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Minute of Decision

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2015 Budget Package: Vote Labour Market

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
8586	Maintaining Employment Relations and Standards Service Delivery	-	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000
8961	Managing Our Borders: Immigration Risk	-	6.023	6.044	6.041	6.950
8951	Skills and Employment Hubs	-	0.850	-	-	-
8962	Vision 2015	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	14.873	14.044	14.041	14.950

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations 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 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;

- 5 **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) 173

Initiative No: 8586

Vote: Labour Market

Title: Maintaining Employment Relations and Standards Service Delivery

Description: The maintenance of the current employment standards regime and an extension of the current enforcement regime to provide for advice, information and education regarding any new changes and best practise across sectors, as well as, increasing the number of Labour Inspectors in Auckland, where many of the more serious issues are seen.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Workplace Relations and Safety - Employment Relations Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000
Total Operating	-	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 8961

Vote: Labour Market

Title: Managing Our Borders: Immigration Risk

Description: To increase staffing levels and invest in technology to manage gaps in bNew Zealand's border security.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	6.023	6.044	6.041	6.950
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	1.902	1.909	1.908	2.195
Total	-	7.925	7.953	7.949	9.145

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Immigration - Immigration Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	6.023	6.044	6.041	6.950
Immigration - Immigration Services (funded by revenue Other)	-	1.902	1.909	1.908	2.195
Total Operating	-	7.925	7.953	7.949	9.145
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

- 6 **noted** that this initiative has a capital component and the capital injection and net debt impact is recognised in the corresponding financial recommendation in the Vote Business, Science and Innovation package;

Initiative No: 8951

Vote: Labour Market

Title: Skills and Employment Hubs

Description: The extension of the Canterbury Skills and Employment Hub to cover the continuing demand driven by rebuild activity and associated IT costs.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.850	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.850	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment - Employment Sector Analysis and Facilitation (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.850	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	0.850	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 8962

Vote: Labour Market

Title: Vision 2015

Description: Improving delivery of immigration services through transformed business processes and updated ICT systems.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	20.256	18.255	17.507	17.744
Total	-	20.256	18.255	17.507	17.744

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Immigration - Immigration Services (funded by revenue Other)	-	20.256	18.255	17.507	17.744
Total Operating	-	20.256	18.255	17.507	17.744
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

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