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MEMORANDUM TO: Ontario Works Administrators
- Municipalities and DSSABs

FROM: Jeff Butler
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SUBJECT: **2013 Ontario Budget - Municipal Cost Impact**

As you know, the 2013 Budget was announced on May 2, 2013 and included items that would have cost impacts for municipalities. The Budget proposes to increase rates for all individuals and families on Ontario Works, and make changes to the treatment of earnings and assets.

The projected municipal cost impacts of the social assistance Budget initiatives are:

- \$4.5M in 2013/14
- \$9.4M in 2014/15
- \$7.5M in 2015/16

For the calendar year, the projected municipal cost impacts are:

- \$1.5M in 2013
- \$10.1M in 2014
- \$8.0 M in 2015

The proposed Ontario Works rate increase would take effect October 1, 2013. Municipalities would not have to cost-share the proposed rate increase until January 2014. Based on the upload schedule, the municipal share of Ontario Works financial and employment assistance costs will be 11.4 per cent as of January 2014.

The estimated cost impacts decrease from 2014/15 to 2015/16 due to the ongoing upload.

For your information, I have attached an approximate breakdown of costs by delivery agent based on each delivery agent's caseload share. Please note that these figures are estimates and are for planning purposes only.

I trust this information is helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Jeff Butler

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Municipal Cost Estimates - Proposed Social Assistance Changes (Budget 2013)

Note: Social assistance caseloads are not forecast at the CSM/DSSAB level. The following breakdown is a proxy estimate based on average monthly caseloads for each CSM/DSSAB for 2012-13 applied across total estimated municipal costs for calendar years 2013-2015. This therefore assumes a static average monthly caseload across the time period. (For estimated planning purposes only).

REGION	CMSM	2013	2014	2015
TORONTO	Toronto	0.494	3.424	2.706
CENTRAL EAST	Durham CMSM	0.047	0.329	0.260
	Northumberland CMSM	0.005	0.036	0.029
	Peterborough CMSM	0.021	0.143	0.113
	Simcoe CMSM	0.041	0.286	0.226
	Kawartha Lakes CMSM	0.009	0.064	0.051
	York CMSM	0.034	0.233	0.184
CENTRAL WEST	Dufferin CMSM	0.002	0.017	0.014
	Halton CMSM	0.011	0.077	0.060
	Peel CMSM	0.091	0.631	0.499
	Waterloo City	0.048	0.333	0.263
	Wellington CMSM	0.010	0.071	0.056
HAMILTON-NIAGARA	Brant CMSM	0.013	0.087	0.069
	Norfolk CMSM	0.007	0.051	0.041
	Hamilton City	0.069	0.482	0.381
	Niagara CMSM	0.055	0.383	0.302
SOUTH WEST	Bruce CMSM	0.003	0.021	0.017
	Chatham - Kent CMSM	0.017	0.121	0.096
	Grey CMSM	0.008	0.053	0.042
	Huron CMSM	0.003	0.018	0.014
	Lambton CMSM	0.016	0.111	0.088
	London CMSM	0.062	0.429	0.339
	Oxford CMSM	0.009	0.061	0.048
	St. Thomas CMSM	0.009	0.060	0.048
	Stratford CMSM	0.003	0.023	0.018
SOUTH EAST	Windsor CMSM	0.053	0.364	0.288
	Hastings CMSM	0.018	0.124	0.098
	Kingston CMSM	0.015	0.107	0.085
	Lanark CMSM	0.006	0.040	0.031
	Leeds & Grenville CMSM	0.008	0.058	0.046
	Lennox & Addington CMSM	0.005	0.036	0.028
EASTERN	Cornwall CMSM	0.013	0.091	0.072
	Ottawa CMSM	0.091	0.630	0.498
	Prescott & Russell CMSM	0.006	0.040	0.031
	Renfrew CMSM	0.006	0.044	0.035
NORTH EAST	Cochrane DSSAB	0.006	0.041	0.033
	Muskoka CMSM	0.006	0.039	0.031
	Nipissing DSSAB	0.011	0.076	0.060
	Parry Sound DSSAB	0.004	0.029	0.023
	Timiskaming DSSAB	0.003	0.022	0.017
NORTHERN	Algoma DSSAB	0.004	0.029	0.023
	Kenora DSSAB	0.003	0.022	0.018
	Rainy River DSSAB	0.001	0.008	0.007
	Sault Ste. Marie DSSAB	0.011	0.078	0.061
	Manitoulin & Sudbury DSSAB	0.002	0.016	0.013
	Sudbury Region CMSM	0.017	0.120	0.095
	Thunder Bay DSSAB	0.014	0.098	0.077
First Nations		0.059	0.411	0.325
Provincial Total (including First Nations)		1.451	10.068	7.958

Numbers may not add up due to rounding

* Based on each CSM's 2012-13 actual average share of the provincial caseload