



Cabinet

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Minute of Decision

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2008 Budget Package: Vote Environment

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
5040	Improving Capacity and Capability in the HSNO Act Hazardous Substances Regime	-	1.158	1.158	1.158	1.158
5041	Inter-Agency Resource Needs for Trade Agreements	-	0.490	-	-	-
5057	Waste Minimisation and Resource Recovery Bill implementation	-	3.043	-	-	-
5218	Plan Changes for Aquaculture	-	0.900	0.700	0.600	0.400
Total Operating		-	5.591	1.858	1.758	1.558

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
Minister for the Environment
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Vote: Environment

Title: Improving Capacity and Capability in the HSNO Act Hazardous Substances Regime

Description: Environmental Risk Management Authority and the Ministry for the Environment require sufficient capacity and capability to provide the services required under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 and the Cabinet approved Hazardous Substances Compliance and Enforcement Strategy. A review of the problematic test certifier regime is included.

Theme: Economic Transformation

Theme Objective: Environmental sustainability:
environmental solutions

Performance Information

Performance Table

	Unit of Measurement	Performance Specification				
		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Quantity						
Hazardous substances reassessments	Reassessments	0	4	4	4	4
Standards of Performance measures developed	Standards developed	0	3	3	3	3

Performance Text

Other Performance Outputs

- Applications processed within statutory timeframes without the use of administrative waivers.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.158	1.158	1.158	1.158
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.158	1.158	1.158	1.158

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Environmental Policy Advice (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.158	-	-	-
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Assessment and Management	-	1.000	1.158	1.158	1.158
Total Operating	-	1.158	1.158	1.158	1.158
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 5041

Vote: Environment

Title: Inter-Agency Resource Needs for Trade Agreements

Description: This initiative seeks funding to implement New Zealand's commitments under Environment Cooperation Agreements as part of Free Trade Agreements.

Theme: Economic Transformation **Theme Objective:** Globally competitive firms: business internationalisation

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.490	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.490	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Environmental Policy Advice (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.490	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	0.490	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Vote: Environment

Title: Waste Minimisation and Resource Recovery Bill implementation

Description: To resource the work of the recently set up Waste Minimisation and Management Unit within the Ministry for the Environment to reposition the Ministry for the expectations of the government in the Waste Minimisation and Resource Recovery Bill and for the implementation of the Bill.

Theme: Economic Transformation

Theme Objective: Environmental sustainability:
environmental solutions

Performance Information

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	Unit of Measurement	Performance Specification				
		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Quantity						
Priority products and wastes	Schemes in development	0	1	0	0	0
Grants database	Database developed	0	1	0	0	0
Priority products and wastes	Schemes operating	0	1	0	0	0
Waste Advisory Board	Terms of Reference	0	1	0	0	0
Waste Advisory Board	Meetings	0	6	0	0	0

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	3.043	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	3.043	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Environmental Policy Advice (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	3.043	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	3.043	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 5218

Vote: Environment

Title: Plan Changes for Aquaculture

Description: To develop selected aquaculture plan changes to provide sites for new oyster farms, warm water finfish aquaculture and cool water finfish aquaculture; to provide for small extensions to existing marine farms, and to address restrictions on species in Tasman and Waikato.

Theme: Economic Transformation

Theme Objective: Environmental sustainability:
other action

Performance Information

Performance Text

Under the programme plan changes would be developed to provide sites for new oyster farms, warm water finfish aquaculture and cool water finfish aquaculture; to provide for small extensions to existing marine farms, and to address restrictions on species in Tasman and Waikato.

Appropriation Changes

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	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.900	0.700	0.600	0.400
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.900	0.700	0.600	0.400

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Environmental Policy Advice (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.900	0.700	0.600	0.400
Total Operating	-	0.900	0.700	0.600	0.400
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-