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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2013: Vote Justice Technical Initiatives

On 8 April 2013, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the technical initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2013 Budget package, as detailed in the attached initiative documents;
- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations and projected balances of net assets of the administering department to implement the technical initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the technical initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations and projected balances of net assets for 2012/13 be included in the 2012/13 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 5 **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 2012/13 Supplementary Estimates, the 2013/14 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 6 **authorised** the chief executives of departments that monitor Crown entities directly affected by decisions in this minute to inform the chair and/or chief executive of a Crown entity, on a budget-in-confidence-until-budget-day basis, of decisions that directly affect that Crown entity for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent;
- 7 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2013 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 (13) 178

11 APR 2013

Initiative No: 7600

Vote: Justice**Title:** Justice Sector Fund Transfers and Other Technical Adjustments**Description:** This implements the approved transfers from the Justice Sector Fund into Vote Justice as well as other technical adjustments.**Appropriation changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	(0.334)	[6]			
Total	(0.334)				

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Justice Policy Advice and Related Services (Multi-Class Output Appropriation)					
Justice Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.300	0.500	0.500	0.500
Legal and Ministerial Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.172	0.223	0.223	0.223
Administration of Legal Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.700	0.650	0.650	0.650
Sector Leadership and Support (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.350	0.500	0.500	0.500
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Community Law Centres	-	[6]			
Crime Prevention and Community Safety Programmes	-	1.890	2.530	-	-
Provision of Protective Fiduciary Services	-	(1.222)	(1.873)	(1.873)	(1.873)
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
Impairment of Offender Levy	(0.430)	(0.076)	(0.070)	(0.063)	(0.070)

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Net Asset Schedule of the Ministry of Justice:					
Capital Investment	0.096	0.050	-	0.187	0.098
Total Operating	(0.430)	[6]			
Total Capital	0.096	0.050	-	0.187	0.098

Additional recommendations

- 8 **noted** that the figures in the appropriation table above show only the net changes to the Community Law Centres appropriation;
- 9 **noted** that the Receipts from the Law Society's Special Fund for Community Law Centres is forecast [6] shown below and that the Law Centres appropriation has been [6] receipts:

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Non-Tax Revenue:					
Receipts from the Law Society's Special Fund for Community Law Centres	-	[6])

- 10 **noted** that Joint Ministers have agreed \$6.600 million in 2013/14 and \$5.800 million in 2014/15 as a charge against the Justice Sector Fund tagged contingency for Community Law Centres;
- 11 **noted** that Joint Ministers have agreed \$1.890 million in 2013/14 and \$2.530 million in 2014/15 as a charge against the Justice Sector Fund tagged contingency for the expansion of Restorative Justice programmes;
- 12 **noted** that the Impairment of Offender Levy appropriation has been reduced to reflect updated forecasts;
- 13 **noted** that the net assets of the Ministry of Justice are increasing due to forecast movements in memorandum accounts;
- 14 **agreed** to cease purchasing free wills from the Public Trust and to transfer the current funding to other priorities identified in the Justice Sector Four-year Plan in the Ministry of Justice;
- 15 **noted** that there are a number of low-cost or free options already available for producing a will and that there are other mechanisms for addressing access to justice issues around wills that could be developed, if required.