

# The Treasury

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# Cabinet

Amended Minute  
CAB Min (15) 12/2(10)

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## Minute of Decision

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### 2015 Budget Package: Vote Justice

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
8937	Process to Consider Changing the New Zealand Flag	-	14.955	-	-	-
8540	Managing Ministry of Justice Cost Pressures	-	3.394	8.725	8.725	8.725
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>18.349</b>	<b>8.725</b>	<b>8.725</b>	<b>8.725</b>

- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendation 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 **authorised** the chief executives of departments that monitor Crown entities directly affected by decisions in this minute to inform the chair and/or chief executive of a Crown entity, on a budget-in-confidence-until-budget-day basis, of decisions that directly affect that Crown entity for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent;

- 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) 173

*Secretary's note: This minute has been reissued to reflect technical adjustments to initiative 8540 agreed by the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Justice subsequent to the meeting*

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**Initiative No: 8937**

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** Process to Consider Changing the New Zealand Flag

**Description:** Vote Justice's share of the balance of funding requirement to give effect to the earlier Cabinet policy decision to undertake a process to consider changing the New Zealand Flag [CAB Min (14) 34/1].

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	14.955	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>14.955</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Electoral Services	-	14.890	-	-	-
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>					
Justice Policy Advice and Related Services					
<b>Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Justice Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.065	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>14.955</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

### Additional Recommendation

7 **noted** this initiative is only one component of the overall cross-agency bid to support the process to consider changing the New Zealand Flag (the other component is in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet).

**Initiative No: 8540**

**Vote:** Justice

**Title:** Managing Ministry of Justice Cost Pressures

**Description:** To address cost pressures in the Ministry of Justice.

**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	3.394	3.394	3.394	3.394
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>3.394</b>	<b>3.394</b>	<b>3.394</b>	<b>3.394</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Administration of Legal Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.442	0.148	0.148	0.148
Public Defence Service (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.238	0.048	0.048	0.048
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>					
Justice Policy Advice and Related Services					
<b>Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Justice Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.714	0.529	0.529	0.529
<b>Non-departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Legal Aid			8.000	8.000	8.000
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>3.394</b>	<b>8.725</b>	<b>8.725</b>	<b>8.725</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-