

# The Treasury

## Budget 2015 Information Release

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# Cabinet

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## Minute of Decision

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### 2015 Budget Package: Vote Foreign Affairs and Trade Technical Initiative

On 13 April 2015, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiative for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2015 Budget package, as detailed in the attached initiative document;
- 2 **approved** the change to the appropriation to the administering department to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Responsible Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2014/15 Supplementary Estimates, the 2015/16 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 5 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2015 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;

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (15) 163

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**Initiative No: 8748**

**Vote:** Foreign Affairs and Trade

**Title:** Pacific Security Fund

**Description:** This initiative is to amend the scope of the Pacific Security Fund from 1 July 2015 to allow activities that address security threats to Pacific Island countries even where there is no direct benefit to New Zealand's security interests and allow research funding.

**Recommendations**

- 6 **agreed** to change the scope of Departmental Output Expense Pacific Security Fund to allow it to address a wider range of security threats faced by Pacific Island countries and expand the list of activities the Pacific Security Fund can fund to include research;
- 7 **agreed** that the scope of Departmental Output Expense Pacific Security Fund shown in the Estimates be: "This appropriation is limited to the purchase of goods and services to support the security of Pacific Island countries".