

# The Treasury

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[40]	Not in scope	

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# Vote Māori Development - Budget 2017 links to other Votes

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No.	Bid name	"From within or transfers from other VOTEs"					4YT	Avg	Minister's Description	Treasury Comment
		2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21					

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9866	Te Ture Whenua post-enactment implementation	-	-	-	-	-	-	[33]	
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9821	Te Mana o te Wai	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	0.8	Outyears funding to be funded by Water Allocation Fund, for all entities under Te Mana o Te Wai kaupapa, from VOTE Environment. Joint responsibility for overall fund with MfMD / Min Environment	We cannot find any record of a Water Allocation Fund in the estimates for Vote Environment. A possible alternative - for which the Minister's proposal would be within scope - is the Freshwater Improvement Fund, agreed as part of Budget 2016 (\$100 million over 10 years).
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9796	New Zealand Māori Tourism (NZMT)	[33]						Development of a Māori historical tours trail initiative, [33]	This initiative appears to be seeking new funding from Vote Business, Science and Innovation (Vote Tourism no longer exists). We have not found reference to an existing appropriation or fund related to historical trails. If Ministers are considering a 'cycle trail', some funding may be available through the Vote Business, Science & Innovation, Tourism Facilities Multi Category Appropriation, National Cycleway Fund - Development and Extension of Ngā Haerenga, The New Zealand Cycle Trail category. However, this would need to be assessed against the scope statement of that appropriation on a case-by-case basis. Note, \$2.0 million would provide approximately 15-20km of standard cycle trails.
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9825	Passport to Life	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	8.0	2.0	\$8m additional ring-fenced from NEETS contingency	The NEETS contingency has been signalled as a post-Budget announcement, with a number of design elements still to be confirmed. Relevant Ministers were advised the following as part of their Budget package letters: "The intention is for this [the NEETS contingency] to be held as a multi-agency tagged contingency recognising the need to develop a clear operational model using a joined-up approach with a strong evaluation design. Further work is required on designing the process and criteria for drawing down on the contingency fund."  Formalising a ring-fenced component for Vote Māori Development would require an additional Cabinet recommendation.
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