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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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2016 Budget Technical Financial Recommendations: Vote Revenue

On 11 April 2016, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2016 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and/or detailed in the attached initiative documents;

Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
9406	Depreciation Expense Transfer	(15.000)	-	-	-	15.000	-
Total Operating		(15.000)	-	-	-	15.000	-

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **agreed** that the proposed changes to appropriations for 2015/16 above be included in the 2015/16 Supplementary Estimates;
- 4 **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; and
- 5 **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

Vote: Revenue

Title: Depreciation Expense Transfer

Description: An expense transfer of operating funding to align with the timing of capital expenditure for the business transformation programme.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	(15.000)	-	-	-	15.000	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(15.000)	-	-	-	15.000	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:						
Services to Inform the Public About Entitlements and Meeting Obligations (funded by revenue Crown)	(7.448)	-	-	-	7.448	-
Services to Process Obligations and Entitlements (funded by revenue Crown)	(4.450)	-	-	-	4.450	-
Management of Debt and Outstanding Returns (funded by revenue Crown)	(1.431)	-	-	-	1.431	-
Investigations (funded by revenue Crown)	(1.671)	-	-	-	1.671	-
Total Operating	(15.000)	-	-	-	15.000	-

Vote: Revenue

Title: Parental Tax Credit PLA Scope Change

Description: Scope change to reflect the change in entitlement for Parental Tax Credit.

Additional recommendation

1 **agreed** to change the scope of appropriation for the Non-Departmental Benefit or Related Expense – Parental Tax Credit permanent legislative authority with effect from 1 July 2016:

Title: Parental Tax Credit PLA

Current Scope: To enable payment of additional financial support to be made to working families for the eight week period following the birth of a child (expenses incurred pursuant to section 185 of the Tax Administration Act 1994)

New Scope: This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred on parental tax credit as provided for in subpart MD of the Income Tax Act 2007 and as authorised by section 185 of the Tax Administration Act 1994.