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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2017: General Matters

Portfolio **Finance**

On 18 April 2017, Cabinet:

- 1 **agreed** that:
 - 1.1 proposals for funding from the between-Budget contingencies must be for urgent issues that cannot be deferred to Budget 2018;
 - 1.2 Ministers will be expected to demonstrate that they have exhausted their search for opportunities to fund the initiative through reprioritisation of lower value activities;
- 2 **agreed** that no papers with fiscal and/or appropriation implications for agreement by Cabinet or Cabinet committees be submitted between 18 April 2017 and 25 May 2017 so that Budget documentation is accurate;
- 3 **noted** that all communications relating to Budget 2017 are coordinated by a Budget communications committee, and that any requests for early announcement will need to have both the written approval of the Minister of Finance and sign-off from the Prime Minister's office.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Secretary's note: *This minute reproduces a number of Cabinet's decisions on the Budget 2017 package that affect all Ministers and departments [CAB-17-MIN-0185]. It has been issued for the information of all Ministers and Chief Executives.*

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