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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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2016 Budget Package: Vote Communications, Security and Intelligence

On 25 April 2016, Cabinet:

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

Summary of initiative included in the attached initiative document:

Operating Initiative (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
9056	New Zealand Intelligence Community – Additional Funding	-	10.600	18.200	15.300	15.300
Total Operating		-	10.600	18.200	15.300	15.300

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **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;
- 4 **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;

5 **agreed** that:

5.1 the initiative in the following table be set aside as a contingency item;

5.2 corresponding funding for it be set aside as a tagged contingency;

5.3 the expiry date for the tagged contingency be 1 February 2018;

5.4 it be submitted to Cabinet for consideration at a later stage:

Operating Contingency

Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
New Zealand Intelligence Community – Additional Funding	[33, 34]				-
Total Operating					-

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Vote: Communications Security and Intelligence

Title: New Zealand Intelligence Community – Additional Funding

Description: This funding will provide for the operating and investing activities of the New Zealand Intelligence Community.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	10.600	18.200	15.300	15.300
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	0.900	1.800	2.900	4.500
Total	-	11.500	20.000	18.200	19.800

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Communications Security and Intelligence (funded by revenue Crown)	-	10.600	18.200	15.300	15.300
Communications Security and Intelligence (funded by revenue department)	-	0.900	1.800	2.900	4.500
Total Operating	-	11.500	20.000	18.200	19.800