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Minute of Decision

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2008 Budget Package: Vote Labour

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
4646	Inter-Agency Resource Needs for Trade Agreements	-	0.348	-	-	-
4767	Improving Capacity and Capability in the HSNO Act Hazardous Substances Regime	-	-	1.100	-	-
4773	Implementation of the Private Members' Bills and associated work programme	-	0.850	0.740	0.790	-
Total Operating		-	1.198	1.840	0.790	-

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

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Minister of Finance

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Hon Jim Anderton

Minister of Labour

Secretary of Labour

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Initiative No: 4646

Vote: Labour

Title: Inter-Agency Resource Needs for Trade Agreements

Description: This initiative seeks funding to enable the ongoing negotiation and implementation of Trade Labour Agreements (FTA) required by Government policy to be negotiated as part of New Zealand's Free Trade Agreements process. It will fund both future negotiations and current labour cooperation obligations.

Theme: Economic Transformation

Theme Objective: Globally competitive firms:
business internationalisation

Performance Information

Performance Text

This bid will fund the personnel and other resources required to provide expert support to ongoing trade labour negotiations, and to coordinate and implement labour cooperation activities under FTA-related commitments already entered into. Funding will also support specific project activities including travel, accommodation, hosting, research activities and technical expertise exchange.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.348	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.348	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
International Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.348	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	0.348	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 4767

Vote: Labour**Title:** Improving Capacity and Capability in the HSNO Act Hazardous Substances Regime**Description:** Technical and field capacity and capability to assess and analyse the scope and nature of risks associated with the adverse environmental consequences of workplace activities**Theme:** Economic Transformation**Theme Objective:** Environment sustainability: other action**Performance Information****Performance Text**

Hazardous Substance and New Organisms controls cover eco-toxic harm (environment and animals) from hazardous substances. Workplace activities are a major potential source of harm. This bid allows the Department to better assess main risk areas with workplace activities and develop effective strategies to ensure risks do not result in eco-toxic damage. These strategies include establishing effective operational relationships with Regional Authorities to link with their environmental management responsibilities under the Resource Management Act.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	1.100	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1.100	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Services to Promote and Support the Safe Management of Hazardous Substances in the Workplace and Amusement Devices (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	-	1.100	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	1.100	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 4773**Vote:** Labour**Title:** Implementation of the Private Members' Bills and associated work programme**Description:** This bid seeks funding to implement the Private Members' Bills. This package is focused on increasing the capacity and capability of services to workplaces to meet increased demand for problem resolution services, key audience communications, resources to assist workplaces, and research.**Theme:** Economic Transformation**Theme Objective:** Innovative and productive workplaces: other action**Performance Information****Performance Text**

Communication and education to employees and employers affected by the new flexible work and minimum wage changes. An estimated increase in problem resolution services of around 220 cases related to flexible work and increased enforcement related to minimum wage changes per year.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.850	0.740	0.790	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.850	0.740	0.790	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Policy Advice - Labour (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.035	0.050	0.190	-
Services to Promote and Support Fair and Productive Employment Relationships (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.815	0.690	0.600	-
Total Operating	-	0.850	0.740	0.790	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-