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Annex - Stages of initiative assessment and decision-making

	Treasury vote team assessment	Treasury draft package	Budget Ministers	Cabinet
Support for Initiative	✓	?	?	?
Description	All initiatives are assessed and moderated by Treasury vote teams. These assessments are used to support the development of draft packages for each workstream.	The Treasury will develop a draft Budget package based on Treasury vote team assessments. This will help to reveal the significant trade-offs and choices required to remain within allowances across both cost pressures and manifesto commitments.	The Budget Ministers meeting series is the key decision-making mechanism for Budget 2018. It provides an opportunity to look across portfolios/work streams to prioritise initiatives and bring together the overall Budget package alongside updated forecasts and the Government's fiscal strategy.	The Minister of Finance will take a paper to Cabinet to get approval of the final Budget 2018 package.
Timing	All vote team assessments will be completed by Friday 23 February . Lists of the Treasury vote team supported initiatives by workstream will be provided ahead of the workstream meetings .	Early draft packages for each workstream will be completed by the week of Monday 5 March .	Budget Ministers 2 is scheduled for 19 March where the draft packages for each work stream will be discussed. Budget Ministers 3 and 4 will be in late March and Early April .	The Budget 2018 Cabinet paper will be lodged on Thursday 5 April .