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Minute of Decision

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2008 Budget Package: Vote Fisheries

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
4832	Increased Observer Coverage	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	-	-	-	-

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
4832	Increased Observer Coverage	-	0.120	0.135	0.120	-
Total Capital		-	0.120	0.135	0.120	-

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. **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
5. **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;
6. **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;

7. **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

Minister of Fisheries

Chief Executive, Ministry of Fisheries

Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Trevor Mallard)

Controller and Auditor-General

Initiative No: 4832**Vote:** Fisheries**Title:** Increased Observer Coverage**Description:** This proposal increases observer coverage towards an eventual average of 10% across all fisheries.**Theme:** Economic Transformation**Theme Objective:** Environmental sustainability:
environmental solutions**Performance Information****Performance Text**

Increasing Observer coverage will enable the Ministry to:

- collect more information in situations where shed sampling has been found to be biased or non-representative;
- monitor and document bottom trawling encounters with vulnerable marine ecosystems;
- improve monitoring of protected species by-catches;
- improve monitoring in the set net and inshore trawl fisheries areas.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	0.120	0.135	0.120	-
No Impact	-	1.000	2.000	3.000	3.000
Total	-	1.120	2.135	3.120	3.000

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Fisheries Information (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	1.000	2.000	3.000	3.000
Net Asset Schedule:					
Capital Investment	-	0.120	0.135	0.120	-
Total Operating	-	1.000	2.000	3.000	3.000
Total Capital	-	0.120	0.135	0.120	-

Additional Recommendation

noted that the following amounts will be recovered as Crown revenue from the fishing industry under the cost recovery provisions of the Fisheries Act 1996.

	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Vote Fisheries					
Cost Recovery (Crown Revenue)	-	1.000	2.000	3.000	3.000