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2017 Budget Package: Vote Lands (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
9981	Increased Revenue from Land Information New Zealand Operational Activities	3.125	-	-	-	-
9974	Transfer of Open Government and Information Data Programme to Vote Statistics	(2.000)	(1.900)	(1.700)	(1.600)	-
Total Operating		1.125	(1.900)	(1.700)	(1.600)	-

- 2 **approve** changes to appropriations 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 above be included in the 2016/17 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 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; and

Vote: Lands

Title: Increased Revenue from Land Information New Zealand Operational Activities

Description: This funding will contribute to Land Information New Zealand operational activities that are funded by third party revenue.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	3.125	-	-	-	-
Total	3.125	-	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense: Administering the Overseas Investment Regime (funded by revenue Other)	0.200	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure Location Based Information					
Departmental Output Expense: Land Information New Zealand Location Based Information Infrastructure (funded by revenue Dept)	0.425	-	-	-	-
Property Rights					
Departmental Output Expense: The Survey and Title system (funded by revenue Other)	2.500	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	3.125	-	-	-	-

Vote: Lands

Title: Transfer of Open Government and Information Data Programme to Vote Statistics

Description: This initiative supports the transfer of funding for the Open Government and Information Data programme from Vote Lands to Vote Statistics.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	(2.000)	(1.900)	(1.700)	(1.600)	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(2.000)	(1.900)	(1.700)	(1.600)	-

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
Location Based Information					
Departmental Output Expense:					
Leading the New Zealand geospatial strategy (funded by revenue Crown)	(2.000)	(1.900)	(1.700)	(1.600)	-
Total Operating	(2.000)	(1.900)	(1.700)	(1.600)	-

Additional Recommendation

7 **note** that this fiscally neutral transfer is offset in Vote Statistics, initiative ID 9958.