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2017 Budget Package: Vote Internal Affairs (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
9999	National Library and Archives New Zealand: Sale and Leaseback of Land to Taranaki Whānui	-	0.580	0.580	0.580	0.580
Total Operating		-	0.580	0.580	0.580	0.580

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
9998	Archives New Zealand: Christchurch Regional Office Relocation	(7.000)	7.000	-	-	-
9999	National Library and Archives New Zealand: Sale and Leaseback of land to Taranaki Whānui	(37.000)	-	-	-	-
10029	Transfer of Balance Sheet efficiencies	(10.000)	10.000	-	-	-
Total Capital		(54.000)	17.000	-	-	-

- 2 **approve** changes to appropriations and the capital injections to the administering department to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approve** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **agree** that the proposed changes to appropriations and capital injections for 2016/17 above be included in the 2016/17 Supplementary Estimates;
- 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 **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: Internal Affairs

Title: Archives New Zealand: Christchurch Regional Office Relocation

Description: This initiative proposes a capital transfer and an in-principle capital transfer from 2016/17 to 2017/18 due to delays associated with the construction of the new Archives New Zealand building in Christchurch.

Appropriation Changes

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

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
Department of Internal Affairs - Capital Injection	(7.000)	7.000	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	(7.000)	7.000	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

7. **note** that potential delays in the implementation of the new Archives New Zealand building in Christchurch require the in-principle transfer of up to \$3.600 million of capital from 2016/17 to 2017/18;
8. **authorise** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Internal Affairs jointly to determine the final amount to be transferred, following completion of the 2016/17 audited financial statements, with no impact on debt;

Vote: Internal Affairs

Title: National Library and Archives New Zealand: Sale and Leaseback of Land to Taranaki Whānui

Description: This initiative proposes a voluntary capital withdrawal and increased funding for the additional operating costs associated with the sale-and-leaseback of land agreement between the Department of Internal Affairs and Taranaki Whānui, following the Crown's Treaty settlement with Taranaki Whānui.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.580	0.580	0.580	0.580
Debt Impact	(37.000)	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(37.000)	0.580	0.580	0.580	0.580

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Capital Injection:					
Department of Internal Affairs - Capital Injection	(37.000)	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
Civic Information Services					
Departmental Output Expense:					
Managing and Accessing Knowledge Information (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.580	0.580	0.580	0.580
Total Operating	-	0.580	0.580	0.580	0.580
Total Capital	(37.000)	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

9. **note** that as part of the Crown's Treaty settlement with Taranaki Whānui, the Department of Internal Affairs intends to enter into a sale-and-leaseback of land agreement with Taranaki Whānui;
10. **note** that the Department of Internal Affairs has surplus capital arising from settlement of the land sale to Taranaki Whānui as part of their Treaty settlement;

11. **note** that the table above provides for the capital withdrawal of \$37.000 million from the Department of Internal Affairs, reflecting the circumstance described in recommendation 10 above, and additional operating costs of up to \$0.580 million per annum associated with the leaseback of land agreement between the Department of Internal Affairs and Taranaki Whānui; and
12. **authorise** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Internal Affairs jointly to determine the final amounts of the voluntary capital withdrawal and additional operating costs of the leaseback of land agreement, and amend the appropriations accordingly, following determination of the final sale value.

Vote: Internal Affairs

Title: Transfer of Balance Sheet efficiencies

Description: This initiative proposes a capital transfer to ensure that capital funds are available for the Department's future asset replacement programme, following the Department using cash on their Balance Sheet in 2016/17 rather than drawing down on available capital injections.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	(10.000)	10.000	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(10.000)	10.000	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Capital Injection:					
Department of Internal Affairs - Capital Injection	(10.000)	10.000	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	(10.000)	10.000	-	-	-