



Report

Date: 28 April 2021

Security Level: BUDGET-SENSITIVE

To: Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development and Employment

Vote Social Development final Estimates 2021/22 and Supplementary Estimates 2020/21

Purpose of the report

- 1 This report seeks your sign-off of the Vote Social Development 2021/22 Estimates of Appropriations (Estimates) and the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates of Appropriations (Supplementary Estimates), on behalf of all Ministers who have responsibility for appropriations in the Vote (appropriation Ministers).

Recommended actions

It is recommended that you:

- 2 **note** that all Vote Social Development appropriation Ministers have reviewed the non-financial performance information in the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates and have given feedback to the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), which has been incorporated in the attached final versions of these documents
- 3 **note** we will keep you updated through quarterly performance reporting of any performance measures unlikely to achieve performance Standards through quarterly reporting.
- 4 **note** that you are required, on behalf of all appropriation Ministers, to confirm to the Minister of Finance that the Vote Social Development Estimates and Supplementary Estimates are correct and in a form suitable for publication
- 5 **confirm** that the Vote Social Development Estimates and Supplementary Estimates are correct and suitable for publication

Yes / No

- 6 **sign** the attached letter to the Minister of Finance, on behalf of all appropriation Ministers in Vote Social Development, to accompany the confirmed Vote Social Development Estimates and Supplementary Estimates by the Ministry

Yes / No

- 7 **forward** the confirmed Vote Social Development Estimates and Supplementary Estimates and transmittal letter to the Minister of Finance by 1pm on Friday 30 April 2021.

Yes / No



Debbie Power
Chief Executive
Ministry of Social Development

28/4/21

Date

Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Minister for Social Development and
Employment

Date

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Background

Development of the 2021/22 Estimates and 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates

- 8 The Vote Social Development Estimates and Supplementary Estimates were developed by the Ministry in consultation with internal and external stakeholders, including the Treasury, Audit New Zealand, and the offices of appropriation Ministers for the Vote.
- 9 We sent draft versions of the non-financial performance information for the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates to you and other appropriation Ministers on Wednesday 12 March 2021 (REP/21/3/219 – REP/21/3/224) for comment. The attached documents incorporate any feedback received and now include new appropriations resulting from Cabinet decisions since that time, Cabinet-approved Budget 21 initiatives, financial information and commentary.
- 10 The final Estimates and Supplementary Estimates have been signed off by MSD's Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer.

Today we are seeking your sign-off

- 11 We seek your sign off, on behalf of all appropriation Ministers for the Vote, of the attached Vote Social Development Estimates and the Supplementary Estimates. Your sign off confirms that the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates are correct and suitable for publication.

The impact of COVID-19 on performance measures

- 12 It is possible that through the impact of COVID-19 some performance measure targets may not be achieved, and it may take time for the Ministry to get back to a pre-COVID-19 operating level of performance. The Ministry will keep the Minister informed on measures that look unlikely to meet agreed Standards through the quarterly reporting.

Next steps

- 13 The confirmed Vote Social Development Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, together with the attached transmittal letter to the Minister of Finance, need to be submitted to the Minister of Finance by 1pm on Friday 30 April 2021. Your office will facilitate this.
- 14 The Vote Social Development Estimates and Supplementary Estimates will be released publicly on Budget Day (25 May 2021).

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