



Cabinet

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Minute of Decision

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Minister of Communications

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 Communications

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
4182	MED Baseline Pressures - addressing acute funding pressures for 2006/07 only	0.330	-	-	-	-
4183	Digital Strategy: Urban and Rural Broadband.	-	0.300	-	-	-
Total Operating		0.330	0.300	-	-	-

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. **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;
7. **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;
8. **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: Communications

Title: MED Baseline Pressures - addressing acute funding pressures for 2006/07 only

Description: Hosting the 34th Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Telecommunications and Information Working Group meeting in Auckland, and costs associated with strategic advice around key roles in the enforcement area.

Theme: Economic Transformation

Theme Objective: Non-specific

Performance Information

Performance Text

The Ministry must deliver on the outputs in its Statement of Intent and the activities of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Telecommunications and Information Working Group Conference, and the role of providing strategic advice around key roles in the enforcement area.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	0.330	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.330	-	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Policy Advice - Communications (funded by Revenue Crown)	0.330	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	0.330	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

noted that this initiative is funded from offsetting savings as part of a cross-Vote baseline pressures package agreed by MED Ministers to address fiscal risks within the Ministry of Economic Development, and the overall baseline pressures package has no net impact on the operating balance.

Initiative No: 4183

Vote: Communications

Title: Digital Strategy: Urban and Rural Broadband.

Description: Assistance towards the development of an Auckland broadband business case.

Theme: Economic Transformation

Theme Objective: World-class Auckland

Performance Information

Performance Text

Extend the current Broadband Challenge contestable grant scheme to provide assistance towards the development of an Auckland business case. Performance will be measured by the number of applicants and the successful development of an Auckland broadband business case.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.300	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.300	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Digital Strategy - High Speed Connectivity for Growth	-	0.300	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	0.300	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-