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Queensland Fruit Fly in Auckland: Funding for Extended Surveillance and Eradication Programme

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Purpose

1. This paper seeks Cabinet agreement to new funding of [8] [8] to carry out an extended surveillance and eradication programme on the small breeding population of Queensland Fruit Fly found in Auckland in February 2015.

Comment

2. MPI have costed the proposed eradication response at [[8] [8] \$1.2m of the 14/15 cost will be funded from within MPI's baseline through a fiscally neutral adjustment that was completed at the 2015 March Baseline Update.
3. There is uncertainty about when costs will be incurred, and MPI may need to spend less in 14/15 and more in 15/16. Approval is sought for an in-principle expense transfer of up to \$5m from 14/15 to 15/16 to allow for this.
4. MPI will provide a report back to Cabinet on the outcome and final costs of the eradication programme by the end of February 2016. Any funding that was not required for the response will be returned to the centre.
5. Treasury considers the cost estimates reasonable, and supports the proposed in-principle expense transfer and report back.

Treasury Recommendation

6. We recommend that you **support** the recommendations in this paper.

The following table goes into the Executive Summary of the paper

Title	Pg	Recommend	Fiscal Implications (\$m GST excl.)					Treasury Comment
			14/15	15/16	16/17	18/19	Out years	
Queensland Fruit Fly in Auckland: Funding for Extended Surveillance and Eradication Programme		Support	<i>Operating</i>					This paper seeks new funding to carry out a surveillance and eradication programme of the Queensland Fruit Fly.
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			<i>Capital</i>					
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