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Minute of Decision

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2008 Budget Package: Vote Employment

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
4916	Skills Strategy - Literacy, Language and Numeracy	-	1.650	2.130	2.630	2.630
Total Operating		-	1.650	2.130	2.630	2.630

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

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

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

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 Social Development and Employment

Secretary of Labour (Employment Policy)

Controller and Auditor-General

Initiative No: 4916**Vote:** Employment**Title:** Skills Strategy - Literacy, Language and Numeracy**Description:** Measures that will raise demand for literacy, numeracy and language training among employers, employees and people who are near work. Research, monitoring and evaluation funding for the Upskilling Strategy. This is part of a broader strategy primarily funded from Vote Education.**Theme:** Economic Transformation**Theme Objective:** Innovative and productive workplaces: innovation**Performance Information****Performance Table**

	Unit of Measurement	Performance Specification				
		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Quantity						
Number of industries and regions targeted	Industries / regions	n/a	6	8	10	10
Number of employees targeted	People	n/a	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000
Number of employers targeted	People	n/a	110,500	110,500	110,500	110,500
Quality						
Employees and employers who remember key message after 1 year	Percentage	n/a	n/a	70	70	70
Number of employees who have participated in a work-based programme at year end	People	n/a	15,720	28,600	n/a	n/a

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.650	2.130	2.630	2.630
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.650	2.130	2.630	2.630

Initiative No: 4916

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Policy, Research and Evaluation (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	1.650	2.130	2.630	2.630
Total Operating	-	1.650	2.130	2.630	2.630
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-