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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Budget 2017: Vote Foreign Affairs and Trade

On 18 April 2017, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2017 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative documents;

Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
9566	Antarctica New Zealand - Future Redevelopment of Scott Base	-	1.200	0.940	-	-	-
9567	Antarctica New Zealand - Accommodating National Antarctic Programmes in Christchurch	-	0.850	0.850	0.850	0.900	0.900
9515	Expo 2020 Dubai	-	3.010	7.790	32.100	10.340	-
Total Operating			5.060	9.580	32.950	11.240	0.900

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
9566	Antarctica New Zealand – Preparation for the future redevelopment of Scott Base	-	1.200	2.800	-	-
Total Capital			1.200	2.800	-	-

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations and the capital injections to the administering department to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Appropriation Minister to approve jointly any

technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2016/17 Supplementary Estimates, the 2017/18 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;

- 5 **authorised** the chief executives of departments that monitor Crown entities directly affected by decisions in this minute to inform the chair and/or chief executive of a Crown entity, on a budget-in-confidence-until-budget-day basis, of decisions that directly affect that Crown entity for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent.
- 6 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2017 Budget are co-ordinated by a Budget communications committee, and that any requests for early announcement will need to have both the written approval of the Minister of Finance and sign-off from the Prime Minister's office.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Prime Minister
Minister of Finance
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Minister of Trade

Vote: Foreign Affairs and Trade

Title: Antarctica New Zealand - Future Redevelopment of Scott Base

Description: This funding will enable the preparation of a robust building design and project implementation plan to redevelop Scott Base when the present facility reaches the end of its functional life.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.200	0.940	-	-
Debt Impact	-	1.200	2.800	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	2.400	3.740	-	-

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expense:					
Antarctic Research and Support	-	1.200	0.940	-	-
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:					
New Zealand Antarctic Institute	-	1.200	2.800	-	-
Total Operating	-	1.200	0.940	-	-
Total Capital	-	1.200	2.800	-	-

Vote: Foreign Affairs and Trade

Title: Antarctica New Zealand - Accommodating National Antarctic Programmes in Christchurch

Description: This funding will provide office accommodation to National Antarctic Programmes based in Christchurch, including the US Antarctic Programme, as part of New Zealand's contribution to a joint logistics pool for Antarctic research.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.850	0.850	0.850	0.900
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.850	0.850	0.850	0.900

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expense:					
Antarctic Research and Support	-	0.850	0.850	0.850	0.900
Total Operating	-	0.850	0.850	0.850	0.900

Vote: Foreign Affairs and Trade

Title: Expo 2020 Dubai

Description: This funding will enable New Zealand's participation at Expo 2020 Dubai and provides a unique opportunity to champion New Zealand's brand, innovation and businesses, in support of the Government's Business Growth Agenda, to the important export markets in the Gulf Cooperation Council, to Europe, and the emerging markets in the wider Middle East and Africa.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Operating Balance Impact	-	3.010	7.790	32.100	10.340
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	3.010	7.790	32.100	10.340

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Departmental Output Expense:					
Policy Advice and Representation - Other Countries (funded by revenue Crown)	-	3.010	7.790	32.100	10.340
Total Operating	-	3.010	7.790	32.100	10.340

Additional Recommendations

- 7 **agreed** that the Minister of Finance, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Economic Development and Minister of Trade will receive a project update, prior to:
- 7.1 entering into a contract for pavilion design services,
 - 7.2 releasing an RFP for pavilion construction services, and
 - 7.3 entering into a contract for pavilion construction;
- 8 **agreed** that no expenses are to be incurred against the Expo 2020 inter-agency leveraging fund until the governance arrangements for that fund have been approved by the Minister of Finance, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Economic Development, and Minister of Trade;
- 9 **noted** that it is proposed that a public announcement be made by the Prime Minister on 24 April 2017, and for the Minister of Economic Development to issue a press release regarding the announcement during his proposed visit to the United Arab Emirates on 23 April 2017 (24 April 2017 New Zealand time).