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Cabinet

CAB Min (15) 11/11(6)

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Minute of Decision

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2015 Budget Package: Vote Environment Technical Initiatives

On 13 April 2015, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiative for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2015 Budget package, as detailed in the attached initiative document;
- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2014/15 above be included in the 2014/15 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 4 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Responsible Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2014/15 Supplementary Estimates, the 2015/16 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 6 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2015 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 (15) 163

Initiative No: 8907

Vote: Environment

Title: Transfer of Funding Between Departmental Appropriations

Description: Transfer of funding between Departmental Appropriations and aligning appropriations to match revenue other.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	0.083	-	-	-	-
Total	0.083	-	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Carbon Monitoring Programme (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.200)	-	-	-	-
Carbon Monitoring Programme (funded by revenue Other)	0.003	-	-	-	-
Ministerial Services (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.275)	-	-	-	-
Ministerial Services (funded by revenue Other)	0.003	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
Environmental Management Obligations and Programmes MCA					
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Domestic Obligations and Programmes (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.150)	-	-	-	-
Domestic Obligations and Programmes (funded by revenue Other)	0.002	-	-	-	-
International Obligations and Institutions Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.280)	-	-	-	-

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International Obligations and Institutions Policy Advice (funded by revenue Other)	0.002	-	-	-	-
Improving Resource Management MCA					
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Developing and Implementing Treaty Settlements and Environmental Accords Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	0.050	-	-	-	-
Developing and Implementing Treaty Settlements and Environmental Accords Policy Advice (funded by revenue Other)	0.003	-	-	-	-
Marine Environment Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	0.300	-	-	-	-
Marine Environment Policy Advice (funded by revenue Other)	0.003	-	-	-	-
Resource Management Implementation (funded by revenue Crown)	0.725	-	-	-	-
Resource Management Implementation (funded by revenue Other)	0.014	-	-	-	-
Resource Management Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.650)	-	-	-	-
Resource Management Policy Advice (funded by revenue Other)	0.013	-	-	-	-
Water Management Implementation (funded by revenue Crown)	0.950	-	-	-	-
Water Management Implementation (funded by revenue Other)	0.007	-	-	-	-
Water Management Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	0.180	-	-	-	-
Water Management Policy Advice (funded by revenue Other)	0.016	-	-	-	-
Mitigating Environmental Hazards and Waste MCA					
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Environmental Hazards and Waste Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	0.025	-	-	-	-
Environmental Hazards and Waste Policy Advice (funded by revenue Other)	0.004	-	-	-	-
Waste Management and Minimisation (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.525)	-	-	-	-
Waste Management and Minimisation (funded by revenue Other)	0.001	-	-	-	-

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Climate Change MCA					
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Domestic Climate Change Programme Policy Advice (funded by revenue Other)	0.006	-	-	-	-
International Climate Change Programme Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.150)	-	-	-	-
International Climate Change Programme Policy Advice (funded by revenue Other)	0.006	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	0.083	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-