



# Cabinet

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## Minute of Decision

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### 2008 Budget Package: Vote Ministerial Services

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
4628	Guests of Government - Extended Programme	1.400	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>1.400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

**Vote:** Ministerial Services

**Title:** Guests of Government - Extended Programme

**Description:** This proposal is for additional funding for the Visits and Ceremonial Office (VCO) to deliver the extended Guests of Government programme.

**Theme:** Other

**Theme Objective:** Other

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

This activity is dependent on the Government receiving requests for and extending official invitations for guest of government visits.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	1.400	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.400</b>	-	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Visits and Official Events Coordination (funded by Revenue Crown)	1.400	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>1.400</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]*