



Cabinet

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Minute of Decision

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Minister for Food Safety

Copies to:

Prime Minister
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Finance
Hon Jim Anderton
Associate Minister of Finance
(Hon Trevor Mallard)
Controller and Auditor-General

2007 Budget Package: Vote Food Safety

On 19 April 2007, Cabinet:

Administering Department: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

1. **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2007 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)				
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
4115	Staff Remuneration	-	1.124	1.811	2.526	3.084
4155	Joint Australia New Zealand Food Standard Setting Treaty	-	0.790	0.500	0.500	0.500
4156	Implementation of Food Reviews	-	2.500	2.500	-	-
Total Operating		-	4.414	4.811	3.026	3.584

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& 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 recommendations (where applicable) 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 2006/07 above be included in the 2006/07 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 2006/07 Supplementary Estimates, the 2007/08 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
7. **noted** that all communications relating to the 2007 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: CAB (07) 135, CAB (07) 135A

Vote: Food Safety

Title: Staff Remuneration

Description: Restore and maintain New Zealand Food Safety Authority's core capability by addressing remuneration pressures.

Theme: Economic Transformation

Theme Objective: Non-specific

Performance Information

Performance Text

Reduction in unfilled vacancies, reduction in employment offers declined due to low remuneration, increase in calibre of new recruits and reduction in time to fill advertised vacancies

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.124	1.811	2.526	3.084
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.124	1.811	2.526	3.084

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Consultation and Food Safety Information (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.100	0.163	0.224	0.276
Food Safety Policy Advice (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.152	0.244	0.341	0.417
Regulatory Standards (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.713	1.154	1.611	1.965
Response to Food Safety Emergencies (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.019	0.025	0.035	0.042
Systems Audit and Enforcement (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.140	0.225	0.315	0.384
Total Operating	-	1.124	1.811	2.526	3.084
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Vote: Food Safety

Title: Joint Australia New Zealand Food Standard Setting Treaty

Description: Meeting additional costs of New Zealand's obligations under the Joint Australia New Zealand Food Standard Setting Treaty.

Theme: Economic Transformation

Theme Objective: Non-specific

Performance Information

Performance Text

Maintenance of New Zealand's obligations under the Joint Australia New Zealand Food Standard Setting Treaty. Delivery of an agreed programme of labelling and composition standards for food sold in New Zealand. Standards to deliver safe and suitable food to New Zealanders and provide consumer information.

New Appropriation Approvals

Type	Period	Name	MCOA Output Class	Scope
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown	Annual	New Zealand and Australia Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty	N/A	Production of joint food standards for Australia and New Zealand by Food Standards Australia New Zealand.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.790	0.500	0.500	0.500
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.790	0.500	0.500	0.500

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown: New Zealand and Australia Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty	-	0.790	0.500	0.500	0.500
Total Operating	-	0.790	0.500	0.500	0.500
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Vote: Food Safety

Title: Implementation of Food Reviews

Description: The New Zealand Food Safety Authority has now completed 3 reviews to address identified problems with the New Zealand food regulatory programme and to position New Zealand's food industry for the future. Cabinet has approved the implementation of the Domestic Food Review and development of a new Food Bill.

Theme: Economic Transformation

Theme Objective: Firms' innovative capacity

Performance Information

Performance Text

The New Zealand Food Safety Authority currently has a programme underway to identify performance measures for the implementation. Government's expectations are that it will reduce foodborne illness, provide a comprehensive, coherent and seamless cost effective food regulatory infrastructure, clarify responsibilities and protect New Zealand's reputation as a producer of safe food.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	2.500	2.500	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	2.500	2.500	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Consultation and Food Safety Information (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.500	0.500	-	-
Food Safety Policy Advice (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.500	0.500	-	-
Regulatory Standards (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	1.500	1.500	-	-
Total Operating	-	2.500	2.500	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-