

# The Treasury

## Budget 2017 Information Release

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## 2017 Budget Package: Vote Arts, Culture and Heritage (Technical Initiatives)

- 1 **approve** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2017 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative documents;

### Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

#### Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
10037	Heritage Property Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
9966	Radio New Zealand Building Sale	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.700</b>

#### Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
10037	Heritage Property Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
9966	Radio New Zealand Building Sale	(7.000)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>(7.000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

- 2 **agree** to establish new appropriations where required to implement these initiatives, as described in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approve** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **approve** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 5 **authorise** the Minister of Finance and the Appropriation Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2016/17 Supplementary Estimates, the 2017/18 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 6 **authorise** the chief executives of departments that monitor Crown entities directly affected by decisions in this minute to inform the chair and/or chief executive of a Crown entity, on a budget-in-confidence-until-budget-day basis, of decisions that directly affect that Crown entity for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent;
- 7 **note** that all communications relating to the 2017 Budget are co-ordinated 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;

**Vote:** Arts, Culture and Heritage

**Title:** Heritage Property Transfers

**Description:** Enables the transfer of Heritage Properties between the Department of Conservation and Heritage New Zealand as a result of a heritage property rationalisation review jointly undertaken by the Department of Conservation, Heritage New Zealand, and the Ministry for Arts, Culture and Heritage. The review identified a number of sites to transfer between the Department of Conservation and Heritage New Zealand, including Old Government Buildings Historic Reserve and Turnbull House Historic Reserve.

### New Appropriation Approval

Name	Period	Type	Category Name	Scope
Transfer of Heritage Properties to Heritage New Zealand	Annual	Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure	N/A	This appropriation is limited to a capital injection into Heritage New Zealand by the way of a transfer of heritage properties from the Crown.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	25.000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.000</b>	-	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Transfer of Heritage Properties to Heritage New Zealand	25.000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>25.000</b>	-	-	-	-

### Additional Recommendations

- 8 **approve** the transfer from the Department of Conservation to Heritage New Zealand of Old Government Buildings and Turnbull House;
- 9 **note** that the transfers described above are made possible by an increase in the Crown's equity in Heritage New Zealand and a commensurate reduction in the Crown's assets;

- 10 **note** that the dates of the transfers of heritage assets described above between the Department of Conservation and Heritage New Zealand are to be determined by the Appropriation Minister;
- 11 **note** that the transfer of one or both of the heritage assets described above, while expected to proceed in the 2016/17 financial year, may be delayed until the 2017/18 financial year;
- 12 **authorise** the in-principle expense transfer of the above appropriation from 2016/17 to 2017/18, in the event of the delay described above, with the Minister of Finance and the Appropriation Minister jointly to approve the final amount for transfer in the 2017 October Baseline Update, following completion of the final audited 2016/17 financial statements;
- 13 **note** that further heritage assets may be identified as suitable for transfer following completion of consultation, namely Brunner Industrial Site, [33]  
Gabriel Read Memorial Site, Whangamarino Redoubt, Clifden Bridge, and Springvale Bridge;
- 14 **authorise** the Minister of Finance and the Appropriation Minister jointly to approve the transfer of the further heritage assets described above.

**Vote:** Arts, Culture and Heritage

**Title:** Radio New Zealand Building Sale

**Description:** Fiscally neutral capital to operating swap, to provide for ongoing Radio New Zealand cost pressures, made possible through sale of Radio New Zealand's Auckland property and the return of net sale proceeds to the Crown.

### Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700
Debt Impact	(7.000)	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(6.300)</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.700</b>

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
<b>Capital Receipt:</b>					
Sale of Radio New Zealand House	7.000	-	-	-	-
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Public Broadcasting Services	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.700</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>(7.000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Additional Recommendations

15 note that in April 2017 Radio New Zealand's Auckland property was sold and the net sale proceeds were returned to the Crown.