



Cabinet

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Minute of Decision

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Attorney-General

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 Attorney-General

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
4006	Increased Demand for Legal Advice and Representation	-	-	-	-	-
4051	1,000 extra Police: Flow on Impacts	0.100	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430
4053	Crown Law – Demand Pressures	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Total Operating		0.100	1.430	1.430	1.430	1.430

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: Attorney-General

Title: Increased Demand for Legal Advice and Representation

Description: Increased demand for litigation services from government departments & Crown agencies. Increased disbursements incurred on behalf of clients, cost pressures in relation to increased annual leave provisions, salary & wages, and the rent review of the accommodation lease.

Justice Sector Priority 43

Theme: Families - Young and Old

Theme Objective: Non-specific

Performance Information

Performance Text

Crown Law provides legal advice and representation to government departments and Crown agencies, with special emphasis on constitutional and other matters of public and administrative law, including Treaty of Waitangi and revenue issues. Crown Law is not funded by the Crown for these services, but is required to invoice the departments and agencies that services are provided to, on the basis of time and materials.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	1.890	2.280	2.280	2.280	2.280
Total	1.890	2.280	2.280	2.280	2.280

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Legal Advice and Representation (funded by Revenue Dept)	1.890	2.280	2.280	2.280	2.280
Total Operating	1.890	2.280	2.280	2.280	2.280
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Vote: Attorney-General

Title: 1,000 extra Police: Flow on Impacts

Description: This budget initiative seeks funding to support the expected increase in prosecutions by the Crown Solicitors following implementation of the Government's decision to fund 1,000 additional police.

Justice Sector Priority 4

Theme: Families - Young and Old

Theme Objective: Non-specific

Performance Information

Performance Table

	Unit of Measurement	Performance Specification				
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Quantity						
Additional criminal matters for indictable crime	Number of trials	30	154	249	249	249

Performance Text

Quality and Timeliness: Prosecution services provided in accordance with the prosecution guidelines and case management practices developed by the Solicitor-General and judiciary respectively.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	0.100	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.100	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Supervision and Conduct of Crown Prosecutions (funded by Revenue Crown)	0.100	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430
Total Operating	0.100	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 4053

Vote: Attorney-General

Title: Crown Law – Demand Pressures

Description: Increased demand for services relating to the conduct of criminal appeals.

Justice Sector Priority 32

Theme: Families - Young and Old

Theme Objective: Non-specific

Performance Information

Performance Text

This initiative relates to the continuing provision of timely Crown Law outputs as follows:

Conduct of Criminal Appeals, section 390 of the Crimes Act 1961 places a statutory obligation on the Solicitor-General to: (a) represent the Crown on every appeal against conviction or sentence, and (b) appear at every hearing involving oral submissions or on an appeal to appear under this part.

Appropriation Changes

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

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