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Hi Hamish and Eph,

It was great to talk to you both this afternoon. I have followed up on the discussion about the split of the \$15m and what's in and out of the \$15m. This included speaking to the Minister's office.

I can confirm:

- The Minister is clear on the \$10m Non-Departmental (Crown)/\$5m Departmental split and that Non-Departmental includes IDC – that has been agreed with him (even though the letter to the PM is less clear on that).
- It is a total of \$15m including Crown Entity contributions. We need to update our CFIS submission to reduce the \$15m initiative to \$13.6m as we have submitted the PCF \$1.4m as a savings initiative in its own right.

What is not 100% clear is whether the Minister intended that the Crown entity savings come out of the Non-Departmental or Departmental portion. Although the CE appropriations are obviously non-departmental – in terms of our language – non-department or Crown means IDC in our conversation. We want to do more work to confirm this – but that won't be until Wednesday.

Despite this lack of clarity on that 1 item - we want to give you where we expect this will land. By appropriation it is as follows.

Non Departmental (Crown) \$10m =

Non-Departmental Output Expense **Pacific Cooperation Foundation \$1.4m**
Non-Departmental Output Expense **Promotion of Asian skills and Relationships (Asia NZ) \$0.355m**
Non-Departmental Output Expense **Antarctic Research and Support (Antarctica NZ) \$0.630m**
Non-Departmental Other Expense **International Development Cooperation \$7.615m**

Departmental \$5m =

Multi-category (Departmental) expense **Delivery of New Zealand Foreign Policy \$4.255m**
Multi-category (Departmental) expense **Management of IDC \$0.745m (being 9.75% of \$7.615m)**

I hope that is clear. I know this is messy and apologise for that. I am on leave Tuesday – back Wednesday – but you have my number if you want to talk.

Ngā mihi

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