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**Treasury Report: Investment Ministers Meeting, 8 December: Data and Analytics Contingency**

<b>Date:</b>	6 December 2016	<b>Report No:</b>	T2016/2408
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**Action Sought**

	<b>Action Sought</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Minister of Finance (Hon Bill English)	Read before Investment Ministers on Thursday, 8 December	8.30 am, 8 December

**Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Telephone</b>		<b>1st Contact</b>
Robert Barton	Senior Analyst, Fiscal and State Sector Management	s9(2)(k)	s9(2)(a)	✓
Fiona Whiteridge	Manager, Fiscal and State Sector Management			

**Actions for the Minister's Office Staff (if required)**

Return the signed report to Treasury.
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Note any feedback on the quality of the report

**Enclosure:** Yes

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**Executive Summary**

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A Data and Analytics funding package is to be considered by Investment Ministers at your meeting on Thursday 8 December, at 8.30am. There are four agencies seeking funding against the remaining \$44.4 million (\$35.5 million operating and \$8.9 million capital) in the tagged contingency from Budget 2016. The paper discusses several packages that could be approved to fit the remaining funding.

**Recommended Action**

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We recommend that you:

- a. **support** the recommendations to fund the Data and Analytics package outlined in the table on page 3 of this report.

*Agree/disagree.*

- b. **agree** that the remaining unallocated funding in the Data and Analytics Contingency expires and future funding needs be sought in future budgets.

*Agree/disagree.*

Fiona Whiteridge  
**Manager**

Hon Bill English  
**Minister of Finance**

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Treasury supports a package comprised of the following funding bids to form the package as set out below. This is followed with our comments on the individual bids, and advice that our support for some of these proposals is conditional on satisfactory interim reports and other requirements.

<b>Tranche Two proposals against the Data and Analytics Contingency (\$m)</b>		<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/8</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>Total</b>
IDI component of DatArcade	Capital					<b>7</b>
	Operating	1.8	2.4	1.4	1.4	
iED Tranche 0 + first year of iED Tranche 1 projects	Capital		1.504			<b>12.266</b>
	Operating	2.606	8.156			
Centre of Excellence component of DatArade	Capital					<b>3.7</b>
	Operating	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.8	
Open Data Programme	Capital					<b>7.2</b>
	Operating	2	1.9	1.7	1.6	
Delivering Information to the Front Line	Capital	0.595	0.975	0.38	-	<b>6.109</b>
	Operating	0.326	0.951	1.477	1.405	
<b>Total package</b>	Capital	0.595	2.479	0.38	0	<b>36.275</b>
	Operating	7.532	14.607	5.477	5.205	

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**Open Data Programme**

Treasury sees value in further release of open data and recognises the commitment of the Government to making more data available. s9(2)(g)(i)

s9(2)(g)(i) The bid correctly identifies the inherent weakness of the current approach which is a reliance on administrative mechanisms such as Government statements of intent and monitoring requirements. However, it is not clear how the proposed work program envisaged by the bid would address these systemic problems. Statistics New Zealand's bid for the establishment of a centre of excellence for data may bring greater focus the open data agenda including priorities and leadership in the data ecosystem.

s9(2)(g)(i)

s9(2)(g)(i) . The central co-ordination role is important (as outlined in the 'Intensive support' aspect of the bid) since agencies are only really incentivised on an individual level and as such, central benefits may not be fully realised without this co-ordination. Treasury notes that no further funding has been allocated for the continuation of the open data program beyond the current financial year.

Treasury supports funding the initiative provided that during its first year of operation data agencies explore opportunities to improve the operation of the program and report back to Investment Ministers with recommendations on the continued operation of the program. Continued operation of the program from 1 February 2018 will be contingent on approval from Investment Ministers.

We **recommend** that you support the recommendations relating to the Open Data Programme.

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