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- **Statistics:** *Census Transformation to 2020 - Testing an Administrative Data Approach* (\$4.5 million operating funding total), and
- **Social Development:** *Implementing the Social Investment Data Exchange* [33] operating and \$4.8 million capital funding total).

There is currently **\$6.7 million** of operating funding and **\$5.4 million** capital funding remaining in the contingency. Within this contingency, the following amounts have been recommended by the Investment Group to be put aside as part of the tranche 2 decisions:

- **\$0.300 million operating funding.** [33]
- **\$3.700 million operating funding** [33]

This current funding is insufficient to cover the initiatives identified by Finance Ministers in full. However the amount remaining could fund the operating requirements for the *Census Transformation to 2020* initiative, and the capital funding remaining could meet the capital requirements for the *Implementing the Social Investment Data Exchange* initiative (or other initiatives depending on priorities).

### **Statistics New Zealand**

It is likely that Hon Mitchell will raise the following issues with you:

- **Statistics:** *Census Transformation to 2020 – Testing an Administrative Data Approach:*

[33]

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## DATA AND ANALYTICS - BUDGET-SENSITIVE

Operating Expenditure	Agency initiative (net)								Capital Total	Emerging package								Capital Total
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	4YT	Avg.	2016/17		2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	4YT	Avg.			
Significant Priority Total	[33]																	
Valuable but not Total																		
Potential to add v Total																		
Out of scope Total																		
Other Package Total																		

SIGNIFICANT PRIORITY		Agency initiative (net)								Emerging package								INVESTMENT GROUP	EMERGING PACKAGE	
No.	Vote	Initiative name	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	4YT	Avg.	Capital Total	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	4YT	Avg.	Capital Total	Comments	Comments
<b>Implementation focussed initiatives</b>																				
9875	Social Dev	Implementing the Social Investment Data Exchange Infrastructure	[33]							4.758	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.758	<p>The Exchange is a critical piece of infrastructure that has the potential to provide a long-term win for the data system through;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>delivering a shared solution for secure information sharing between social sector agencies and NGOs</li> <li>enabling a customer-centric data approach within the sector, and</li> <li>providing information to the front-line, directly enabling better public services to be delivered to New Zealanders.</li> </ul> <p>While the Exchange delivers predominantly to the social sector, there are positive multiplier effects to be realised elsewhere in the system through experimentation and innovation.</p>	<p>Comment: Can defer. Investment decision in September 2017, which may lead to Budget 2018 pre-commitment.</p> <p><b>The operating funding was omitted in the initial draft package. The amount of operating funding is subject to confirmation by Finance Ministers.</b></p>
[33]										-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[33]	
<b>Development focussed initiatives</b>																				
9621	Statistics	Census Transformation to 2020 – Testing an Administrative Data Approach	-	1.640	1.400	1.420	-	4.460	1.115	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<p>An administrative-based census will result in census data being published on a more frequent basis, providing more timely population statistics which are often used as key foundational data inputs into wider government analysis and service delivery.</p> <p>Fostering the development of new data manipulation techniques and statistical approaches, which can be utilised across the system.</p> <p>The feasibility testing component of the project (which this bid covers) contributes to the environment for data sharing and reuse. It does this through its exploratory work on the data quality and interoperability required for sharing. It also provides system value by contributing to, and exemplifying, the management of data as a strategic asset by maximising the value of existing data, ensuring data is collected once and able to be used for multiple purposes.</p>	[33]





