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2017 Budget Package: Vote State Services (Technical Initiative)

- 1 **approve** the Budget initiative 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
10016	Transition of the Leadership Development Centre's Functions to the State Services Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	-	-	-	-

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
10016	Transition of the Leadership Development Centre's Functions to the State Services Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital		-	-	-	-	-

- 2 **approve** changes to appropriation to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approve** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 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 **authorise** the chief executives of departments that monitor Crown entities directly affected by decisions in this minute to inform the chair and/or chief executive of a Crown entity, on a budget-in-confidence-until-budget-day basis, of decisions that directly affect that Crown entity for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent;
- 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;

Initiative No: 10016**Vote:** State Services**Title:** Transition of the Leadership Development Centre's Functions to the State Services Commission**Description:** This initiative provides for the State Services Commission subsuming the activities currently undertaken by the Learning Development Centre and its net assets effective 1 July 2017.**New Appropriation Approval**

Name	Period	Type	Category Name	Scope
Policy Advice and Management of the Public Management System	Annual	Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	N/A	The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support decision making by Ministers on Government policy matters and leading the Public Management System.
			Public Management System Policy Advice	This category is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributions to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on government policy matters relating to the Public Management System.
			Management of the Public Management System	This category is limited to ensuring the Public Management System has the design, capability and performance to deliver public services.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	4.800	3.300	3.300	3.300
Total	-	4.800	3.300	3.300	3.300

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Capital Injection:					
State Services Commission - Capital Injection	-	1.500	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
Policy Advice and Management of the Public Management System					
Departmental Output Expense:					
Management of the Public Management System (funded by revenue Other)	-	3.300	3.300	3.300	3.300
Total Operating	-	3.300	3.300	3.300	3.300
Total Capital	-	1.500	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 7 **note** that the Learning Development Centre Trust will be wound up and that this is expected to occur in the first quarter of 2017/18;
- 8 **note** that the departmental capital injection into the State Services Commission is offset by the wind up of the Learning Development Centre and is therefore fiscally neutral; and
- 9 **note** that the activities undertaken by the Learning Development Centre will be undertaken by the State Services Commission and will continue to be fully funded by third parties (both departments and others) and is therefore fiscally neutral;