**NHS Decision-making**Congratulations! - Jeremy Hunt, The Secretary of State for Health, has just resigned.

Your task is to estimate the **base cost** of the following procedures (figures on board).Base cost – this is usually excluding the costs of pre-treatment, GP appointments, post-procedure care and follow-up care.Costs are higher for patients who need an extended stay in hospitalBase costs for 2014-15 (costs have been rounded up for ease of use)

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| **Procedure** | **Your ‘base cost’ guess** | **Actual ‘base cost’ guess** |
| Planned caesarean-section  |  |  |
| Natural birth in NHS hospital |  |  |
| Abdominal hernia repairs |  |  |
| Hip replacement |  |  |
| Liver transplant |  |  |
| Gastric (stomach) by-pass |  |  |
| One round of IVF treatment |  |  |
| Bone marrow transplant |  |  |
| Heart transplant |  |  |
| Cochlear Implant |  |  |
| Kidney transplant from heart-beating donor |  |  |
| Plasma exchanges (20 or more) |  |  |

**Secondly, austerity means that you have been allocated a budget of only £100,000… which procedures will you choose with this budget? Justify –What factors were the most important in your decision?**