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## All things considered ...

- Graph of the week: Adding wood to the gender pay debate, this chart shows women in 2010 were a net fiscal drain on the economy while for men it was neutral. It also implies that, cumulatively, men and women received more from the government than they <u>put in.</u> Source: VUW.
- Some Belgians are too young to buy a beer, drive, or vote, but at least they get to decide how and when they die.
- There is a substantial gap between the state of humanity today and public perception thereof; a gulf the Cato Institute is looking to close with this new data-driven website.
- Being a foreigner, this correspondent suggests anyone harbouring any ill will towards those who migrate to New Zealand read this analysis from the NZIER.
- Perth has emerged as one of Australia's costliest cities, where a litre of milk costs A\$1.63. Wait, that's still less expensive than New Zealand milk, even adjusting for the currency!
- It is well known that politics divides families, but throwing a tidy inheritance into the mix is bound to stir up a little more than hurt feelings.
- We imagine that the sexual harassment dynamics in this woman's workplace are going to change radically after she successfully changed her name to "Sexy".
- While mixing up Samuel L Jackson and Lawrence Fishburn is embarrassing, playing the race card deserves much opprobrium for being so utterly unimaginative.
- Are your feet too short to reach the pedals when driving? According to one Norwegian boy, it could be dwarfism.

## On the record

- <u>Time for urgency not complacency</u>, Jason Krupp, *The National Business Review*, 14 February 2014.
- Will the euro die in the courts? Dr Oliver Hartwich, Business Spectator, 13 February 2014.
- Land supply key to the economy, Jason Krupp, Stuff.co.nz, 11 February 2014.
- Oliver Hartwich why a wooden hut in Auckland is more valuable than a penthouse in Germany, *New Zealand 2 Go*, 6 February 2014.