



# Report

**Date:** 11 April 2024

**Security  
Level:**

~~BUDGET SENSITIVE~~

**To:** Hon Louise Upston, Minister for Social Development and  
Employment

**Reference:** REP/24/4/327

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## Remaining decisions relating to Budget 2024

### Purpose

- 1 This report provides you with advice on next steps, following your decisions on initiatives that will no longer be included in the Budget 2024 savings package (REP/24/3/291 refers). This includes initiatives that require funding to be transferred forward.
- 2 Your decisions will inform the financial recommendations for the Budget Cabinet paper, which are due on Tuesday 16 April 2024.

### Recommended actions

It is recommended that you:

- 1 **note** that, following decisions from yourself and the Minister of Finance regarding joint advice from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) and the Treasury (REP/24/3/291 refers), the following savings initiatives are no longer included in your Budget 2024 package:
  - ~~s9(2)(f)(iv)~~
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  - Food Secure Communities (time-limited)
  - Growing Up in New Zealand (GUiNZ) Study (time-limited)
- 2 **note** that your decisions in this report will inform the financial recommendations for the Budget Cabinet paper, which are due on Tuesday 16 April 2024

~~s9(2)(j)~~

s9(2)(j)

[Redacted]

4 s9(2)(g)(i)

[Redacted]

5 s9(2)(f)(iv)

[Redacted]

*Growing Up in New Zealand Study*

7 s9(2)(j)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

9 **agree** to seek delegated authority through the Budget Cabinet paper for the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Social Development and Employment (Joint Ministers) to approve the final transfer of funding for the GUINZ Study before the end of the financial year

**Agree / Disagree**

*Food Secure Communities*

10 **note** that there is \$4m of unspent funding for Food Secure Communities in the current financial year (2023/24), in anticipation that this funding would be returned through Budget 2024

11 s9(2)(g)(i)

[Redacted]

12 **agree** to also seek delegated authority for Joint Ministers to approve the final transfer of funding for Food Secure Communities and other initiatives as appropriate before the end of the financial year

**Agree / Disagree**

*Next steps*

13 **note** that, subject to your decisions in this report, MSD will continue to work with the Treasury to reflect the following in the Budget Cabinet paper for 29 April 2024:

- the final Vote Social Development package, and
- recommendations to seek delegated authority for Joint Ministers to agree to transfer funding forward before the end of the financial year

14 **note** that this will be subject to the Minister of Finance’s agreement to the inclusion of these recommendations to seek delegated authority through the Budget Cabinet paper

15 **note** that, subject to Cabinet approving delegated authority, MSD and the Treasury will provide joint advice to yourself and the Minister of Finance regarding funding transfers following the Budget and before the end of the financial year.

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Deputy Chief Executive  
Strategy and Insights

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Hon Louise Upston  
Minister for Social Development and Employment

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## Background

3 Following your Social Development Budget 2024 bilateral meeting with the Minister of Finance on Wednesday 20 March 2024, MSD and the Treasury provided joint advice to you and the Minister of Finance, seeking decisions to inform the fourth Budget Ministers' Meeting (BM 4) on 8 April 2024 and the Budget Cabinet paper on 29 April (REP/24/3/291 refers).

4 s9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- Food Secure Communities (time-limited)
- GUiNZ Study (time-limited).

5 This report provides advice regarding these initiatives, some of which require funding to be transferred forward, whilst others do not.

s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

[Redacted]

■ [Redacted]

■ [Redacted]

8 s9(2)(j) [Redacted]

9 s9(2)(j) [Redacted]

10 s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

s9(2)(f)(iv)

[REDACTED]

### Growing Up in New Zealand Study

17 s9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED]

18 s9(2)(j) [REDACTED]

19 MSD is seeking delegated authority through the Budget Cabinet paper for Joint Ministers to approve the final transfer of funding for the GUINZ Study before the end of the financial year.

20 s9(2)(j) [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

21 MSD will continue to work with the University of Auckland to negotiate a contract and provide regular updates.

### Food Secure Communities

22 There is \$4m of unspent funding for Food Secure Communities in the current financial year (2023/24), in anticipation that this funding would be returned through Budget 2024.



- 23 s9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED]
- 24 It is therefore recommended that you agree to also seek delegated authority for Joint Ministers to approve the final transfer of funding for initiatives as appropriate before the end of the financial year, which will include the Food Secure Communities programme.
- 25 This delegated authority could also provide a mechanism to resolve funding transfers for other initiatives as appropriate – and MSD will provide further advice on this in due course.

### **Next steps**

- 26 Subject to your decisions in this report, MSD will work with the Treasury to reflect the following in the financial recommendations for the Budget Cabinet paper, which are due on Tuesday 16 April 2024:
- the final Vote Social Development package, and
  - recommendations to seek delegated authority for Joint Ministers to agree to transfer funding forward before the end of the financial year.
- 27 This will be subject to the Minister of Finance’s agreement to the inclusion of these recommendations to seek delegated authority through the Budget Cabinet paper.
- 28 Subject to Cabinet approving delegated authority, MSD and the Treasury will provide joint advice to yourself and the Minister of Finance regarding funding transfers following the Budget and before the end of the financial year.