



Cabinet

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Minute of Decision

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Minister of Internal Affairs

Copies to:

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

2007 Budget Package: Vote Internal Affairs

On 19 April 2007, Cabinet:

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
3895	Unsolicited Electronic Messages Regulation	0.450	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
3898	Increasing Ethnic Diversity Leadership	-	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600
3901	Moderation of Birth and Death Records	-	1.000	1.000	-	-
3903	Births, Deaths And Marriages Registration Amendment Bill Implementation	-	0.165	0.086	0.086	0.086
Total Operating		0.450	2.665	2.586	1.586	1.586

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
3895	Unsolicited Electronic Messages Regulation	-	0.250	-	-	-
3903	Births, Deaths And Marriages Registration Amendment Bill Implementation	-	0.180	-	-	-
Total Capital		-	0.430	-	-	-

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: Internal Affairs

Title: Unsolicited Electronic Messages Regulation

Description: This initiative will provide for the establishment and operation of an Enforcement Unit to monitor and enforce compliance with the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Act 2007. Incremental to approved contingency 2006 initiative.

Theme: Economic Transformation

Theme Objective: Non-specific

Performance Information

Performance Text

A unit to monitor and enforce compliance with legislation against SPAM. The unit will be responsible for receiving complaints, carrying out investigations, issuing warnings and infringement notices, taking legal action where appropriate and co-operating with overseas enforcement agencies in enforcement and in meeting our international obligations with respect to SPAM. Performance measures to be determined when the final form of the legislation is known.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	0.450	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
Debt Impact	-	0.250	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.450	1.150	0.900	0.900	0.900

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Gaming and Censorship Regulatory Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	0.450	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
Net Asset Schedule: Capital Investment	-	0.250	-	-	-
Total Operating	0.450	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
Total Capital	-	0.250	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

noted that contingency funding of \$0.450 million in 2007/08 and \$0.900 million in each of 2008/09 and outyears was set aside for this initiative in Budget 2006, ahead of the passage of the legislation.

Vote: Internal Affairs

Title: Increasing Ethnic Diversity Leadership

Description: This initiative increases the capacity of the OEA to respond to increased demand from ethnic communities and government. It contributes to developing a strong national identity which in turn positions New Zealand to capitalise on the social, cultural and economic benefits of diversity.

Theme: National Identity

Theme Objective: Reinforcing community

Performance Information

Performance Table

	Unit of Measurement	Performance Specification				
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Quantity						
Intercultural awareness training packages	Packages	-	2	2	2	2
Intercultural Awareness Training Courses	Courses	-	24	24	24	24
New Regional Office	Office	-	1	-	-	-
Building Bridges Activities	Activities	-	6	6	6	6

Performance Text

Establishment of new regional office in Hamilton by March 2008. Additional 6 Building Bridges Activities each year. Development of two new intercultural awareness training packages by June 2008 and deliver 24 courses to government agencies.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Services for Ethnic Affairs (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600
Total Operating	-	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Vote: Internal Affairs

Title: Moderation of Birth and Death Records

Description: This initiative will enable matching of historical death records (1940-97) against relevant birth records to ensure New Zealanders' identify records are secure and protected from fraud.

Theme: National Identity

Theme Objective: Reinforcing community

Performance Information

Performance Text

The start date of 1940 has been selected to maximise the risk mitigation effect in combating identity and entitlement fraud. There are approximately 2 million death records to reconcile in this period. It is expected that a proportion of records will not be matched – primarily because the people whose deaths have been registered were not born in New Zealand.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.000	1.000	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.000	1.000	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Identity Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	1.000	1.000	-	-
Total Operating	-	1.000	1.000	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 3903

Vote: Internal Affairs**Title:** Births, Deaths And Marriages Registration Amendment Bill Implementation**Description:** This initiative is to provide funding for the Department of Internal Affairs to implement changes to provisions contained in the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Amendment Bill.**Theme:** National Identity**Theme Objective:** Reinforcing community**Performance Information****Performance Text**

The major areas of change include:

- 1 redesign of the birth, death, marriage and civil union databases;
- 2 the development of protocols with the Police and the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service;
- 3 design, development and build of a new database;
- 4 redesign of the processes and systems relating to the processing of requests for certificates;
- 5 redesign of registration forms;

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.165	0.086	0.086	0.086
Debt Impact	-	0.180	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.345	0.086	0.086	0.086

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Identity Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.165	0.086	0.086	0.086
Net Asset Schedule:					
Capital Investment	-	0.180	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	0.165	0.086	0.086	0.086
Total Capital	-	0.180	-	-	-