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(Hon Steven Joyce)

Associate Minister of Finance
(Hon Simon Bridges)

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(Hon Amy Adams)

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(if any)

Aide Memoire: Data and Analytics Initiatives

The purpose of this briefing is to provide context for the Budget initiatives discussed in the advice from the Information Group (included in the Fiscal Issues pack).

It also outlines the funding remaining in the Data and Analytics contingency established in Budget 2016 and whether any Budget 2017 initiatives could be funded from it.

Data and analytics related budget bids submitted for Budget 2017

The following table supports the Information Group memo “Advice on data and analytics related budget bids submitted for Budget 2017”. It identifies that one (scaled) of the data and analytics initiatives are included in the emerging Budget packages.

Vote/Initiatives (\$m)	Draft Budget Packages
Social Development: Social Sector Data Exchange (SIU)	[33]
[33]	

[33]	
Vulnerable Children, Oranga Tamariki: Investment in the first technology enhancements and future technology design for MVCOT - Supplementary Information on the NGO System	Yes, scaled. The bid is included in the emerging Social Sector package. Comment: Fund advance components supported by GCIO.
[33]	
Internal Affairs: Transition to Digital Identity Market-Based Approach and maintaining RealMe services	[33] Comment: RealMe is going to SEC Wednesday 22 March.
[33]	

2016 Data and Analytics Contingency

Finance Ministers have expressed interest in the potential to use the remaining funding in the Data and Analytics contingency to fund data-related initiatives in Budget 2017. These are:

- Statistics Census Transformation initiative (\$4.5 million operating funding total), and
- Social Investment Unit/Treasury Data Exchange initiative [33] operating and \$4.8 million capital funding total).

There is currently **\$2.7 million** (potentially **\$3.0 million**) of operating funding and **\$5.4 million** capital funding remaining in the contingency.

This remaining funding is insufficient to cover either initiative in full. However the amount remaining could partially fund the operating requirements for the Census Transformation initiative, and the capital funding remaining could meet the capital requirements for the Data Exchange initiative.

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