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From: Benno Blaschke [TSY]
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Subject: Proceeds of Crime and Customs Red Bid: Strategic Disruption
Attachments: SOC-17-MIN-0084 Minute.pdf

Hi Rachelle,

Please find attached the latest Cabinet minute that notes the decisions made surrounding the Criminal Proceeds Fund. I have talked to Arati at DPMC who is working on this fund and the answer is that the bid cannot be financed from this fund.

I note that the bid does fall into the current scope of the fund, but we are awaiting decisions from the PM on what to do with the fund going forward.

There is an additional reason why the Customs bid cannot be funded from the Criminal Proceeds Fund. According to Arati from DPMC, the fund is designed for experimental work and pilots proposes to explore new approaches and cross-agency collaboration. This rules out the bid, because it is way beyond a pilot stage and is seeking ongoing baseline funding, which is not what the Criminal Proceeds fund has been designed for.

It does sound like the settings for this fund are up for grabs though, so I am not sure what conversations are going on in the background and what room we might have to influence a change of settings. It might be a possibility, however. Arati did advise that Customs' bid should go through the budget process.

I hope this helps,
Benno

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