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Date: 6 March 2017

To: Minister of Finance (Hon Steven Joyce)

Deadline: 10.30am, Thursday 9 March

Aide Memoire: Budget 2017 Initiatives for Vote Maori Development

You are meeting with the Minister for Māori Development, Te Ururoa Flavell, and Māori Party co-leader Marama Fox at 10.30am, Thursday 9 March. The meeting will consider the package of Budget 2017 initiatives submitted by the Minister. Representatives from your office met with representatives from Minister Flavell's office on Thursday morning.

This Aide Memoire gives an overview of the package of initiatives, with emphasis on issues raised in Thursday's discussion. These include the [33] and tourism. It also describes how we are approaching Vote Māori Development within the wider Budget process.

2017 Budget Initiatives for Vote Māori Development

The Minister for Māori Development has submitted [33], with a total cost of [33] operating per annum and \$14.9 million capital per annum. Of these [33] were accompanied by supporting information: a summary template and cost benefit analysis; in one instance a CBAX; [33]

In general terms, the [33] initiatives with supporting information are those which:

- the Minister communicated as priorities to Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK) in late 2016, and
- TPK is best placed to implement, either because they build on existing initiatives, or because they align with TPK's existing operating model.

All of the initiatives are discretionary, with the exception of two [33] [33] and [33] which are envisaged, in some form, in existing or pending legislation. [33] [33] is for the most part a cost pressure.

We do not have specific information on the origins or status of the I initiatives without supporting information. For these, we have been provided with a title, amount and paragraph description only.

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Budget Process for Vote Māori Development

In the two most recent Budgets, approximately \$25.0 million per annum has been invested in a package of Vote Māori Development initiatives. In Budget 2016, this amount was exclusive of \$6.0 million operating and \$6.2 million capital (plus larger amounts in a 2017/18 tagged contingency) for the MLS, which was channelled through the Business Growth Agenda (BGA) package.

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[33] and Te Ture Whenua Māori Reform Legislation Education Programme (9866). [33] and Strengthening and Promoting Māori Tourism (9796) have also been considered as part of the Safe and Skilled Workplaces (SSW) and Export Markets workstreams respectively.

None of these initiatives have been identified as priority areas for funding through the BGA process, and are therefore unlikely to be funded through the BGA stream. They now appear in Treasury's Budget package as possible initiatives for the "other" stream. This means that a Māori Development package of a similar value to previous years may require a greater number of trade-offs across initiatives.

Initiative Areas of Interest

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NEETs

The discussion between offices indicated that the Minister has a particular interest in contributing to the cross-government Budget package addressing NEETs. Reducing NEETs has been identified as a key outcome for the refresh of *He Kai Kei Aku Ringa*. There may be some overlap with the ^[33] and Passport to Life (9825) initiatives but these were submitted without supporting information.

SSW Ministers identified NEETs as a priority population, and directed MSD, MBIE and MoE officials to present a joined up package that could best address key issues for this group. This package is expected to be presented to Joint Ministers (Hon Bridges, Hon Tolley, and Hon Goldsmith) in early March. We understand that Minister Flavell is aware of this proposal, but may still seek to progress a separate initiative or series of initiatives.

Tourism

A third area of interest for the Minister is Māori tourism. The package includes an initiative seeking to increase funding for NZ Māori Tourism (NZMT). The funding will allow NZMT to develop the capability of Māori tourism operators. It is expected that the *Accelerator* programme, in particular, would further regional dispersal goals, one of the pillars of the government's tourism strategy.

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