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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2013 Package: Vote Office of the Clerk

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 documents;

Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)


Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
7664	Closed Captioning of Parliament TV	-	0.615	0.600	0.600	0.600
7661	Commonwealth Speakers' and Presiding Officers' Conference	-	0.250	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	0.865	0.600	0.600	0.600

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
7664	Closed Captioning of Parliament TV	-	0.285	-	-	-
Total Capital		-	0.285	-	-	-

- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations and projected balances of net assets of the administering department 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 **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) 203

Initiative No: 7664

Vote: Office of the Clerk**Title:** Closed Captioning Parliament TV**Description:** The captioning of Parliament TV's coverage of the proceedings of the House will provide access to the hearing-impaired community.**Appropriation changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.615	0.600	0.600	0.600
Debt Impact	-	0.285	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.900	0.600	0.600	0.600

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Secretariat Services for the House of Representatives (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.615	0.600	0.600	0.600
Net Asset Schedule of the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives:					
Capital Investment	-	0.285	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	0.615	0.600	0.600	0.600
Total Capital	-	0.285	-	-	-

Initiative No: 7661

Vote: Office of the Clerk**Title:** Commonwealth Speakers' and Presiding Officers' Conference**Description:** The conference, which is part of the reciprocal programme of engagement, will enable engagement between national Parliaments to build and strengthen Parliamentary capacity. The New Zealand Parliament has an obligation to host this conference in 2014.**Appropriation changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.250	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.250	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Inter-parliamentary Relations (Multi year appropriations) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.250	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	0.250	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional recommendations

- 6 **noted** that the Multi Year Appropriation "Inter-parliamentary Relations" is adjusted by \$0.250 million;
- 7 **noted** that amount shown in the appropriation change table for the Multi Year Appropriation "Inter-parliamentary Relations" is the change to the indicative annual spending profile.