024 decisions – Vote Social Development

Following our discussions over the past weeks, this letter confirms the decisions made as part of Budget 2024. ^[33]

Budget 2024 includes a Personal Income Tax package that has an impact on Vote Social Development as the tax package includes flow-on impacts to supports administered by the Ministry for Social Development. These are not included in the attached table. The costings for the tax package are subject to change and I intend to confirm any changes in the Budget 2024 Cabinet Paper, to be considered by Cabinet on 29 April.

I would be grateful if you could direct your officials to work with the Treasury to complete the financial recommendations, as well as to prepare the necessary Estimates and Supplementary Estimates material for your sign off by 26 April.

A reminder that these decisions remain Budget Sensitive and should only be shared on a need-to-know basis. My office will provide further advice on the approach to Budget communications. Thank you again for your support towards the successful delivery of Budget 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hon Nicola Willis'.

Hon Nicola Willis
Minister of Finance

Cc Hon Penny Simmonds, Minister for Disability Issues and Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment
Hon Chris Bishop, Minister of Housing
Hon Casey Costello, Minister for Seniors
Hon Chris Penk, Minister for Veterans
Hon Matt Doocey, Minister for Youth
Debbie Power, Chief Executive – Ministry of Social Development

Vote Social Development (excluding Whaikaha)

Budget 2024 Package as at 15 April

All operating values are in average per annum and capital values are total capital. Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding. Initiatives are listed under lead portfolio.

New Spending	Savings and Revenue
<p>Cost Pressures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>Government Policy Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID 15524: Historic Claims of Abuse in Care (time-limited funding)* <i>Operating \$20.5m</i> 	<p>Baseline Savings</p> <p>Total Operating: (\$110.5m) Total Capital: (\$16.9m)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID 15840: Community Innovation Fund – return of funding <i>Operating: (\$1.0m)</i> ID 15518: Contractor and Consultant Savings <i>Operating: (\$15.7m)</i> ID 15564: Housing subsidies – including boarders’ contribution in the calculation of subsidies for private and social housing <i>Operating: (\$37.7m), Capital: (\$6.9m)</i> ID 15521: Minimum Wage Exemption – discontinuation of the wage supplement <i>Operating: (\$12.2m), Capital: (\$10.0m)</i> ID 15520: MSD Departmental Savings – FTE <i>Operating: (\$16.9m)</i> ID 15519: Operational Savings <i>Operating: (\$6.1m)</i> ID 16116: Return of Funding for Several Time-Limited Initiatives in Vote Social Development <i>Operating: (\$20.8m)</i> ID 15482: Social Workers Registration Board - Crown Funding reduction <i>Operating: (\$0.1m)</i> <p>Targeted Policy Savings</p> <p>Total Operating (\$87.6m) Total Capital -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID 15522: Emergency Housing Tightening the Gateway and scaled downs support services for people in Emergency Housing <i>Operating: (\$87.6m)</i>
<p>Total New Spending Initiatives Operating: \$20.5m, Capital: -</p>	<p>Total Savings and Revenue Initiatives Operating (\$198.1m), Capital: (\$16.9m)</p>
<p>Net Total: Operating: (\$177.6m), Total Capital: (\$16.9m)</p>	

*Denotes no outyears funding (time-limited)