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- [38] 9(2)(j) - to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice
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To: Minister of Finance (Hon Grant Robertson)

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Aide Memoire: Budget 2021 – Alternative and additional Recommendations

Purpose

Attached to this Aide Memoire are alternative and additional financial recommendations for the Budget 2021 package that we recommend you table at Cabinet on Monday 12 April, alongside the Budget 2021 Significant Cabinet Paper (“the Cabinet Paper”).

These changes to initiatives were not able to be finalised in time for inclusion in the financial recommendations accompanying the Cabinet paper. However, the funding amounts have been included in the high-level totals included in the Cabinet paper and the annex of initiatives provided to you on Friday 9 April.

You will be provided with a separate aide memoire attaching financial recommendations to implement the two-stage increase to main benefits.

Alternative recommendations

There are two alternative recommendation documents attached to this Aide Memoire. These seek agreement to substitute elements of the financial recommendation chapters accompanying the Cabinet Paper for specific Votes.

Vote Education

The attached alternative recommendations reflect your decision to decrease [33]

and instead providing funding for the *Deliver Sustained Professional Learning and Development to Embed Tapasā*, which was not previously included in the Budget 2021 package.

ID	Initiative	Opex av \$m	Opex total \$m	Capex \$m
[33]				
13352	Deliver Sustained Professional Learning and Development to Embed Tapasā	1.250	5.000	0.016

Vote Housing and Urban Development

The financial recommendations accompanying the Cabinet paper currently provide for \$380 million total operating funding held in contingency for the *Investing in Māori Housing* initiative.

The attached alternative recommendations reflect the intention of the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Housing and the Minister of Māori Development, in consultation with the Associate Minister of Housing (Māori Housing) to draw this contingency down following Cabinet's consideration of the Budget package. This draw down will need to be agreed immediately following Cabinet's agreement to the package to avoid breaching the Budget moratorium.

ID	Vote	Title	Opex av \$m	Opex total \$m
13470	Housing and Urban Development	Investing in Māori Housing	95.000	380.000

Additional recommendations

There are four additional recommendation documents attached to this Aide Memoire, seeking agreement to include additional initiatives in the Budget 2021 package. Financial recommendations reflecting your decision to fund these initiatives were not able to be finalised in time for inclusion in the Cabinet paper.

Vote Health

You decided to provide \$8.110 million total operating funding to establish an Aged Care Commissioner. The initiative was originally submitted in Vote Social Development but is

being appropriated in Vote Health due to the role's alignment with the existing Health and Disability Commissioner.

ID	Vote	Title	Opex av \$m	Opex total \$m
13560	Health	Establishing an Aged Care Commissioner	2.028	8.110

Vote Treaty Negotiations

You agreed to provide \$5 million total operating funding for a new initiative submitted in Vote Treaty Negotiations (to be renamed Vote Te Arawhiti from 2021/22 onwards) to allow Te Arawhiti to work with the Ministry of Education on compiling educational resources about Matariki and how hapū and iwi around New Zealand celebrate it.

Funding is provided in a tagged contingency, with drawdown subject to a joint report to the Minister of Finance, the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti and the Minister of Education outlining how the initiative will be implemented.

ID	Vote	Title	Opex av \$m	Opex total \$m
13561	Treaty Negotiations	Improving the Knowledge of Matariki within Local Communities	1.250	5.000

You also decided to provide \$1 million total operating funding for Te Arawhiti to work with Māori to design and erect statues of significant Māori leaders.

ID	Vote	Title	Opex av \$m	Opex total \$m
13516	Treaty Negotiations	Whai Hononga – Significant Maori Crown Events (Recognising Maori Leaders or Events)	0.250	1.000

Vote Security Intelligence

You agreed to provide \$0.840 million total operating funding for the New Zealand Security Intelligence Services' review of the classification system.

ID	Vote	Title	Opex av \$m	Opex total \$m
13382	Security Intelligence	[1]	0.210	0.840

Vote Revenue

You agreed to provide \$5 million total operating funding for Inland Revenue to conduct research on capital gains and the level of net worth for high wealth individuals.

ID	Vote	Title	Opex av \$m	Opex total \$m
13136	Revenue	Ensuring the tax system is operating fairly	1.250	5.000

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