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Cabinet

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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2013: Vote Environment 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 below;
- 2 **noted** that in March 2012, Cabinet agreed that a "Emissions Trading Scheme Review implementation contingency" of \$15.233 million in 2012/13 be established from the Budget 2012 operating allowance, to fund implementation costs that cannot be met through existing agency baselines [CAB Min (12) 8/7];
- 3 **noted** that the Emissions Trading Scheme Review implementation contingency is due to expire on 30 June 2013;
- 4 **agreed** to roll over \$4.160 million of the contingency through to 30 June 2014 as shown below, with no impact on the operating balance:

Operating Contingency

Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Emissions Trading Scheme Review Implementation Contingency	(4.160)	4.160	-	-	-
Total Operating	(4.160)	4.160	-	-	-

for Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (13) 178

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