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2017 Budget Package: Vote Environment (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
9979	Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund	-	1.022	(0.511)	(0.511)	-
10021	Contestable Waste Minimisation Fund	-	5.000	5.000	(5.000)	(5.000)
10022	Realignment of Funding Between Departmental Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	6.022	4.489	(5.511)	(5.000)

- 2 **approve** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **agree** that the proposed changes to appropriations above be included in the 2016/17 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 4 **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;
- 5 **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: Environment

Title: Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund

Description: Transfer of funding from 2018/19 and 2019/20 to 2017/18 to meet the shortfall in funding to cover the remediation of the Kopeopeo Canal project.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.022	(0.511)	(0.511)	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.022	(0.511)	(0.511)	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expense:					
Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund	-	1.022	(0.511)	(0.511)	-
Total Operating	-	1.022	(0.511)	(0.511)	-

Vote: Environment

Title: Contestable Waste Minimisation Fund

Description: Transfer of funding from 2019/20 and 2020/21 to 2017/18 and 2018/19 to fund expected major projects from the Contestable Waste Minimisation Fund.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					2021/22 & Outyears
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
Operating Balance Impact	-	5.000	5.000	(5.000)	(5.000)	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	5.000	5.000	(5.000)	(5.000)	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					2021/22 & Outyears
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:						-
Contestable Waste Minimisation Fund	-	5.000	5.000	(5.000)	(5.000)	-
Total Operating	-	5.000	5.000	(5.000)	(5.000)	-

Vote: Environment

Title: Realignment of Funding Between Departmental Appropriations

Description: Realignment of funding between departmental appropriations to reflect the expected work programmes.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
Environmental Management Obligations and Programmes					
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Domestic Obligations and Programmes (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.100)	(0.100)	(0.100)	(0.100)
Improving Environmental Management					
Departmental Output Expense:					
Developing and Implementing Treaty Settlements and Environmental Accords Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800
Marine Environment Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.250	1.250	1.250	1.250
Resource Management Implementation (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.150	1.150	1.150	1.150
Resource Management Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.300)	(2.300)	(2.300)	(2.300)
Water Management Implementation (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(3.400)	(3.400)	(3.400)	(3.400)
Water Management Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.550	1.550	1.550	1.550
Mitigating Environmental Hazards and Waste					
Departmental Output Expense:					
Environmental Hazards and Waste Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)

Climate Change					
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Domestic Climate Change Programme Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.850	1.850	1.850	1.850
International Climate Change Programme Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-