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Minute of Decision

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2015 Budget Package: Vote Maori Development (Vote Maori Affairs until end of 2014/15) Technical Initiative

On 13 April 2015, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiative for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2015 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative document;

Summary of the initiative included in the attached initiative document:

Operating Initiative (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
8911	Maori Housing Funds	-	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000
Total Operating		-	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000

- 2 **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement this initiative, as described in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 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.

Initiative No: 8911

Vote: Maori Development

Title: Maori Housing Funds

Description: Fiscally neutral transfer of the Maori Housing Funds from Vote Housing to Vote Maori Development.

New Appropriation Approvals

Name	Period	Type	Scope
Kainga Whenua Infrastructure Grant	Annual	Non-Departmental Other Expense	This appropriation is limited to infrastructure associated with housing development on Māori land.
Rural and Maori Housing	Annual	Non-Departmental Other Expense	This appropriation is limited to the development of Maori social housing providers, the repairs and rebuild of rural housing and improving Chatham Islands housing.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Operations Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
Kainga Whenua Infrastructure Grant	-	2.800	2.800	2.800	2.800
Rural and Māori Housing	-	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Total Operating	-	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-