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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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2018 Budget Technical Financial Recommendations: Vote Tertiary Education

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 documents:

Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

| Initiative ID | Initiative Name | \$m - increase/(decrease) | | | | |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| | | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 & Outyears |
| 10490 | Pasifika Education Centre: Funding Transfer | (0.563) | - | - | - | - |
| Total Operating | | (0.563) | - | - | - | - |

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 4 **agreed** that the proposed change to appropriations for 2017/18 above be included in the 2017/18 Supplementary Estimates
- 5 **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;
- 6 **authorised** 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;

- 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
Minister of Education

Initiative No: 10490

Vote: Tertiary Education

Title: Pasifika Education Centre: Funding Transfer

Description: This initiative provides for a transfer of funding from Vote Tertiary Education to Vote Pacific Peoples for the Ministry for Pacific Peoples to support and monitor the Pasifika Education Centre's (PEC's) non-educational outputs from 1 October 2018 until the end of the 2019 academic year. This is because PEC's community-based Pacific language and cultural education and training activities align more closely with the role of the Ministry for Pacific Peoples than the functions of the Tertiary Education Commission.

Appropriation changes

| | Sm - increase/(decrease) | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 & Outyears |
| Operating Balance Impact | (0.563) | - | - | - | - |
| Debt Impact | - | - | - | - | - |
| No Impact | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | (0.563) | - | - | - | - |

| | Sm - increase/(decrease) | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 & Outyears |
| Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: | | | | | |
| Tertiary Tuition and Training (MCA) | | | | | |
| <i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i> | | | | | |
| Community Education | (0.563) | - | - | - | - |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Tertiary Tuition and Training (MCA) | (0.563) | - | - | - | - |
| Total Operating | (0.563) | - | - | - | - |

Additional recommendations

- 8 **noted** that the Ministry for Pacific Peoples will undertake policy work in 2018/19 to scope options and provide advice on how the Government's Pacific languages priorities can be achieved, with funding for activity beyond 2019 to be considered in the context of Budget 2019;
- 9 **noted** that this adjustment is fully offset by an increase in Vote Pacific Peoples (Initiative 10491 refers).