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Cabinet

CAB Min (12) 13/3(12)
Amended Minute

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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2012: Vote Environment

On 23 April 2012, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2012 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)				
		2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
7496	Increasing Conservation Education in Schools	-	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.900
Total Operating		-	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.900

- 2 **agreed** to establish a new appropriation to implement this initiative, as described in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approved** the technical changes for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2012 Budget package, as detailed in the attached documents;
- 4 **approved** the changes to appropriations to implement the initiative and technical changes, as set out in the attached documents;
- 5 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations be included in the 2011/12 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 2011/12 Supplementary Estimates, the 2012/13 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;

- 7 **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

Secretary's Note: This minute replaces CAB Min (12) 13/3(12). This minute has been reissued to include an additional initiative agreed by Cabinet which was omitted from the original minute.

Initiative No: 7496

Vote: Environment

Title: Increasing Conservation Education In Schools

Description: This initiative will increase conservation education in schools and will be met by the emerging priorities contingency.

New Appropriation Approval

Type	Period	Name	MCOA Output Class	Scope
Non-Departmental Output Expenses	Annual	Environmental Training Programmes	N/A	This appropriation is limited to supporting training programmes, including Te Aho Tu Roa, that promote environmental and social sustainability, encourage Maori participation, raise environmental and ecological awareness and encourage children and young people to participate in environmental initiatives in the community.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.900
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.900

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expense:					
Environmental Training Programmes	-	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.900
Total Operating	-	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.900
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional recommendation

8 **noted** that this initiative is a charge against the Prime Minister's Emerging Priorities contingency fund;

Technical Changes

Administration Review – Reprioritisation of Funding

- 9 **approved** the following technical changes to appropriations below to facilitate the Administration Review with no impact on the operating balance in the forecast period:

Vote Environment Minister for the Environment	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2014/15 & Outyears
Departmental Multi-class Output Expenses:					
Environmental Management Obligations and Programmes MCOA					
<i>Domestic Obligations and Programmes</i>	0.036	(0.021)	(0.021)	-	-
<i>International Obligations and Institutions</i> <i>(all funded by revenue Crown)</i>	0.026	(0.014)	(0.014)	-	-
Total Multi-class output expense: Environmental Management Obligations and Programmes	0.062	(0.035)	(0.035)	-	-
Improving Resource Management MCOA					
<i>Developing and Implementing Treaty Settlements and Environmental Accords</i>	0.034	(0.013)	(0.013)	-	-
<i>Marine Policy Advice</i>	0.028	(0.015)	(0.015)	-	-
<i>Resource Management Implementation</i>	0.145	(0.056)	(0.055)	-	-
<i>Resource Management Policy Advice</i>	0.136	(0.061)	(0.061)	-	-
<i>Water Management Policy Advice</i> <i>(all funded by revenue Crown)</i>	0.048	(0.039)	(0.039)	-	-
Total Multi-class output expense: Improving Resource Management MCOA	0.391	(0.184)	(0.183)	-	-
Mitigating Environmental Hazards and Waste MCOA					
<i>Environmental Hazards and Waste Policy Advice</i>	0.037	(0.019)	(0.019)	-	-
<i>Waste Management and Minimisation</i> <i>(all funded by revenue Crown)</i>	0.042	(0.025)	(0.025)	-	-
Total Multi-class output expense: Mitigating Environmental Hazards and Waste MCOA	0.079	(0.044)	(0.044)	-	-
Total Operating	0.532	(0.263)	(0.262)	-	-

Vote Climate Change Minister for Climate Change Issues	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2014/15 & Outyears
Departmental Multi-class Output Expense: Climate Change MCOA <i>Domestic Climate Change Programme Policy Advice</i>	0.114	(0.060)	(0.060)	-	-
<i>International Climate Change Programme Policy Advice (all funded by revenue Crown)</i>	0.054	(0.027)	(0.028)	-	-
Total Multi-class output expense: Climate Change	0.168	(0.087)	(0.088)	-	-

Establishment of Multi-Year appropriation in Vote Environment

- 10 **noted** that as a result of merging Vote Climate Change into Vote Environment, the existing multi-year appropriation in Vote Climate Change must be expired, and a new appropriation in Vote Environment established;
- 11 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to establish a new multi-year appropriation with no impact on the operating balance:

Vote Climate Change Minister for Climate Change Issues	\$m – increase/(decrease)			
	2009/10	2010/11 to 2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense: Land Use and Carbon Analysis (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(15.131)	-	-

Type	Period	Name	MCOA Output Class	Scope
Departmental Output Expense (MYA)	Other Start: 1/07/2012 Finish: 30/06/2014 Amount (\$m): 15.843	Land Use and Carbon Analysis	N/A	This appropriation is limited to developing a national carbon accounting system that will contribute to meeting of New Zealand's greenhouse gas reporting obligations under the Kyoto Protocol and the UNFCCC.

Vote Environment Minister for Climate Change Issues	\$m – increase/(decrease)			
	2011/12	2012/13 to 2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense: Land Use and Carbon Analysis (funded by revenue Crown)	-	15.131	-	-

- 12 **noted** that the indicative funding profile for the new multi-year appropriation described above is as follows:

Indicative annual spending profile	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
	-	9.142	5.989	-	-

- 13 **agreed** that any balance of the appropriation at 30 June 2012 be transferred to the new multi-year appropriation in Vote Environment, Land Use and Carbon Analysis;

Land Use and Carbon Analysis System

- 14 **approved** the following fiscally neutral changes to reallocate corporate cost allocation following a review of the methodology, with no impact on the operating balance:

Vote Environment Minister for Climate Change Issues	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13 to 2013/14		2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense: Land Use and Carbon Analysis (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.712			-
Departmental Multi-Class Output Expense: Climate Change MCOA					
<i>Domestic Climate Change Programme Policy Advice:</i>	-	(0.053)	(0.053)	-	-
<i>International Climate Change Programme Policy Advice:</i>	-	(0.026)	(0.026)	-	-
<i>(all funded by revenue Crown)</i>					
Total – Departmental Multi-class expense: Climate Change MCOA	-	(0.079)	(0.079)	-	-
Departmental Multi-Class Output Expense: Environmental Management Obligations and Programmes MCOA					
<i>Domestic Obligations and Programmes:</i>		(0.026)	(0.026)		
<i>International Obligations and Institutions Policy Advice:</i>		(0.013)	(0.013)		
<i>(funded by revenue Crown)</i>					
Total Multi-class output expense: Environmental Management Obligations and Programmes MCOA	-	(0.039)	(0.039)	-	-
Departmental Multi-Class Output Expense: Improving Resource Management MCOA					
<i>Water Management Policy Advice</i>	-	(0.026)	(0.026)	-	-
<i>Marine Environment Policy Advice</i>	-	(0.018)	(0.018)	-	-
<i>Resource Management Policy Advice</i>	-	(0.087)	(0.087)	-	-
<i>Resource Management Implementation</i>	-	(0.049)	(0.049)	-	-
<i>Developing and Implementing Treaty Settlements and Environmental Accords Policy Advice</i>	-	(0.023)	(0.023)	-	-
<i>(all funded by revenue Crown)</i>					

Total Multi-class output expense: - Improving Resource Management MCOA	-	(0.203)	(0.203)	-	-
Departmental Multi-Class Output Expense: Mitigating Environmental Hazards and Waste MCOA					
<i>Environmental Hazards and Waste Policy Advice</i>	-	(0.020)	(0.020)	-	-
<i>Waste Management and Minimisation</i>	-	(0.015)	(0.015)	-	-
<i>(all funded by revenue Crown)</i>					
Total Multi-class output expense:- Mitigating Environmental Hazards and Waste MCOA	-	(0.035)	(0.035)	-	-

12 **noted** that the indicative funding profile for the new multi-year appropriation described above is as follows:

Indicative annual spending profile	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
	-	0.356	0.356	-	-