

# The Treasury

## Budget 2013 Information Release

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# Cabinet

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## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2013: Vote Courts Technical Initiative

On 8 April 2013, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the technical initiative for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2013 Budget package, as detailed in the attached initiative documents;
- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations to implement the technical initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the technical initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 4 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations 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 **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

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Initiative No: 7601

**Vote:** Courts**Title:** Justice Sector Fund Allocation and Other Technical Changes**Description:** This initiative confirms funding transfers from the Justice Sector Fund for the Justice and Emergency Services Precinct. It also makes technical changes associated with updated forecasts for the imposition and collection of fines and the offender levy.**Appropriation changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	2.000	(8.224)	(8.980)	(7.824)	(7.561)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.000</b>	<b>(8.224)</b>	<b>(8.980)</b>	<b>(7.824)</b>	<b>(7.561)</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (funded by revenue Crown)	0.312	-	-	-	-
District Court Services (funded by revenue Crown)	0.986	-	-	-	-
Higher Court Services (funded by revenue Crown)	0.324	-	-	-	-
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services (funded by revenue Crown)	0.378	-	-	-	-
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</b>					
Impairment of Fines Receivable	-	(8.224)	(8.980)	(7.824)	(7.561)
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>2.000</b>	<b>(8.224)</b>	<b>(8.980)</b>	<b>(7.824)</b>	<b>(7.561)</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**Additional recommendations**

- 7 **noted** that Joint Ministers have agreed \$2.000 million in 2012/13 as a charge against the Justice Sector Fund tagged contingency for the Justice and Emergency Services Precinct;
- 8 **noted** that the Court Fines and Offenders Levy revenue forecasts have been updated as shown below and that the Impairment of Fines Receivable appropriation has been reduced to reflect the lower level of fines being imposed:

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
<b>Non-Tax Revenue:</b>					
Court Fines	(4.947)	(7.685)	(9.440)	(11.943)	(11.509)
Offenders Levy	(0.643)	(0.643)	(0.637)	(0.630)	(0.681)