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Budget Ministers' meeting

COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) – Round 2

24 June 2020

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Overview of the CRRF so far

- At the Budget Ministers meeting of 17 June, we agreed on a Round Two envelope of \$3.0 billion to cover cost pressure bids and Wave Three initiatives, as presented to the CRRF Round Two process.
- We agreed to hold the remaining \$15bn of the CRRF as a fiscal buffer for managing possible unexpected future events.
- Since 11 May, Cabinet has approved \$2.3 billion of funding from CRRF. Further, the following significant initiatives may be charged against the CRRF but considered by Cabinet separately from the Round Two package:

Portfolio	Title	Total funding (\$m)
Economic Development	Further funding for Regional Business Partner Network (agreed to by DEV “subject to the decisions by Budget Ministers on the next COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund round”	40

[25]

[40]

CRRF Round Two – cost pressures

- I propose allocating \$2.0 billion of the CRRF to cost pressures.
- This enables us to maintain essential public services, and ensure that our COVID-19 responses continue to be robust.
- Further detail on the initiatives proposed for funding are set out in the Annex.

Package (figures in \$m)	Total opex	Total capex
Business, Science and Innovation	[33]	-
Conservation		-
Corrections		[33]
Customs	-	
Defence Force	[33]	-
Education		[33]
Foreign Affairs and Trade		-
Health		[33]
Justice		
Labour Market		
Lands		-
Prime Minister and Cabinet		[33]
Social Development		
Tertiary Education		-
Transport		[33]
Women		-
Total		[33]

CRRF Round Two – Wave 3 initiatives

- I propose allocating \$1.1 billion of the CRRF to Wave Three initiatives from Round Two bids.
- This package focuses on the areas that we agreed at the previous Budget Ministers meeting, and also signals our direction for parts of the economy.
- Further detail on the initiatives proposed for funding are set out in the Annex.

Package (figures in \$m)	Total opex	Total capex
Energy	[33]	-
Environment (3 Waters)		-
Housing		[33]
International education		-
Waste		[33]
Total		-

Next steps

Process and timeline:

- 24 June: Budget Ministers meeting 2 (this meeting)
- 25 June: Inform Ministers and agencies of Budget Ministers' decisions on their submitted initiatives
- 25 June-3 July: Finalising financial recommendations; writing and lodging Cabinet paper
- 6 July: Cabinet meeting to make decisions on Round Two bids
- Early July: Announcements of expenditure and programmes if agreed.

Questions

- Do you agree with the size of the envelope of \$3.0 billion?
- Do you agree to a cost pressure package of \$2 billion covering the proposed initiatives?
- Do you agree to a Wave Three package of \$1.1 billion covering the proposed initiatives?
- Do you agree to the proposed timeline?