



Minute of Decision

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Budget 2010: Detailed Examination of Major Social Sector Votes and other Votes Seeking Additional Funding

Portfolio: Finance

On 2 November 2009, Cabinet:

Background

- 1 **noted** that Cabinet has taken decisions on the indicative allocation of the Budget 2010 operating allowance to votes and the process for the detailed examination of social sector votes and other votes seeking additional resources [CAB Min (09) 39/23];

Terms of reference for detailed examinations

- 2 **approved** the terms of reference for the detailed examinations of Vote Health, Vote Education, Vote Social Development and the Justice Sector Votes set out in Annexes 1 to 4 respectively, of the submission under CAB (09) 654;
- 3 **agreed** that the Vote Ministers concerned (the Minister of Justice for the Justice Sector Votes) should report the results of the detailed examinations to Budget Ministers via the Minister of Finance:
 - 3.1 by 30 November 2009 if they are seeking additional resources (or more than an additional \$300 million for Vote Health or more than an additional \$250 million for Vote Education);
 - 3.2 by 21 December 2009 otherwise;
- 4 **approved** the terms of reference set out in Annex 5 of the submission under CAB (09) 654 for the detailed examination of any other Vote whose Minister considers that they are unable to deliver priorities and cater for cost pressures from within their existing baseline and are seeking additional resources;
- 5 **agreed** that any Vote Ministers to whom paragraph 4 relates should report their detailed examination together with their request for additional resources to the Minister of Finance by 30 November 2009;

- 6 **agreed** that the detailed examinations are to be conducted by the Vote Minister and department concerned, but that Vote Ministers may ask the Minister of Finance for supplementary assistance from the Treasury.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (09) 654
