

# The Treasury

## Budget 2013 Information Release

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# Cabinet

CAB Min (13) 11/2(23)

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## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2013: Vote Tourism 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 document;
- 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 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

Initiative No: 7772

Vote: Tourism

Title: China Market Information Project

**Description:** Fiscally neutral adjustment of funding from Non-Departmental appropriation - Implementation of the Tourism Strategy to Departmental Policy Advice Tourism in 2012/13 through to 2014/15 to enable Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to directly manage the funding of the China Visitor Market Group and the "game changer process".

**Appropriation changes**

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Policy Advice - Tourism (funded by revenue Crown)	0.110	0.020	0.010	-	-
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Implementation of the Tourism Strategy	(0.110)	(0.020)	(0.010)	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Additional recommendations**

8 **noted** that in November 2002, the previous government agreed that the process for allocating funding over \$250,000 (GST inclusive) from the Vote Tourism appropriation for Implementation of the Tourism Strategy will be:

8.1 assessment of projects by the Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the Treasury and other government agencies as appropriate;

8.2 recommendation to the Minister of Tourism by the Ministry of Tourism;

8.3 approval by the Minister of Tourism in consultation with the Minister of Finance, and with other Ministers as appropriate;

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9 **agreed** that the Minister of Finance no longer be required to be consulted on and approve all such grants, but that consultation only be required to occur if the Minister of Tourism considers such consultation and approval as necessary;

10 **agreed** that the process established in 2002 referred to above be amended to require approval by the Minister of Tourism in consultation with other Ministers as appropriate, and with the Minister of Finance only if the Minister of Tourism considers that this is necessary.