



## Minister of Pacific Island Affairs

4 April 2006

Hon Dr Michael Cullen  
Minister of Finance  
Parliament Buildings  
Wellington

Hon Steve Maharey  
Minister of Education  
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### **FUNDING FOR PACIFIC LANGUAGE PROMOTION AND PRESERVATION PROGRAMME**

Dear Michael and Steve

I am writing to confirm decisions made by Ministers through the Budget process and to seek your agreement to a technical adjustment to ensure Budget documentation accurately reflects these decisions.

My original 2006 Budget package included an initiative within Vote Pacific Island Affairs to fund the Pacific Language Promotion and Preservation Programme. This initiative was costed at \$0.200 million per annum from 2006/07 to 2008/09.

This bid was originally funded at a lower amount (\$0.185 million in 2006/07 and \$0.111 million in each of 2007/08 and 2008/09) within the National Identity Theme.

I later agreed with the Minister of Education that this initiative would be funded at the higher level of \$0.200 million per annum from 2006/07 to 2008/09 and that the Minister of Education would meet the additional costs from the Education Contingency of the 2006 Budget. We also agreed that the initiative would be communicated as part of the Families – Young and Old Theme.

These decisions were not accurately reflected in the Budget Cabinet paper agreed by Cabinet on 3 April 2006.

I am therefore seeking your agreement to a technical adjustment to correct this error. This is consistent with the Cabinet authority we have to jointly approve any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2005/06 Supplementary Estimates, the 2006/07 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts.

Sgd. Hon. Dr. Michael Cullen

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**I recommend that you:**

- 1) **note** that the Budget 2006 National Identity Theme included funding for the Pacific Language Promotion and Preservation Programme, as set out below:

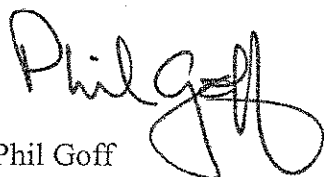
	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.185	0.111	0.111	-

- 2) **note** that in later discussions with the Minister for Education, it was agreed that this initiative would instead be funded at the higher level of \$0.200 million per annum from 2006/07 to 2008/09 and the additional costs would be met from the Education Contingency of 2006 Budget;
- 3) **approve** the following changes to appropriations to increase funding for the Pacific Language Promotion and Preservation Programme, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance:

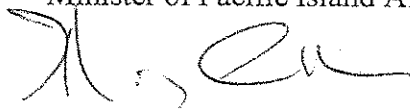
Vote Pacific Island Affairs	\$m – increase/(decrease)					2009/10 & Outyears
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09		
Departmental Output Expense: Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.200	0.200	0.200	-	

- 4) **agree** that the additional funding (\$0.015 million in 2006/07 and \$0.089 million in each of 2007/08 and 2008/09) be a charge against the Education Contingency of the 2006 Budget;
- 5) **agree** that any communications relating to this initiative will be made under the Families – Young and Old Theme.

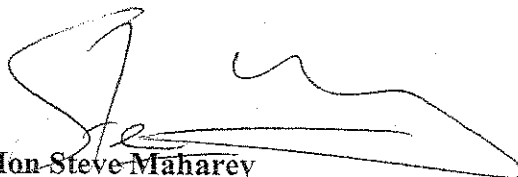
Sincerely



Phil Goff  
Minister of Pacific Island Affairs



Hon Dr Michael Cullen  
Minister of Finance



Hon Steve Maharey  
Minister of Education

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