



# Cabinet

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## Minute of Decision

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### 2008 Budget Package: Vote Justice

On 14 April 2008, and following further consideration on 21 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
4805	Reinstating Capacity for Public Information Campaign on MMP	-	0.550	-	-	-
4809	To Allow the Electoral Enrolment Centre to Meet Statutory Obligations	-	3.397	1.230	1.435	-
4820	Review of War Pensions Act 1954	0.091	0.084	-	-	-
4864	Establishment of the Sentencing Council	-	1.702	1.424	1.340	1.307
4897	Legal Aid Provider Remuneration	-	11.174	-	-	-
4905	Meeting the Future Requirements of the Independent Police Conduct Authority	-	1.277	1.277	1.050	1.075
5224	Expert Panel and Citizens' Forum on Electoral System and Staff Funding	(0.130)	(0.120)	-	-	-
5306	Longitudinal Study Transfers (Justice to MSD)	(0.050)	(0.100)	(0.100)	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>(0.089)</b>	<b>17.964</b>	<b>3.831</b>	<b>3.825</b>	<b>2.382</b>

#### Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
4864	Establishment of the Sentencing Council	-	0.120	0.020	0.020	0.010
4905	Meeting the Future Requirements of the Independent Police Conduct Authority	-	0.257	-	-	-
5276	Establishment of the Sentencing Council – Capital	-	0.270	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>0.647</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>0.010</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;
8. **agreed** that the initiatives in the following table be set aside as contingency items, that corresponding funding for them be set aside in the between-Budget spending contingency, and that they be submitted to Cabinet for consideration at a later stage;

### **Capital Contingency**

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

9. **agreed** that, where the initiatives in the Capital Contingency table are contingent upon the Ministry of Justice identifying operating funding, the Ministry has until 30 June 2008 to identify the necessary operating funding and seek approval;

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

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

Minister of Justice

Secretary for Justice

Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Trevor Mallard)

Minister for Courts

Controller and Auditor-General

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** Reinstating Capacity for Public Information Campaign on MMP

**Description:** To allow the Electoral Commission to conduct a credible public information campaign on Mixed Member Proportional representation at the 2008 general election with the same reach and impact as the 2005 information campaign.

**Theme:** Families - Young and Old

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

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

Publicly available resources that have been designed for use in schools; research reports commissioned on aspects of electoral participation; presentations are made on electoral matters (in New Zealand and overseas).

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.550	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.550</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Provision of Electoral Services	-	0.550	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>0.550</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

## Initiative No: 4809

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** To Allow the Electoral Enrolment Centre to Meet Statutory Obligations

**Description:** To maintain capacity and service levels to stakeholders on an ongoing basis. Includes Maori rolls at all polling places; EasyVote Packs to all enrolled electors; maintain percentage of eligible electors enrolled and accuracy at 2005 General election levels.

**Theme:** Families - Young and Old

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

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

93.5% - 95.5% of eligible electors enrolled as at 30 June 2008 and as at Parliamentary election day; and 95% - 98% accuracy of roll data.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	3.397	1.230	1.435	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>3.397</b>	<b>1.230</b>	<b>1.435</b>	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Producing and Maintaining Electoral Rolls	-	3.397	1.230	1.435	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>3.397</b>	<b>1.230</b>	<b>1.435</b>	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** Review of War Pensions Act 1954

**Description:** The review will involve consultation with veterans' organisations and deliver an issues paper, final report and draft Bill. It will deliver benefits to veterans, their families, veterans' organisations, armed forces personnel and agencies that administer the Act. It will be completed by June 2009.

**Theme:** Families - Young and Old

**Theme Objective:** Other

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

The review will deliver a Law Commission issues paper in 2008, and a final report with recommendations for reform together with a draft Bill by June 2009.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	0.091	0.084	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.091</b>	<b>0.084</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Advice from the Law Commission	0.091	0.084	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.091</b>	<b>0.084</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 4864

**Vote:** Justice**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.**Theme:** Families - Young and Old**Theme Objective:** Key business and service delivery failures**Performance Information****Performance Text**

To produce inaugural Sentencing and Parole Guidelines in 2008/09, in accordance with the requirements of the Sentencing Council Act 2007; and to put in place strategies to inform the public on sentencing and parole practice as determined appropriate by the Council.

**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.702	1.424	1.340	1.307
Debt Impact	-	0.120	0.020	0.020	0.010
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1.822</b>	<b>1.444</b>	<b>1.360</b>	<b>1.317</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Sentencing Council	-	1.702	1.424	1.340	1.307
Capital Expenditure: Sentencing Council	-	0.120	0.020	0.020	0.010
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>1.702</b>	<b>1.424</b>	<b>1.340</b>	<b>1.307</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>0.120</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>0.010</b>

Initiative No: 4897

**Vote:** Justice**Title:** Legal Aid Provider Remuneration**Description:** To increase the hourly remuneration rates paid to legal aid providers by 10 per cent in 2008/09.**Theme:** Families - Young and Old**Theme Objective:** Key business and service delivery failures**Performance Information****Performance Text**

An adequate level of availability and coverage of qualified and experienced providers under the legal aid schemes will be maintained, to ensure eligible persons get access to legal aid.

**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	11.174	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>11.174</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Other Expenses to be incurred by the Crown – Legal Aid	-	11.174	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>11.174</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-



Initiative No: 4905

**Vote:** Justice**Title:** Meeting the Future Requirements of the Independent Police Conduct Authority**Description:** The bid is to ensure requisite capability exists to meet the requirements of the Independent Police Conduct Authority Amendment Act 2007 (the Amendment Act) and to implement the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into Police Conduct 2007.**Theme:** Families - Young and Old**Theme Objective:** Key business and service delivery failures**Performance Information****Performance Text**

The Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) will undertake a survey of complainants satisfaction with IPCA processes; will undertake a retrospective baseline against which to monitor performance over time and to compare performance against similar international jurisdictions; enquiries to the Authority will be responded to within one working day; and the number of complaints in the backlog will be reduced by 40% by 30 June 2009.

**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.277	1.277	1.050	1.075
Debt Impact	-	0.257	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.534</b>	<b>1.277</b>	<b>1.050</b>	<b>1.075</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Equity Promotion and Protection Services	-	1.277	1.277	1.050	1.075
Capital Expenditure: Independent Police Conduct Authority	-	0.257	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.277</b>	<b>1.277</b>	<b>1.050</b>	<b>1.075</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.257</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Vote:** Justice

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

Savings from a reduction in services as this function has been transferred to Department of Internal Affairs

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	(0.130)	(0.120)	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(0.130)</b>	<b>(0.120)</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Policy Advice (funded by Revenue Crown)	(0.130)	(0.120)	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(0.130)</b>	<b>(0.120)</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** Establishment of the Sentencing Council – Capital

**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. 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	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	0.270	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.270</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Net Asset Schedule:					
Capital Investment	-	0.270	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>0.270</b>	-	-	-

## Initiative No: 5306

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** Longitudinal Study Transfers (Justice to MSD)

**Description:** Longitudinal Study transfers (Ministry of Justice to Ministry of Social Development) as agreed with the Treasury.

**Theme:** Families - Young and Old

**Theme Objective:** Other

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

Savings from a deferment of the New Zealand Crime And Safety Survey to a triennial basis.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	(0.050)	(0.100)	(0.100)	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(0.050)</b>	<b>(0.100)</b>	<b>(0.100)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Policy Advice (funded by Revenue Crown)	(0.050)	(0.100)	(0.100)	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(0.050)</b>	<b>(0.100)</b>	<b>(0.100)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>