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# Hon Grant Robertson

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Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister of Finance  
Minister for Infrastructure  
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Minister for Racing



21 December 2020

Hon Kelvin Davis  
Minister for Māori-Crown Relations; Te Arawhiti  
Minister of Corrections  
Associate Minister of Education (Māori Education)  
Parliament Buildings

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your recent engagement on Budget 2021. I have considered the initiatives that have been included in the proposed Māori Budget 2021 package, and am inviting the following:

Portfolio and responsible Minister(s)	Initiative Description	Invited
<b>Responding to COVID 19</b>		
<b>Māori Tourism</b> <i>Minister of Tourism</i>	Helping Māori Tourism prepare to restart the Māori Tourism sector through supporting businesses, events and investing in international relationships.  <i>The invited initiative that aligns with this description is "Māori Tourism Restart."</i>	Yes

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**Māori Health**

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*Associate Minister of Health (Māori Health)*

Establishing the Māori Health Authority.

Yes

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**Māori Housing**

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**Reforming the Justice System**

**Corrections**

*Minister of Corrections*

Māori Pathways in women's prisons.

Yes

<b>Police</b>  <i>Minister of Police</i>	Continue Te Pae Oranga Iwi panels.	Yes
<b>Te Reo and Tikanga Māori</b>		
<b>Māori Development</b>  <i>Minister for Māori Development</i>	Supporting the Māori media sector.	Yes
<b>Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti</b>  <i>Minister for Māori Crown Relations</i>	Building more Māori statues to honour Māori leaders	Yes
<b>Strengthening the Māori Crown Relationship across Government and upholding Treaty commitments</b>		
<b>Digital Economy and Communications</b>  <i>Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications</i>	Progressing 5G Spectrum claim.  <i>Minister Clark is submitting this initiative as a cost pressure in the Digital Economy and Communications portfolio.</i>	Yes

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Please note that while I have invited these initiatives to be submitted, this does not guarantee that they will receive funding. The Treasury will assess the value for money and relative priority of all initiatives, and this advice will help to inform the shape of the final Budget 2021 package to be decided by Budget Ministers. Therefore, I expect that all initiatives will be supported by a robust case for funding and a strong evidence base, as well as scaling and reprioritisation options.

The initiatives that were included in the proposed Māori Budget 2021 package that I have not invited you to submit on may be addressed through future Budgets or other levers such as reprioritisation of baseline funding. As per the expectations that I have previously outlined around fiscal management, I will not support any out-of-cycle funding requests for these initiatives unless there is a compelling case for urgency.

I also wish to acknowledge the significant collaboration of the Labour Māori Caucus on preparing the Māori Budget 2021 Package. It is useful to understand the cross portfolio challenges and opportunities facing Māori communities in 2021 and future years.

Yours sincerely

Hon Grant Robertson  
**Minister of Finance**

Cc: Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Minister of Housing

Hon Chris Hipkins  
Minister of Education

Hon Andrew Little  
Minister of Health

Hon Poto Williams  
Minister of Police

Hon Stuart Nash  
Minister of Tourism

Hon Peeni Henare  
Associate Minister of Health (Māori Health)  
Associate Minister of Housing (Māori Housing)

Hon Willie Jackson  
Minister for Māori Development

Hon Kiri Allan  
Minister for Emergency Management

Hon Dr David Clark  
Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications  
Minister of Statistics

Hon Meka Whaitiri  
Associate Minister of Statistics