

# The Treasury

## Budget 2018 Information Release

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## Minute of Decision

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### 2018 Budget Package: Vote Treaty Negotiations

On 9 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 documents;

#### 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
10142	Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011: Determination of Interests and Implementation	-	2.865	8.640	-	-
10150	Relativity Mechanism Dispute Resolution	-	2.300	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>5.165</b>	<b>8.640</b>	-	-

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **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;

- 5 **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 for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

## Initiative No: 10142

- Vote:** Treaty Negotiations
- Title:** Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011: Determination of Interests and Implementation
- Description:** This funding will provide for the investigation of increased volumes of applications for customary rights under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 and for payment associated with implementing Foreshore and Seabed Deeds of Agreement.

## Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	2.865	8.640	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>2.865</b>	<b>8.640</b>	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</b>					
Contribution Toward Determining Customary Interests in the Marine and Coastal Area	-	-	5.000	-	-
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expense:</i>					
Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.865	3.640	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>2.865</b>	<b>8.640</b>	-	-

## Additional recommendations

- 6 **agreed** in-principle to transfer up to \$7.500 million unspent funding in the non-departmental other expense appropriation "Contribution Toward Determining Customary Interests in the Marine and Coastal Area" from 2017/18 into 2018/19 to ensure sufficient funding to provide financial assistance for the increased number of applicants under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011;
- 7 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations jointly to determine the final amount to be transferred, following completion of the 2017/18 audited financial statements, with no impact on the operating balance.

## Initiative No: 10150

**Vote:** Treaty Negotiations

**Title:** Relativity Mechanism Dispute Resolution

**Description:** This funding will enable the Crown to participate in the resolution of disputes arising from the Relativity Mechanisms included in the historical Treaty settlements with Waikato-Tainui and Ngāi Tahu.

## Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	2.300	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>2.300</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expense:</i>					
Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.300	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>2.300</b>	-	-	-