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Minute of Decision

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2008 Budget Package: Vote Lands

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
4938	Ocean Survey 20/20: Bay of Islands Survey	-	2.790	2.790	-	-
4939	Support for Regional Pest Management Strategies	-	0.444	0.444	0.444	0.444
5300	NZ Geographic Board - New Legislative Responsibilities	0.050	-	-	-	-
Total Operating		0.050	3.234	3.234	0.444	0.444

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
4944	Access to Bonisch Rd, Kaingaroa Forest	5.000	-	-	-	-
Total Capital		5.000	-	-	-	-

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 the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Land Information be delegated authority to release funds from contingency when the legislation is enacted.

Operating Contingency

Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
NZ Geographic Board - New Legislative Responsibilities	-	0.455	0.455	0.270	0.270
Total Operating	-	0.455	0.455	0.270	0.270

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
 Hon Jim Anderton
 Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Trevor Mallard)
 Minister for Land Information
 Chief Executive, Land Information New Zealand
 Controller and Auditor-General

Vote: Lands

Title: Ocean Survey 20/20: Bay of Islands Survey

Description: Information on the Bay of Islands, a marine environment increasingly under pressure, will be essential to balance competing demands for aquaculture, fisheries, tourism and recreation; and ultimately sustaining the natural character of the area and its iconic status.

Theme: Other

Theme Objective: Other

Performance Information

Performance Text

The outputs will include detailed bathymetry, maps showing distribution of seafloor type, hazards, human impacts such as fishing, close inshore engineering, aquifers, geological hazards, biodiversity and representative photos and video of a range of sea bed habitats and associated fauna.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	2.790	2.790	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	2.790	2.790	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Oceans Survey 20/20 Programme (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	2.790	2.790	-	-
Total Operating	-	2.790	2.790	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Vote: Lands

Title: Support for Regional Pest Management Strategies

Description: Manage pests on Crown land to; reduce the spread of pests from Crown land; contribute to the strategic control of pests; reduce future costs; and improve public support.

Theme: National Identity

Theme Objective: Recreation, conservation, environment

Performance Information

Performance Text

Funding will go to controlling a variety of weeds and animal pests on Crown land as required under the Regional Pest Management Strategies (RPMSs) to: prevent their spread and impacts on neighbouring land; support RPMS control programmes for 'strategic' or 'widespread' category of pest.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.444	0.444	0.444	0.444
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.444	0.444	0.444	0.444

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Crown Property Management and Disposal Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.444	0.444	0.444	0.444
Total Operating	-	0.444	0.444	0.444	0.444
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 4944

Vote: Lands**Title:** Access to Bonisch Rd, Kaingaroa Forest**Description:** Purchase of access right to Bonisch Rd from Ngati Awa, in order to facilitate forestry operations in Kaingaroa forest. Long-term access rights will enhance rent payments from Crown Forestry Licensees and therefore Crown land values.**Theme:** Economic Transformation**Theme Objective:** Non-specific theme objective**Performance Information****Performance Text**

Long-term access rights will enhance rent payments from Crown Forestry Licensees and therefore Crown land values. The increase in the Crown land values is estimated to be a similar amount to the funding being sought.

New Appropriation Approvals

Type	Period	Name	MCOA Output Class	Scope
Capital Expenditure	Annual	Access rights to Crown forest licensed land	N/A	This appropriation is limited to the purchase of access rights over land adjoining Crown forest licensed land in order that the Crown forest licensed land may be more easily accessed.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	5.000	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5.000	-	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Capital Expenditure: Access rights to Crown forest licensed land	5.000	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	5.000	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 5300

Vote: Lands

Title: NZ Geographic Board - New Legislative Responsibilities

Description: A Bill to replace the NZ Geographic Board Act 1946 is at Select Committee - new Board responsibilities include: undersea feature naming in New Zealand's continental shelf & the Ross Dependency; a concurrence role for suburb, locality & significant conservation area names; and a gazetteer of official names.

Theme: National Identity

Theme Objective: Connecting to our heritage

Performance Information

Performance Text

100% of geographic name proposals are either approved, declined or deferred in compliance with legislative requirements and Board policies. Under the new Act an annual report to the Minister will document the Board's decision-making in terms of the number and type of geographic names proposals. The report will also link to the LINZ annual reporting cycle and include a breakdown of Board expenditure.

Appropriation Changes

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Standards and Quality Assurance (funded by Revenue Crown)	0.050	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	0.050	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

agreed that this appropriation will not be drawn down until the Geographic Board Bill is passed into legislation.

Initiative No: 5300

Other technical amendments for Vote Lands

- 1 **noted** that Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) has a current Multi-Year Appropriation (MYA) to fund capital purchases of lessee's interests as part of the Land Tenure Reform programme, which finishes on 30 June 2008;
- 2 **noted** that MYA's have proven to be an effective way of managing uncertainty around the timing of capital purchases;
- 3 **noted** that for 2008/09 and outyears, LINZ has annual capital appropriations of \$10.667 million to fund capital purchases of lessee's interests as part of the Land Tenure Reform programme;
- 4 **agreed** that a new MYA *Land Tenure Reform Acquisitions* be established in Vote Lands for a three-year period commencing in 2008/09 to replace the annual appropriations;
- 5 **agreed** that the scope of the MYA be as follows: "This appropriation is limited to the acquisition of lessee's interest in pastoral lease land and purchase of any land and/or assets required to complete the acquisition of lessee interest in order to achieve Tenure Review outcomes under the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998, or to achieve government high country objectives";
- 6 **agreed** to the following changes to appropriations to implement paragraph 4 above:

Vote Lands Minister for Land Information	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09 to 2010/11			2011/12 & Outyears
Capital Expenditure: Land Tenure Reform Acquisitions	-	32.001			-
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Capital Expenditure: Land Tenure Reform Purchases	-	(10.667)	(10.667)	(10.667)	-

- 7 **noted** that the indicative spending profile for the multi-year appropriation in paragraph 4 above is as follows:

Indicative annual spending profile	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 & Outyears
Debt Impact	-	16.560	7.720	7.721	-