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Budget 2013: Vote Social Development 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 **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;
- 3 **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;
- 4 **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;
- 5 **agreed** to revise the scope for the 2012/13 Supplementary Estimates and 2013/14 Estimates of the current Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses appropriation entitled "Domestic Purposes Benefit" to "Provision of income support for sole parents, caregivers of sick or infirm people or women alone, whose domestic circumstances exclude them from fully participating in the labour force. Also includes payment of a sub-category of the Emergency Benefit, administratively referred to as Emergency Maintenance Allowance. Paid in accordance with criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964 and delegated legislation issued under that Act."

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (13) 178

Initiative No: 7711

Vote: Social Development**Title:** Transfer of Funding for Student Text Messaging Platform**Description:** Transfer of funding from the Student Placement Services appropriation, to the Management of Student Support, excluding Student Loans appropriation to implement a personalised text messaging platform to enable staff to contact and receive responses from students on a range of matters, including reminding them of work obligations.**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:					
Management of Student Support, excluding Student Loans (funded by revenue Crown)	0.172	-	-	-	-
Non-Departmental Output Expense:					
Student Placement Services	(0.172)	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 7742

Vote: Social Development**Title:** Video Remote Interpreting Service**Description:** A video remote interpreting service administered by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, funded by a transfer from other agencies. The service will provide qualified New Zealand Sign Language Interpreters, via a video connection, for face-to-face meetings with Deaf people.**Appropriation changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	(0.100)	(0.100)	(0.100)	(0.100)
Total	-	(0.100)	(0.100)	(0.100)	(0.100)

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Care and Protection Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.100)	(0.100)	(0.100)	(0.100)
Total Operating	-	(0.100)	(0.100)	(0.100)	(0.100)
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-