



# Cabinet

CAB Min (08) 14/1(13)

## Minute of Decision

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### 2008 Budget Package: Vote Courts

On 14 April 2008 Cabinet:

1. **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2008 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and 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)				
		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
4866	Preservation/Access of Physical Record: Maori Land Court/Waitangi Tribunal	-	0.905	0.805	0.470	0.470
5024	Establishment of the Sentencing Council	-	0.080	-	-	-
5117	Greater Auckland Region Service Delivery Strategy	-	3.200	3.100	-	-
5275	Gisborne District Court Expansion	-	0.028	0.546	0.671	0.671
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>4.213</b>	<b>4.451</b>	<b>1.141</b>	<b>1.141</b>

##### Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

2. **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement these initiatives, as described in the attached initiative documents;
3. **approved** the changes to appropriations and/or projected balances of net assets of the administering department (where applicable) to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
4. **agreed** that the proposed changes to appropriations and/or projected balances of net assets for 2007/08 above be included in the 2007/08 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 2007/08 Supplementary Estimates, the 2008/09 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
6. **noted** that all communications relating to the 2008 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: 2008 Budget package tabled  
by the Minister of Finance

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**Distribution:**

Prime Minister

Chief Executive, DPMC

Director PAG, DPMC

Minister of Finance

Secretary to the Treasury

Hon Jim Anderton

Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Trevor Mallard)

Minister for Courts

Secretary for Justice (Courts)

Controller and Auditor-General

**Vote:** Courts

**Title:** Preservation/Access of Physical Record: Maori Land Court/Waitangi Tribunal

**Description:** The Maori Land Court Record is a priceless and irreplaceable taonga and a record of our nation's history. This proposal will deliver three outcomes in relation to that record: preservation of existing Record; access to the Record that is secure; and electronic imaging of the Record.

**Theme:** National Identity

**Theme Objective:**

Connecting to our heritage

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

The physical records of the Maori Land Court and Waitangi Tribunal will be held to a standard that meets the obligations of the Public Records Act 2005 by 2010. An Archives New Zealand quality review will assess the physical environments, procedures and practices for storage of the records against archival standards and requirements of the Public Records Act 2005 by July 2010.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.905	0.805	0.470	0.470
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	0.008	0.017	0.017	0.017
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.913</b>	<b>0.822</b>	<b>0.487</b>	<b>0.487</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.913	0.822	0.487	0.487
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>0.913</b>	<b>0.822</b>	<b>0.487</b>	<b>0.487</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Vote:** Courts

**Title:** Establishment of the Sentencing Council

**Description:** In July 2006, Cabinet approved the establishment of a Sentencing Council as part of the Effective Interventions package of measures to improve the criminal justice system [CAB Min (06) 27/3A]. Monitoring of sentencing practice will occur through the Ministry of Justice case management system.

**Theme:** Families - Young and Old

**Theme Objective:** Key business and service delivery failures

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

The additional funding will improve the capability of the Ministry's online case management system by inserting a new field to capture data on sentencing guideline adherence. This data will allow the Council to fulfil its statutory function of monitoring and reporting on sentence practice.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.080	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	0.010	0.020	0.020	0.020
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.090</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>0.020</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
District Court Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.090	0.020	0.020	0.020
Net Asset Schedule:					
Capital Investment	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>0.090</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>0.020</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Vote:** Courts

**Title:** Greater Auckland Region Service Delivery Strategy.

**Description:** This bid seeks funding to conduct detailed design and planning work for the Greater Auckland Region Service Delivery Strategy. When this design and planning work is completed, the government will have detailed and fully developed proposals which will be ready for implementation.

**Theme:** Families - Young and Old

**Theme Objective:** Key business and service delivery failures

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

Preparation and completion of detailed plans and costs to support the development of Budget bids in 2009 and 2010 including the Auckland Service Centre, the primary Civil and Family Courthouse, a specialist jury trial courthouse in Manukau, reconfiguration of freed space, and e-filing.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	3.200	3.100	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>3.200</b>	<b>3.100</b>	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
District Court Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	3.200	3.100	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>3.200</b>	<b>3.100</b>	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Initiative No: 5275****Vote:** Courts**Title:** Gisborne District Court Expansion**Description:** Capital funding is required to expand the existing Gisborne District Court to accommodate new family/youth and jury courtrooms. They are currently housed in a building with a lease that expires in 2011.**Theme:** Families - Young and Old**Theme Objective:** Key business and service delivery failures**Performance Information****Performance Text**

All court functions will be consolidated into one building reducing the current security risk associated with the current leased family/youth court facility, and improving operational efficiencies.

**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.028	0.546	0.671	0.671
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	0.036	0.367	0.728	0.795
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.064</b>	<b>0.913</b>	<b>1.399</b>	<b>1.466</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): District Court Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.064	0.913	1.399	1.466
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>0.064</b>	<b>0.913</b>	<b>1.399</b>	<b>1.466</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-