Contents

List of t	tables and figures	viii
	on contributors	X
	vledgements	xix
	from the series editors	XX
Forewo		xxii
281	Tee Norwegian reference budget	
Part I:	Introduction	
191	An introduction to minimum income standards and	3
	reference budgets: international and comparative	
	policy perspectives	
	Christopher Deeming	
	Chinstopher Deerming	
Dart II.	Case studies	
Part II:		27
_	From normative budget standards to consensual	27
	minimum income standards in the UK	
	Jonathan Bradshaw	20
3	Minimum Essential Standards of Living research in Ireland	39
	Bernadette Mac Mahon and Robert Thornton	
4	The French experience of reference budgets	55
	Pierre Concialdi	
5	Minimum income research in Japan: its development	67
	and political implications	
	Aya K. Abe	
6	Measuring needs and setting standards in Singapore	83
	Kok-Hoe Ng, Yu-Wei Neo, Youyenn Teo, Ad Maulod and	
	Yi-Ting Ting	
7	A South African pilot of the Minimum Income	97
	Standards approach	
	Gemma Wright, Matt Padley and Wanga Zembe-Mkabile	
8	Reference budgets as tools for everyday life, evaluation	109
	and policy making in Finland	
	Anna-Riitta Lehtinen and Kristiina Aalto	
9	Belgian reference budgets for social participation and	123
	their use for policy purposes	
	Bérénice Storms	
10	The development, value and application of budget	139
	standards: reflecting on the Australian experience	
	Peter Saunders	

Minimum Income Standards and Reference Budgets

11	Estimating the cost of raising a child in Catalonia through the reference budgets approach	155
	Irene Cussó-Parcerisas, Elena Carrillo Álvarez and	
	Jordi Riera Romaní	
12	Measuring poverty in the Netherlands: the generalised	169
	reference budget approach	
	J. Cok Vrooman, Benedikt Goderis, Stella Hoff and	
	Bart van Hulst	
13	The Norwegian reference budget	185
	Marthe Hårvik Austgulen and Elling Borgeraas	
14	Minimum budgets for Danish families	197
	Jens Bonke and Anders Eiler Wiese Christensen	
15	The Swedish Consumer Agency's calculations of	207
	reference values for some of the most common	
	household expense categories	
	Malin Lindquist Skogar and Ingrid Eriksson	
Part III:	Cross-national and comparative perspectives	
16	The Slovenian experience with three methods for	227
	defining the minimum income	
	Nada Stropnik	
17	Applying the Minimum Income Standard in diverse	241
	national contexts	
	Matt Padley and Abigail Davis	
18	The steep and winding road to comparable reference budgets in Europe	255
	Tim Goedemé	
19	Adequate income in Portugal: a comparison of two estimation methods	271
	José A. Pereirinha, Elvira Pereira, Francisco Branco,	
	Dália Costa and Maria Inês Amaro	
Part IV:	Policy and practice	
20	Basic needs budgets in policy and practice	291
	Gordon M. Fisher	
21	Establishing a national standard: the role of the UK's	307
	Minimum Income Standard in policy and practice	
	Donald Hirsch	
22	Minimum Income Standards in the Basic Income debate	319
	Malcolm Torry	

Contents

Part V: 23	Conclusions Minimum income standards and reference budgets: past, present, future? Christopher Deeming	333
Index		345
	budget standards-Equagraphoyed famillatins 1 is 55-2211	