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Cabinet

CAB Min (13) 11/2(13)

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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2013: Vote Housing 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 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 for 2012/13 above 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

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Initiative No: 7690

Vote: Housing

Title: Administrative Expenses for the Royal Commission of Inquiry

Description: Expenses in managing and delivering input into the Canterbury Earthquakes Royal Commission of Inquiry into Building Failure including preparation of witnesses and managing the release and the government response.

Appropriation changes

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Canterbury Earthquakes: Building and Housing Assistance (funded by revenue Crown)	0.732	-	-	-	-
Weathertight Services (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.732)	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 7692

Vote: Housing

Title: Canterbury Recovery Programme

Description: Extension of funding to cover the co-ordination, management and delivery of the overall departmental response programme, and the delivery of accommodation matching and placement services to people displaced by the Canterbury earthquakes.

Appropriation changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Canterbury Earthquakes: Building and Housing Assistance (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.630	4.170	4.170	-
Non-Departmental Output Expense:					
Canterbury Earthquakes: Emergency and Temporary Accommodation	-	(2.630)	(4.170)	(4.170)	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 7691

Vote: Housing

Title: Post-Disaster Building Management

Description: Updating material and processes for post-disaster building management based on the experience in Canterbury and the development of a best practice guide for the investigation of building failure.

Appropriation changes

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Building Regulation and Control (MYA) (funded by revenue Crown)	1.018	-	-	-	-
Building Regulation and Control (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.282	-	-	-
Weathertight Services (funded by revenue Crown)	(1.018)	(1.282)	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional recommendations

- 8 **noted** the Multi Year Appropriation: "Building Regulation and Control" is adjusted by \$1.018 million;
- 9 **noted** that the amounts shown in the appropriations changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "Building Regulation and Control" are the change to the indicative annual spending profile.