

# The Treasury

## Budget 2016 Information Release

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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### 2016 Budget Technical Financial Recommendations: Vote Parliamentary Service

On 11 April 2016, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2016 Budget package, as detailed in the attached initiative documents;
- 2 **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement these initiatives, as described in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 5 **agreed** that the proposed changes to appropriations for 2015/16 be included in the 2015/16 Supplementary Estimates;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Appropriation Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2015/16 Supplementary Estimates, the 2016/17 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 7 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2016 Budget are co-ordinated by a Budget communications committee, and that any requests for early announcement will need to have both the written approval of the Minister of Finance and sign-off from the Prime Minister's office.

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet

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**Vote:** Parliamentary Service

**Title:** Reallocation of Travel and Accommodation appropriations

**Description:** Reallocation of travel and accommodation appropriations for Members of Parliament, their families and former members.

### Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</b>					
Travel of Members and Others	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800
Travel of former MPs	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>1.100</b>	<b>1.100</b>	<b>1.100</b>	<b>1.100</b>	<b>1.100</b>

8 **noted** the change to the appropriation under Permanent Legislative Authority:

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expense:</b>					
Accommodation of Members and Travel of Members' Families (PLA)	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(1.100)</b>	<b>(1.100)</b>	<b>(1.100)</b>	<b>(1.100)</b>	<b>(1.100)</b>

### Background information

9 **noted** that up to and including 2013/14, the former appropriation "Travel of Members and Others" covered travel and accommodation of members, travel of members' families, and travel of former members;

10 **noted** that:

10.1 in 2014/15, as a consequence of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Services) Act 2013, this appropriation was split into three:

10.1.1 accommodation of Members and Travel of Members Families PLA;

10.1.2 travel of former MPs,

10.1.3 travel of Members and Others;

10.2 a best estimate was made to split the appropriation into the three current appropriations;

11 **noted** that, in practice, spending patterns have turned out differently and this initiative is a fiscally neutral adjustment among the three current appropriations;

**Vote:** Parliamentary Service

**Title:** Crown Asset Management

**Description:** Establishment of a new multi-year appropriation for Crown Asset Management from 01 July 2016 to 30 June 2020.

### New Appropriation Approval

Name	Period	Type	Category Name	Scope
Crown Asset Management	Multi-Year Appropriation Start: 1/07/2016 Finish: 30/06/2020 Amount (\$m): 7.112	Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure	N/A	This appropriation is limited to minor capital works within the parliamentary complex to carry out essential maintenance and minor capital improvements.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Only
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Parliamentary Complex - Minor Capital Works	-	(1.778)	(1.778)	(1.778)	(1.778)
Crown Asset Management (MYA)	-	1.778	1.778	1.778	1.778
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	-	-	-	-

### Additional recommendations

- 12 **agreed** that the unexpended balance of the multi-year appropriation Crown Asset Management which expires on 30 June 2016 be transferred to the new multi-year appropriation on completion of the audit for the year ending 30 June 2016;
- 13 **noted** the multi-year appropriation: "Crown Asset Management" is established at \$7.112 million; and
- 14 **noted** that amounts shown in the appropriations changes table for the multi-Year appropriation "Crown Asset Management" represent the change to the indicative annual spending profile.