

# The Treasury

## Budget 2018 Information Release

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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### 2018 Budget Technical Financial Recommendations: Vote Official Development Assistance

On 3 April 2018, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives 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 initiative 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
10479	Combine two existing annual appropriations into one single new three-year MYA and one single annual appropriation	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	-	-	-	-

- 2 **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement these initiatives, as described in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 4 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 6 **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;

- 7 **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

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Prime Minister  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister of Finance

**Vote:** Official Development Assistance

**Title:** Combine two existing annual appropriations into one single new three-year MYA and one single annual appropriation

**Description:** This initiative provides for the establishment of a single new MYA, International Development Cooperation, for the triennium 2018/19 to 2020/21, combining and transferring the funding from the two existing annual appropriations, International Agency Funding and International Development Assistance, to the new MYA. The three year value of the transfer is \$1,754.041 million. This also provides for the establishment of a single new annual appropriation, International Development Cooperation.

### New appropriation approvals

Name	Period	Type	Category Name	Scope
International Development Cooperation	Multi-Year Appropriation Start: 1/07/2018 Finish: 30/06/2021 Amount (\$m): 1,754.041	Non-Departmental Other Expenses	N/A	This appropriation is limited to providing development cooperation and humanitarian assistance that support the sustainable development and welfare of Pacific Island and developing countries.
International Development Cooperation	Annual	Non-Departmental Other Expenses	N/A	This appropriation is limited to providing development cooperation and humanitarian assistance that support the sustainable development and welfare of Pacific Island and developing countries.

### Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</b>					
International Agency Funding	-	(100.000)	(100.000)	(100.000)	(100.000)
International Development Assistance	-	(482.569)	(485.569)	(485.903)	(485.903)
International Development Cooperation (MYA)	-	582.569	585.569	585.903	-
International Development Cooperation	-	-	-	-	585.903
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Additional recommendations**

- 6 **noted** that the scope of the "International Development Cooperation" (MYA) permits funding for all development activities in the Pacific, including in Pacific countries which may achieve high-income status and be removed retrospectively from the list of Official Development Assistance eligible countries under the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development definition;
- 7 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to approve the transfer of any unexpended year-end balance of the "International Agency Funding" (MYA) and "International Development Assistance" (MYA) expiring on 30 June 2018, into the "International Development Cooperation" (MYA) that comes into force on 1 July 2018, with any transfers to be requested as part of the usual process for in-principle expense transfers, and to be confirmed in the 2018 October Baseline Update;
- 8 **agreed** the "International Development Cooperation" (MYA) is adjusted by \$1,754.041 million;
- 9 **noted** that amounts shown in the appropriations changes table for the International Development Cooperation" (MYA) is the indicative annual spending profile.