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2017 Budget Package: Vote Foreign Affairs and Trade (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 document;

Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative document:

Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
9902	Transfer to fund New Zealand Story	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	-
Total Operating		-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	-

- 2 **approve** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **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;
- 4 **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: Foreign Affairs and Trade

Title: Transfer to fund New Zealand Story

Description: New Zealand Story was initiated in 2013, funded through the baselines of New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, Tourism New Zealand, Education NZ, Te Puni Kokiri, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Ministry for Primary Industries. To improve the visibility of spending, the funding for 2017/18 to 2019/20 will be through transfers from appropriations of funding agencies into the Support the Growth and Development of New Zealand Firms, Sectors and Regions multi-category appropriation - Collaborative Activity and Special Events category.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Policy Advice and Representation - Other Countries (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	-
Total Operating	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	-