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Minute of Decision

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2008 Budget Package: Vote Tourism

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
4687	International Visitor Survey (IVS) and Domestic Travel Survey (DTS) Development	0.094	0.122	0.103	0.103	0.103
Total Operating		0.094	0.122	0.103	0.103	0.103

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. **approved** the additional recommendation 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

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 of Tourism

General Manager, Ministry of Tourism

Controller and Auditor-General

Vote: Tourism

Title: International Visitor Survey (IVS) and Domestic Travel Survey (DTS) Development

Description: Improve management of the International Visitor Survey (IVS) and the Domestic Travel Survey (DTS).

Theme: Economic Transformation

Theme Objective: Globally competitive firms: other action

Performance Information

Performance Text

The objective of changing the management of the IVS and DTS processes is to improve data quality, achieve better accountability and transparency, and increase the flexibility to continuously improve surveys. Progress in achieving this will be measured by:

- Improved standing as rated against other Tier 1 Statistics as part of the Official Statistical System;
- Improved timeliness of the releases from 90 days to 21 days;
- Improved access to data (from 40% of the total data available to 100%).

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	0.094	0.122	0.103	0.103	0.103
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.094	0.122	0.103	0.103	0.103

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Policy Advice - Tourism (funded by Revenue Crown)	0.094	0.122	0.103	0.103	0.103
Total Operating	0.094	0.122	0.103	0.103	0.103
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

authorised the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Tourism to jointly transfer any lapsed unspent appropriation relating to development of the International Visitor Survey (IVS) and the Domestic Travel Survey (DTS) from the 2007/08 to 2008/09 financial year only, with the final amount to be transferred confirmed as part of the 2008 October baseline update, following the presentation of the 2007/08 audited financial statements of the departmental activities administered by the Ministry of Economic Development.