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Date: 30 March 2017

To: Minister of Finance (Hon Steven Joyce)

Deadline: 1.30pm, Thursday 30 March 2017

## **Aide Memoire: Vote Maori Development Budget 2017 bilateral**

You are meeting with the Minister for Māori Development at 1.30pm today to discuss a package of initiatives for Budget 2017. The package was provided to your office on Wednesday evening.

We have reviewed the initiatives contained in the Minister's package, with reference to earlier submissions. In total across four years, the package seeks [33] Vote Māori Development and refers to an additional [33] "within or transferred from other Votes".

### *Māori Development Package*

The Māori Development package seeks a four year average of [33] per annum for Vote Māori Development: [33] reducing to [33] in 2020/21. It is not clear whether any outyear funding is sought. With regard to previous submissions we had seen:

- The package combines multiple individual initiatives and uses different titles. It is not possible to know whether the content and background information is the same or remains relevant - in most instances, the new description indicates significant changes.
- Eight initiatives have no supporting information. In general, these initiatives are for activities not provided by Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK) at present, which carries delivery risk. We cannot be confident that TPK has the capacity to deliver these initiatives.
- One initiative is completely new [33] another relates to funding Cabinet has already agreed, and a number of previously discussed initiatives have been excluded, [33] [33] with which the Treasury has an involvement.

*Funding from Other Votes*

We have not previously seen the table of funding from other Votes and have not been able to verify the values, initiatives or possible agreements it contains. We do however, have contextual information on the two largest values:

[33] [37]

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