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2017 Budget Package: Vote Statistics (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
9924	Transfer of Regional Gross Domestic Product Funding to 2017/18	(0.600)	0.600	-	-	-
9958	Transfer of Open Data Programme to Vote Statistics	2.000	1.900	1.700	1.600	-
9959	Transfer of Integrated Data Infrastructure Component of DatArcade to Outyears	(1.800)	0.929	0.671	0.200	-
9960	Transfer of Open Data Programme to Outyears	(2.000)	0.767	0.667	0.566	-
Total Operating		(2.400)	4.196	3.038	2.366	-

- 2 **approve** changes to appropriations and to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **agree** that the proposed changes to appropriations for 2016/17 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.

Vote: Statistics

Title: Transfer of Regional Gross Domestic Product Funding to 2017/18

Description: On 17 October 2016, the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee (CAB-16-MIN-0530 and EGI-16-MIN-0257) approved \$1.000 million in 2016/17 for the provision of an additional year of final regional gross domestic product estimates. Due to timing differences, \$0.600 million is transferred to 2017/18.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	(0.600)	0.600	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(0.600)	0.600	-	-	-

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
Official Statistics					
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.600)	0.600	-	-	-
Total Operating	(0.600)	0.600	-	-	-

Vote: Statistics

Title: Transfer of Open Data Programme to Vote Statistics

Description: On 13 March 2017 Investment Ministers approved \$7.200 million over 4 years from the Budget 2016 Data and Analytics Contingency (CAB-16-MIN-0189) for a work programme to accelerate the release of open data. Following consideration on how best to position open data capability for success, the programme will be transferred 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					
Official Statistics					
Departmental Output Expense:					
Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Activities (funded by revenue Crown)	2.000	1.900	1.700	1.600	-
Total Operating	2.000	1.900	1.700	1.600	-

Additional Recommendation

6 **note** that this fiscally neutral transfer is offset in Vote Lands, initiative ID 9974.

Vote: Statistics

Title: Transfer of Integrated Data Infrastructure Component of DatArcade to Outyears

Description: On 13 March 2017 Investment Ministers approved \$7.000 million over 4 years from the Budget 2016 Data and Analytics Contingency (CAB-16-MIN-0189) to improve access to data through enhancements to the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI). Due to timing differences, \$1.800 million is transferred from 2016/17 to outyears.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	(1.800)	0.929	0.671	0.200	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(1.800)	0.929	0.671	0.200	-

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
Official Statistics					
Departmental Output Expense:					
Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Activities (funded by revenue Crown)	(1.800)	0.929	0.671	0.200	-
Total Operating	(1.800)	0.929	0.671	0.200	-

Vote: Statistics

Title: Transfer of Open Data Programme to Outyears

Description: On 13 March 2017 Investment Ministers approved \$7.200 million over 4 years from the Budget 2016 Data and Analytics Contingency (CAB-16-MIN-0189) for a work programme to accelerate the release of open data. Due to timing differences, \$2.000 million is transferred from 2016/17 to outyears.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	(2.000)	0.767	0.667	0.566	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(2.000)	0.767	0.667	0.566	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
Official Statistics					
Departmental Output Expense:					
Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Activities (funded by revenue Crown)	(2.000)	0.767	0.667	0.566	-
Total Operating	(2.000)	0.767	0.667	0.566	-