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Cabinet

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Minute of Decision

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2015 Budget Package: Vote Customs

On 20 April 2015, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2015 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)				
		2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
8486	Building Export Markets: Growing Secure Exports to China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations	-	1.641	1.531	1.531	1.531
8924	Managing Our Borders: Screening Departing Passengers	-	0.665	1.339	1.339	1.339
Total Operating		-	2.306	2.870	2.870	2.870

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

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Initiative No: 8486

Vote: Customs**Title:** Building Export Markets: Growing Secure Exports to China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations**Description:** Additional staff to support New Zealand exporters in trade with China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations, reducing the risk of trade disruption, increasing assurance over export supply chains, and providing targeted information to New Zealand exporters so they can claim duty preference.**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.641	1.531	1.531	1.531
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.641	1.531	1.531	1.531

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Clearance and Enforcement Services Related to Craft (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.028
Clearance and Enforcement Services Related to Goods (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.564	0.564	0.564	0.564
Clearance and Enforcement Services Related to Passengers and Crew (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.032
Information and Intelligence Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.026	0.026	0.026	0.026
International Services and Ministerial Servicing (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.906	0.796	0.796	0.796
Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007
Revenue Collection (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078
Total Operating	-	1.641	1.531	1.531	1.531
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 8924

Vote: Customs

Title: Managing Our Borders: Screening Departing Passengers

Description: This will protect New Zealand and meet international obligations by identifying departing persons of interest not already known to security agencies.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.665	1.339	1.339	1.339
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.665	1.339	1.339	1.339

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Clearance and Enforcement Services Related to Craft (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.133	0.268	0.268	0.268
Clearance and Enforcement Services Related to Goods (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.167	0.335	0.335	0.335
Clearance and Enforcement Services Related to Passengers and Crew (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.166	0.334	0.334	0.334
Information and Intelligence Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.133	0.268	0.268	0.268
International Services and Ministerial Servicing (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.033	0.067	0.067	0.067
Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.033	0.067	0.067	0.067
Total Operating	-	0.665	1.339	1.339	1.339
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-