

# The Treasury

## Budget 2012 Information Release

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# Cabinet

CAB Min (12) 13/3(30)

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## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2012: Vote Senior Citizens

On 23 April 2012, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiative for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2012 Budget package, as detailed in the attached initiative document;
- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 4 **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 2011/12 Supplementary Estimates, the 2012/13 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 5 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2012 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

References: CAB (12) 154; CAB (12) 155

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## Initiative No: 7501

**Vote:** Senior Citizens

**Title:** Efficiency Saving

**Description:** Reducing the Ministry of Social Development's funding by the efficiency saving target set by the government.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	(0.019)	(0.022)	(0.025)	(0.025)
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.019)</b>	<b>(0.022)</b>	<b>(0.025)</b>	<b>(0.025)</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Senior Citizens Services (funded by revenue Dept)	-	(0.018)	(0.018)	(0.018)	(0.018)
Senior Citizens Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.001)	(0.004)	(0.007)	(0.007)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.019)</b>	<b>(0.022)</b>	<b>(0.025)</b>	<b>(0.025)</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

### Additional Recommendation

6 **noted** that these changes to appropriations will have no impact on the operating balance, as the impact was counted in Budget 2011.