



# Cabinet

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## Minute of Decision

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

## 2007 Budget Package: Vote Parliamentary Counsel

On 19 April 2007, Cabinet:

- 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
4506	Organisational Capability	-	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200
4509	Maintaining Capabilities	-	1.495	0.813	0.797	0.797
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>1.695</b>	<b>1.013</b>	<b>0.997</b>	<b>0.997</b>

#### Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
4506	Organisational Capability	-	0.200	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		-	<b>0.200</b>	-	-	-

- 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;
8. *[information deleted in order to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by ministers and officials]*

Secretary of the Cabinet

References: CAB (07) 135, CAB (07) 135A

**Vote:** Parliamentary Counsel

**Title:** Organisational Capability

**Description:** As a result of an Organisation Review carried out by PricewaterhouseCoopers, additional staff are required to enhance the strategic management capabilities of the PCO.

**Theme:** Other

**Theme Objective:** Other

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

Additional funding is needed to enable the PCO to recruit staff in the key positions of Human Resources Adviser and Finance Officer. These are new positions and will support the increased size and expanded capability of the PCO, and sustain it into the future.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200
Debt Impact	-	0.200	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.400</b>	<b>0.200</b>	<b>0.200</b>	<b>0.200</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Law Drafting Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200
Net Asset Schedule:					
Capital Investment	-	0.200	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>0.200</b>	<b>0.200</b>	<b>0.200</b>	<b>0.200</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>0.200</b>	-	-	-

**Vote:** Parliamentary Counsel

**Title:** Maintaining Capabilities

**Description:** To enable the PCO to maintain capability by funding salary increases, related personnel costs, and personnel costs for existing vacancies for which funds have had to be spent in other areas, and to fund additional annual bound volumes for rewritten parts of the Income Tax Act 2004

**Theme:** Other

**Theme Objective:** Other

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

Additional funding is needed to ensure the PCO can continue to carry out its law drafting and publishing functions. If staff and publishing costs are not properly funded, the PCO will not be able to retain experienced staff or to deliver its key outputs, i.e. legislative drafting and publishing.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.495	0.813	0.797	0.797
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.495</b>	<b>0.813</b>	<b>0.797</b>	<b>0.797</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Access to Legislation (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.388	0.013	-	-
Law Drafting Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	1.107	0.800	0.797	0.797
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.495</b>	<b>0.813</b>	<b>0.797</b>	<b>0.797</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

