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Cabinet

CAB Min (15) 11/11(17)

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Minute of Decision

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2015 Budget Package: Vote Official Development Assistance Technical Initiatives

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 documents;
- 2 **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement these initiatives, as described in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 5 **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;
- 6 **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

Initiative No: 8479

Vote: Official Development Assistance

Title: Establishment of Multi-Year Appropriations for Official Development Assistance

Description: This initiative is for the establishment of two Multi-Year Appropriations (MYAs) to replace the two expiring MYAs: International Agency Funding MYA and the International Development Assistance MYA.

New Appropriation Approval

Type	Period	Name	Scope
Non-Departmental Other Expense (MYA)	Other Start:1/7/2015 Finish:30/6/2018 Amount (\$m) 300.000	International Agency Funding	This appropriation is limited to funding to multilateral agencies and international voluntary agencies for development assistance
Non-Departmental Other Expense (MYA)	Other Start:1/7/2015 Finish:30/6/2018 Amount (\$m) 1,400.805	International Development Assistance	This appropriation is limited to the provision of bilateral and regional official development assistance, including humanitarian activities, for the design, management, implementation and evaluation of development activities and development education, capacity building and co-ordination support to partners. This assistance is for the promotion of the sustainable development and welfare of Pacific and other developing countries.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
International Agency Funding	-	(94.000)	(94.000)	(94.000)	6.000
International Development Assistance	-	(447.884)	(478.663)	(492.258)	(6.000)
International Agency Funding (MYA)	-	100.000	100.000	100.000	-
International Development Assistance (MYA)	-	441.884	472.663	486.258	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

7 **agreed** that the MYAs: “International Agency Funding” and “International Development Assistance” are established with a total of \$300.000 million and \$1,400.805 million respectively;

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- 8 **noted** that the scope of the Vote Official Development Assistance: International Development Assistance Appropriation permits funding for all development activities in the Pacific, including in Pacific countries which may achieve High Income status and be removed retrospectively from the list of Official Development Assistance eligible countries under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development definition;
- 9 **noted** that the amounts shown in the appropriations changes table for the MYAs: "International Agency Funding" and "International Development Assistance" are the indicative annual spending profiles;
- 10 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to approve the transfer of the balance of the appropriation from the "International Agency Funding" and "International Development Assistance" MYAs, expiring on 30 June 2015, into the new "International Agency Funding" and "International Development Assistance" MYAs that come into force on 1 July 2015, with any transfers to be requested by 15 June 2015 as part of the usual process for in-principle expense transfers, and to be confirmed in the 2015 October Baseline Update;
- 11 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to approve transfers between the "International Agency Funding" and "International Development Assistance" MYAs over the term of the MYAs and between these two MYAs and the existing annual departmental appropriation "Management of New Zealand Official Development Assistance" as required, with any changes to be reflected as part of the normal baseline update process.