

# The Treasury

## Budget 2014 Information Release

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## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2014: Vote Justice Technical Initiatives

On 7 April 2014, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2014 Budget package, as 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)				
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
8397	Technical Adjustments	1.000	(1.000)	-	-	-
8181	Technical Adjustments Legal Aid	2.000	(2.000)	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>3.000</b>	<b>(3.000)</b>	-	-	-

- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations of the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2013/14 above be included in the 2013/14 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Vote Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2013/14 Supplementary Estimates, the 2014/15 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;

- 6 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2014 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.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (14) 160

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Initiative No: 8397

**Vote:** Justice**Title:** Technical Adjustments**Description:** Technical changes to adjust the retention of underspends processed at the March Baseline Update.**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	1.000	(1.000)	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	(1.675)	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>(2.675)</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Administration of Legal Services (funded by revenue Crown)	0.351	(0.940)	-	-	-
Public Defence Service (funded by revenue Crown)	0.295	(0.790)	-	-	-
Sector Leadership and Support (funded by revenue Crown)	0.108	(0.288)	-	-	-
<b>Departmental Output Expenses: Justice Policy Advice and Related Services (MCOA)</b>					
Justice Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	0.190	-	-	-	-
Legal and Ministerial Services (funded by revenue Crown)	0.056	-	-	-	-
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Justice Policy Advice and Related Services (MCA)					
Justice Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.508)	-	-	-
Legal and Ministerial Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.149)	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>(2.675)</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Additional recommendations**

- 7 **noted** that components of the Vote Justice March Baseline Update need to be updated by reversing \$1.000 million of expense transfers that were made from 2013/14 to 2014/15, and transferring funds to the Justice Sector Fund;
- 8 **agreed** to transfer \$1.000 million from 2014/15 to 2013/14 in the appropriations shown above;
- 9 **agreed** to transfer the underspend of \$1.675 million into the Justice Sector Fund tagged contingency;
- 10 **noted** that there is no impact on the operating balance from the transfer into the Justice Sector Fund tagged contingency.

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** Technical Adjustments Legal Aid

**Description:** Technical changes to adjust the expense transfers processed at the March Baseline Update.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	2.000	(2.000)	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	(10.000)	(6.260)	(8.728)	(5.209)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.000</b>	<b>(12.000)</b>	<b>(6.260)</b>	<b>(8.728)</b>	<b>(5.209)</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Legal Aid	2.000	(12.000)	(6.260)	(8.728)	(5.209)
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>2.000</b>	<b>(12.000)</b>	<b>(6.260)</b>	<b>(8.728)</b>	<b>(5.209)</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

### Additional recommendations

- 11 **agreed** to the transfer of \$2.000 million in Legal Aid from 2014/15 to 2013/14;
- 12 **agreed** to transfer the underspend of \$30.197 million into the Justice Sector Fund tagged contingency;
- 13 **noted** that there is no impact on the operating balance from the transfers into the Justice Sector Fund tagged contingency.

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** Technical Initiative - Christchurch Justice Emergency Services Precinct

**Description:** Technical initiative to extend the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct tagged contingency.

**Additional recommendation**

14 **agreed** to extend the Justice and Emergency Services Precinct Budget 2013 tagged capital contingency to 30 June 2014.