

# The Treasury

## Budget 2017 Information Release

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## 2017 Budget Package: Vote Justice (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
9905	New Zealand Crime and Victims Survey Funding Realignment	(1.380)	0.300	0.600	0.480	-
9907	Victims' Services Carry Forward of Underspend	(1.334)	1.334	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>(2.714)</b>	<b>1.634</b>	<b>0.600</b>	<b>0.480</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
9997	Maori Land Service Capital Transfer to the Ministry of Justice	0.500	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>0.500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

- 2 **approve** changes to appropriations and the capital injections to the administering department (where applicable) to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **agree** that the proposed changes to appropriations and capital injections for 2016/17 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; and

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** Maori Land Service Capital Transfer to Vote Justice

**Description:** The Ministry of Justice requires some capital costs for work on the Maori Land Service. A capital injection of \$6.2 million was approved for Te Puni Kokiri through Budget 2016. A portion of this will be transferred to the Ministry of Justice. Capital charge associated with the funding will be transferred to Vote Courts, including for outyears.

### Appropriation Changes

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
<b>Capital Injections:</b>					
Ministry of Justice - Capital Injection	0.500	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>0.500</b>	-	-	-	-

### Additional Recommendations

- 6 **note** that this initiative is offset by initiative 9955 in Vote Maori Development and so overall this transaction is fiscally neutral.

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** New Zealand Crime and Victims Survey Funding Realignment

**Description:** The New Zealand Crime and Victims Survey now replaces the New Zealand Crime and Safety Survey (NZCASS). Whilst NZCASS was carried out at irregular intervals, the new survey will be run annually. This initiative ensures that the funding is phased to support the regular timing of the survey.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	(1.380)	0.300	0.600	0.480	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1.380)</b>	<b>0.300</b>	<b>0.600</b>	<b>0.480</b>	<b>-</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Sector Leadership and Support (funded by revenue Crown)	(1.380)	0.300	0.600	0.480	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(1.380)</b>	<b>0.300</b>	<b>0.600</b>	<b>0.480</b>	<b>-</b>

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** Victims' Services Carry Forward of Underspend

**Description:** Providing support to the victims of crime is primarily funded through the offender levy cash collected. The Sentencing (Offender Levy) Amendment Act 2009 states that offender levy revenue can only be spent on the victims of crime. For this reason, any underspend must be carried forward and spent on victims' services. This initiative transfers current year underspend to ensure existing grants and services can be maintained in the next financial year.

**Appropriation Changes**

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21 &amp; Outyears</b>
Operating Balance Impact	(1.334)	1.334	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1.334)</b>	<b>1.334</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21 &amp; Outyears</b>
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expense:</b>					
Victims' Services	(1.334)	1.334	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(1.334)</b>	<b>1.334</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>