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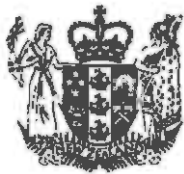
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MP for Tamaki Makaurau
Minister of Māori Affairs
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Associate Minister of Education

17 APR 2013

Hon Bill English
Minister of Finance
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Tēnā koe Bill

I am writing to seek your approval to a technical adjustment to baselines prior to the finalisation of the 2013/14 Estimates.

As part of Budget 2013, new funding of \$1 million in 2013/14 and outyears was appropriated for the establishment and implementation of a Māori language research agenda. The funding also included provision for capacity and capability development among the Māori language research community.

As the health of the Māori language remains fragile, increased research, development and innovation is required to support its revitalisation.

Accordingly, I seek your approval for a fiscally neutral transfer from Non-Departmental Output Expense: Rawa to Non-Departmental Other Expense: Māori Language Research of \$1 million in 2013/14 and outyears, to provide necessary momentum for the Māori Language Research Agenda to actively support gains in the overall health of the Māori language through increased research and development.

This funding will ensure that the research and development work can be applied to critical issues in real time. This will support our other investments in the Māori language sector, and provide further momentum for our efforts to support the revitalisation of the Māori language.

Recommendations

I recommend that you:

1. note that Cabinet agreed to establish the new appropriation Māori Language Research to implement a Māori language research agenda and the following funding was agreed:

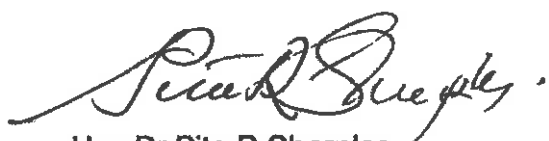
Vote Māori Affairs Minister of Māori Affairs	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Other Expense: Māori Language Research	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Total Operating	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

- note that since Cabinet agreed this funding, I seek your approval for a fiscally neutral transfer from Non-Departmental Output Expense: Rawa to Non-Departmental Other Expense: Māori Language Research of \$1 million in 2013/14 and outyears.
- approve the following fiscally neutral adjustments within Vote Māori Affairs to provide necessary momentum for the Māori Language Research Agenda to actively support gains in the overall health of the Māori language through increased research and development, with no impact on the operating balance:

Vote Māori Affairs Minister of Māori Affairs	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expense: Rawa	-	(1.000)	(1.000)	(1.000)	(1.000)
Non-Departmental Other Expense: Māori Language Research	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

- agree that the proposed changes to appropriations be included in the 2013/14 Estimates.

Heoi anō, nā



Hon Dr Pita R Sharples
Minister of Māori Affairs

Date signed: 17/4/13



Hon Bill English
Minister of Finance

Date signed: 17/4/13