

# The Treasury

## Budget 2013 Information Release

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## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2013 Package: Vote Justice

Portfolio: Justice

On 15 April 2013, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2013 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative document;

#### Summary of initiative included in the attached initiative document:

##### Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
7597	Electoral Funding	-	1.281	11.617	(11.633)	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>1.281</b>	<b>11.617</b>	<b>(11.633)</b>	-


- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **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;
- 5 **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;

- 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;

**Capital Contingency**

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- 7 **agreed** that the above initiative be set aside as a capital contingency item, that corresponding funding for it be set aside in the between-Budget spending contingency, and that it be submitted to the appropriate Cabinet committee for consideration at a later stage;

 Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (13) 203

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Initiative No: 7597

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** Electoral Funding

**Description:** This initiative has two parts. First, to reallocate funding into 2014/15 that was previously earmarked for a potential referendum on changes to the voting system in 2015/16. The funding for this output is no longer required. Second, the initiative seeks new funding of \$1.265 million to ensure the delivery of the 2014 General Election.

### Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.281	11.617	(11.633)	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1.281</b>	<b>11.617</b>	<b>(11.633)</b>	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Electoral Services	-	1.281	11.617	(11.633)	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>1.281</b>	<b>11.617</b>	<b>(11.633)</b>	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

### Additional recommendations

- 8 agreed to the funding transfer of \$11.633 million from 2015/16 to 2014/15;
- 9 agreed to the overall increase in funding of \$1.265 million for the 2014 General Election.