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Cabinet

CAB Min (13) 12/6A

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Budget 2013: General Matters

Portfolio: Finance

On 15 April 2013, Cabinet:

- 1 **agreed** that:
 - 1.1 proposals for funding from the between-Budget contingency must be for urgent issues that cannot be deferred to Budget 2014;
 - 1.2 Ministers will be expected to demonstrate that they have exhausted their search for opportunities to fund the initiative through reprioritisation of lower value activities;
- 2 **agreed** that no papers with fiscal and/or appropriation implications for agreement by Cabinet or Cabinet committees be submitted between 15 April 2013 and 16 May 2013 so that Budget Day documentation is accurate;
- 3 **noted** that all communications relating to Budget 2013 are coordinated 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.

pc Secretary of the Cabinet

References: CAB Min (13) 12/6, CAB (13) 203

Secretary's note: This minute reproduces a number of Cabinet's decisions on the 2013 Budget package that affect all Ministers and departments.

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