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To: Minister of Finance (Hon Steven Joyce)

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(if any)

## Aide Memoire: Briefing for meeting with Hon Alfred Ngaro

Hon Alfred Ngaro (Minister for Pacific Peoples and Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector) has asked to meet with you to discuss budget initiatives in his two portfolios. A meeting has been scheduled for 7.15 p.m. on Tuesday 11 April. This aide memoire provides brief background material ahead of that meeting.

### Community and Voluntary Sector

The Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector is responsible for appropriations in Vote Internal Affairs totalling \$21.4 million in 2016/17, which includes \$17.8 million for community funding grant schemes and \$3.6 million for grant administration. This supports community and voluntary organisations to become stronger, more cohesive and resilient.

The Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector submitted two initiatives in the Budget 2017 process, as set out below:

Initiative	Description	Final Budget 2017 package
<p>Programme to develop prosperous and more resilient communities</p> <p>( [33] per year from 2017/18)</p> <p>[34], [33]</p>	<p>Increase funding for community and voluntary organisations to support the development of prosperous and more resilient communities.</p>	<p><b>Not included</b></p> <p>The proposal is to increase funding for existing grant schemes, but in our view it is not clear that high quality bids are missing out on funding at present.</p>

## Pacific Peoples

The Minister for Pacific Peoples is responsible for appropriations totalling \$9.9 million in 2016/17, which includes \$7.1 million for policy advice and ministerial services, and the remainder (\$2.8 million) for services to support Pacific peoples to succeed.

The Minister for Pacific Peoples' three Budget 2017 initiatives are set out below:

[38]		
Investing in more successful Pacific peoples [33]	Building the capability and capacity of the Ministry for Pacific Peoples following a PIF review, including:	Request for additional policy and research capability aligns with the findings of recent PIF review, but the existing operating model is not described, so it is difficult to assess if existing resources can be repurposed.

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