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Cabinet Business Committee

CBC Min (15) 1/3

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Minute of Decision

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Queensland Fruit Fly in Auckland: Funding for Extended Surveillance and Eradication Programme

Portfolio: Primary Industries

On 13 April 2015, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in February 2015 a small breeding population of Queensland fruit fly was detected in Grey Lynn, Auckland;
- 2 **noted** that this pest is one of the most economically damaging fruit flies world-wide, with the potential to affect 90 percent of New Zealand's fresh fruit and vegetable exports, worth more than \$3.6 billion annually;
- 3 **noted** that the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is carrying out a campaign to eradicate the fruit fly, that is expected to run until November 2015;
- 4 **noted** that based on current progress the response expenses for eradicating the small breeding population of fruit flies are expected to be \$17.113 million, excluding any compensation payable under the Biosecurity Act 1993;
- 5 **noted** that the expected funding needed is based on some assumptions around the extent of the fruit fly population;
- 6 **noted** that a second submission will be drafted for Cabinet's consideration should there be any requirement for further response expenditure;
- 7 **noted** that the first \$1.200 million of expenses for the response will come from savings and reprioritisation from within MPI's existing appropriations as proposed in the March Baseline Update;
- 8 **noted** that should issues of compensation arise a further paper will be submitted for Cabinet's consideration;

- 9 **approved** the following change to the appropriations to implement a Queensland fruit fly response programme [12] with a corresponding impact on the Government's operating balance:

	\$m – Increase/(Decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Vote Primary Industries Minister for Primary Industries					
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management MCA Departmental Output expense: Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management <i>(funded by revenue Crown)</i>	12.271	—	—	—	—
Vote Primary Industries and Food Safety Minister for Primary Industries					
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management MCA Departmental Output expense: Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management <i>(funded by revenue Crown)</i>	—	4.642	—	—	—
Total	12.271	4.642	—	—	—

- 10 **noted** that the funding for 2014/15 will be charged against the between budget contingency, and the funding for 2015/16 will be a charge against the Budget 2015 allocation;
- 11 **agreed** that the appropriation changes referred to in paragraph 9 above be included in the 2014/15 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, these expenses be met from Imprest Supply;
- 12 **noted** that the complexity of the Queensland fruit fly programme and the duration of the expected response may potentially require an in-principle transfer of up to \$5 million of operating expenditure from 2014/15 to 2015/16;
- 13 **approved** an in-principle expense transfer of up to \$5 million from the *Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management* appropriation in Vote Primary Industries in 2014/15 to the *Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management* appropriation in Vote Primary Industries and Food Safety in 2015/16;

- 14 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Primary Industries jointly to determine the final amount to be transferred, following the completion of the 2014/15 audited financial statements, with no impact on the operating balance;
- 15 **directed** MPI to report back to Cabinet by the end of February 2016 on the final costs of the eradication programme, and return any unused funding to the centre.

Committee Secretary

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