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Foreword

This report makes a series of recommendations to reduce the number of the most socially disadvantaged people in the country. The proposals aim to achieve this outcome at minimal effective cost and risk to the State. Within the inevitable time constraints I have used the data available within the Department, some of which will require further detailed analysis. This report should be a starting point for a long-term process of transforming the Welfare to Work system. The ideas here are designed to provide a base on which a process of extensive consultation can take place.

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