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From: Amy Russell [TSY]
Sent: Friday, 14 June 2024 8:58 am
To: ^Parliament Marnya Jain
Cc: Jess Hewat [TSY]
Subject: RE: Revised annotated agenda for JMs - now final
Attachments: REVISED 9am Friday to MJ Treasury annotated agenda for MoF for JMs 18 June FINAL.docx

REVISED revised now attached! This will be the last version I send, [34]

The only changes to last night's version are here:

- While delivery outputs have increased on this time last year, staffing inputs have increased faster. Productivity is thus still going backward.
- HNZ has formally told us that it is currently on track to generate a deficit of around \$1 billion in 2024/25. Informally we have heard this could be closer to \$1.6 billion. Even the lower sum would exhaust the agency's cash reserves. Lester is clear that HNZ needs to turn its finances around and that this will involve major change.

I wanted to put in the point about delivery as the Ministry-Treasury cover note contains a line we disagree with and had asked to be removed, re improvements in service delivery being a significant step in the right direction. In our view, some things have improved and others have got worse, and it doesn't give a fair impression just to say significant steps have been taken in the right direction.

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Cheers!
Amy

Amy Russell (she/her/they/them) | Waea pūkoro: [35]

From: Amy Russell [TSY]
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 8:35 AM
To: ^Parliament Marnya Jain <Marnya.Jain@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Revised annotated agenda for JMs - now final

Hi Marnya,

Please find revised annotated agenda attached for Tuesday. As per my prev email, the associated briefing that was going to be joint MoH-Treasury advice will now (we anticipate) come from the Ministry only, hopefully soon. I've updated the annotated agenda to reflect that anticipation.

Please note that the attached document contains free and frank Treasury commentary and advice, and should not be shared with agencies, thank you.

The team is at our away-day for the rest of today so please phone if anything urgent arises.

Thank you!
Amy

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From: Amy Russell [TSY]

Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 4:25 PM

To: ^Parliament Marnya Jain <Marnya.Jain@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Draft annotated agenda for JMs - may turn out to be final, will confirm in the morning

Hi Marnya,

Attached please find a draft AA for JMs next week. **Please note that this document contains free and frank Treasury commentary and advice, and should not be shared with agencies, thank you.**

We are still waiting for the final agenda from the Ministry. If it is the same as what we saw yesterday, then the attached can be considered final and I'll let you know. If the agenda (or accompanying briefing, ^[34] changes, I will reflect those changes in the attached tomorrow morning and re-send it to you.

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Any questions, let me know!

Cheers,
Amy



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