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Budget 2025 Information Release

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Date	Report number	Title
21 Aug 2024	REP/24/8/776	Aide-memoire: Budget 2025 Strategy Appendices One and Two Powerpoint A3s
6 Sep 2024	REP/24/9/825	Report: Budget 2025 – cost pressures and potential savings
30 Sep 2024	REP/24/9/906	Report: Draft MSD Performance Plan and Policy Savings
1 Nov 2024	REP/24/10/982	Report: Budget 2025 – Performance Plan and Savings Overview Appendix Three – Draft Performance Submission Letter Appendix Four – Initial Budget 2025 Savings Overview
1 Nov 2024	REP/24/10/983	Report: Budget 2025 – potential policy cost savings options in the benefit system Appendix One – Options analysis for policy cost savings options and assumptions and caveats Appendix Two – Further analysis
29 Nov 2024	REP/24/11/1092	Report: Budget 2025 – proposed timeline and time-limited funding
29 Nov 2024	REP/24/11/1089	Aide-memoire: Budget 2025 update and bilateral advice
6 Dec 2024	REP/24/12/1129	Report: Budget 2025 – draft Ministerial submission letter and updated advice Appendix Two – Summary of the Budget 2025 and 2026 invited initiatives Appendix Three – Vote Social Development Multi-year savings strategy Final December submission letter to MOF
17 Jan 2025	REP/25/1/004	Report: Budget 2025 – Process timeline and update

		Appendix Two – Budget 2025 Social Development Ministerial Submission Letter
28 Jan 2025	REP/25/1/016	Aide-memoire: Advice to support your meeting with Minister Seymour for the Baseline Savings Programme Appendix One – Baseline Savings Programme A3 Appendix Two – Overview of Vote Social Development Appendix Three – Further details of proposed savings options Appendix Six – Overview of policy changes from 2017-2023
30 Jan 2025	-	Letter: Letter to Minister Seymour from Hon Louise Upston
13 Feb 2025	REP/25/2/079	Report: Budget 2025 – Talking points for Ministerial engagement
21 Feb 2025	REP/25/2/122	Report: Budget 2025 update – preparing for March bilaterals Annex 2 – Proposed agenda for discussion at pre-meet Annex 3 – Proposed sequencing and phasing of initiatives
26 Feb 2025	REP/25/2/138	Aide-memoire: Budget 2025 – Ministerial engagement regarding Child and Youth proposal
28 Feb 2025	REP/25/2/105	Aide-memoire: Budget 2025 – Social Development and Employment bilateral Appendix Four – Back pocket optimal savings package
19 Mar 2025	REP/25/3/187	Report: Budget 2025 – Draft submission letter for Income Charging Parts One and Two Appendix One – Draft submission letter for Income Charging Parts One and Two
25 Mar 2025	REP/25/3/206	Aide-memoire: Advice to support your meeting with Hon James Meager to discuss Budget 2025
21 May 2025	-	Budget 2025 on a page
21 May 2025	-	Time-limited funding
18 June 2025	-	MSD Performance Plan

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Explanatory Notes:

- Note that individual documents are only included once in this proactive release. For example, the Budget 2025 on a page A3 is not attached to REP/25/1/016 or REP/25/2/079 – in the table above (21 May 2025).
- For REP/24/10/982 – Appendix Three – Draft Performance Submission Letter – this document notes that “the success of the Emergency Housing initiative means MSD will already be returning \$368.497m of savings in the 2024/25 year”. We have subsequently identified that this figure did not accurately reflect the level of additional savings, and the correct figure of \$230.041m for 2024/25 was accurately reflected in Budget 2025 decisions and Estimates.
- For the MSD Performance Plan document (dated 18 June 2025):
 - This document contains some updated financials to reflect Budget 2025 decisions. Not all areas of the document have been updated.
 - As of August 2024, Emergency Housing Grants are no longer administered under Special Needs Grants legislation.
 - The date for the establishment of the Independent Children’s Monitor moved from early July to 1 August 2025.

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