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Minute of Decision

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2008 Budget Package: Vote Attorney-General

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
4940	Demand Pressures impacting on Criminal Prosecutions and Criminal Appeals	2.775	4.115	3.700	3.700	3.700
Total Operating		2.775	4.115	3.700	3.700	3.700

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

Solicitor-General

Hon Jim Anderton

Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Trevor Mallard)

Controller and Auditor-General

Initiative No: 4940**Vote:** Attorney-General**Title:** Demand Pressures Impacting on Criminal Prosecutions and Criminal Appeals**Description:** Funding is sought to cover the increasing demand for Criminal Prosecutions and Criminal Appeals. Without this funding, criminal jury courts would be under-utilised, the backlog of criminal matters would increase, and there would be increases in remand prisoners.**Theme:** Other**Theme Objective:** Other**Performance Information****Performance Text**

This initiative relates to the continuing provision of timely Criminal Prosecution and Criminal Appeal services by Crown Law. This initiative is essential to continue the delivery of these services and thereby maintain a trusted justice system, and offenders being held to account.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	2.775	4.115	3.700	3.700	3.700
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2.775	4.115	3.700	3.700	3.700

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Conduct of Criminal Appeals (funded by Revenue Crown)	0.125	0.265	0.300	0.300	0.300
Supervision and Conduct of Crown Prosecutions (funded by Revenue Crown)	2.650	3.850	3.400	3.400	3.400
Total Operating	2.775	4.115	3.700	3.700	3.700
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-