

# The Treasury

## Budget 2018 Information Release

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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### 2018 Budget Technical Financial Recommendations: Vote Arts, Culture and Heritage

On 3 April 2018, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiative for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2018 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)				
		2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
10616	Addressing Outstanding Financial Matters Related to the Dominion Museum Building	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	-	-	-	-

- 2 **approved** the recommendations to give effect to the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **authorised** 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 2017/18 Supplementary Estimates, the 2018/19 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 4 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2018 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.

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet

#### Hard-copy distribution:

Prime Minister  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister of Finance

**Vote:** Arts, Culture and Heritage

**Title:** Addressing Outstanding Financial Matters Related to the Dominion Museum Building

**Description:** This initiative provides Crown funding to the Ministry for Culture and Heritage to restore its equity position and meet obligations related to the lease of the Dominion Museum Building as they become due.

## Recommendations

- 5 **noted** that the Ministry for Culture and Heritage recorded unappropriated expenditure in the 2016/17 year due to the recognition of a contractual commitment to make-good the Dominion Museum Building at the end of its current lease;
- 6 **noted** that the unappropriated expenditure described in paragraph 5 above is expected to be authorised by the Appropriation (2016/17 Confirmation and Validation) Bill, which is currently before Parliament;
- 7 **noted** that as there was no revenue source associated with the expense referred to in paragraph 5 above, the Ministry for Culture and Heritage recorded a negative net worth position as at 30 June 2017;
- 8 **approved** an increase in Revenue Crown of \$7.599 million to the departmental output expense First World War Centenary for 2017/18, with no increase to appropriations and accordingly no impact on the operating balance;
- 9 **noted** that due to the increase in Revenue Crown approved in paragraph 8 above, the Ministry for Culture and Heritage will record a surplus for 2017/18;
- 10 **noted** that recording a surplus for 2017/18 will effectively cancel out the deficit recorded in 2016/17, with the result that the Ministry for Culture and Heritage's equity position is expected to be positive at 30 June 2018;
- 11 **agreed** that the 2017/18 surplus referred to in paragraph 9 above is retained;
- 12 **noted** that this funding will also enable the Ministry for Culture and Heritage to meet its obligations related to the lease of the Dominion Museum Building as they become due;
- 13 **noted** that the Ministry for Culture and Heritage will hold the additional Crown funding as debtor Crown, to be drawn down when required under the terms agreed with the lessor of the Dominion Museum Building.