



# Cabinet

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## Minute of Decision

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### 2008 Budget Package: Vote Internal Affairs

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
4625	Strong, Connected and Participating Diverse Ethnic Communities	-	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
4632	Laying the Foundation – Sustainable Accommodation	-	0.120	-	-	-
5278	Expert Panel and Citizens’ Forum on Electoral System and State Funding	1.211	3.363	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>1.211</b>	<b>3.983</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</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>		-	-	-	-	-

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

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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 of Internal Affairs  
Secretary for Internal Affairs  
Controller and Auditor-General

## Initiative No: 4625

**Vote:** Internal Affairs

**Title:** Strong, Connected and Participating Diverse Ethnic Communities

**Description:** Expanded participation, capacity building, connection and advice forums and events that target ethnic leadership and development, ethnic youth and intercultural awareness in government agencies.

**Theme:** National Identity

**Theme Objective:** Cohesive society

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

Deliver two youth projects to 200 youth in 2008/09. Deliver two Youth Leadership projects in 2009/10 and 2010/11 with 100 youth. Two employment and diaspora community forums in each of the years 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11. Symposium held in 2008/09. Indicator research completed by June 2010.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Services for Ethnic Affairs (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Initiative No: 4632

**Vote:** Internal Affairs

**Title:** Laying the Foundation – Sustainable Accommodation

**Description:** Risk mitigation and future-proofing capacity for accommodation for the Wellington CBD staff, to meet the Government's building and transport sustainability targets. This strategy will also result in improved efficiency of space utilisation, and enable more effective organisational governance.

**Theme:** National Identity

**Theme Objective:** Non-specific

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

This initiative will mitigate current accommodation risks. This strategy will also result in improved efficiency of space utilisation, and enable more effective organisational governance.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.120	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.120</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Identity Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.120	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>0.120</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

## Additional Recommendations

*[information deleted in order to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by ministers and officials]*

## Initiative No: 5278

**Vote:** Internal Affairs

**Title:** Expert Panel and Citizens' Forum on Electoral System and State Funding

**Description:** An Expert Panel will review and report to the Minister of Justice on the administration of the electoral system, State funding of political parties and other issues of electoral finance. A Citizens' Forum will consider initial options on State funding and issues as identified by the Panel.

**Theme:** Families - Young and Old

**Theme Objective:** Confidence and supply agreements

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

The Expert Panel will prepare a report on the Review of Electoral Agencies, an Options Paper addressing the matters relating to State funding of political parties for deliberation by the Citizens' Forum, and a report on State Funding of Political Parties. The Citizens' Forum is to deliberate on the Expert Panel's Options Paper and produce a report responding to that Options Paper.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	1.211	3.363	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.211</b>	<b>3.363</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Information and Advisory Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	1.211	3.363	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>1.211</b>	<b>3.363</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

## Additional Recommendation

**noted** that there are offsetting savings in Vote Justice of \$0.130 million in 2007/08 and \$0.120 million in 2008/09.