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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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2016 Budget Technical Financial Recommendations: Vote Courts

On 11 April 2016, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** the Budget initiative for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2016 Budget package detailed in the attached initiative document;
- 2 **noted** the establishment of new appropriations where required to implement this initiative, as described in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **noted** changes to appropriations of the administering department to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 4 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Appropriation Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2015/16 Supplementary Estimates, the 2016/17 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts; and
- 5 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2016 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.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Minister for Courts

Initiative No: 9416

Vote: Courts

Title: Re-Alignment of Judges' Salaries and Allowances

Description: A single Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation must be established for each legislative authority. Currently the Judges' Salaries and Allowances Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation refers to four enactments. The existing title and scope of the Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation will be changed, and three separate new Permanent Legislative Authorities appropriations will be established.

Appropriation Changes

Title and Scope Change	Vote	Appropriation Minister	Title	Type	Scope
Current	Courts	Minister of Justice	Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	Non-Departmental Other Expense	Costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court, District Court, Employment Court and Māori Land Court incurred pursuant to s.9A Judicature Act 1908, s.6 District Courts Act 1948 and s.13 Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993.
Proposed	Courts	Minister of Justice	Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	Non-Departmental Other Expense	This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges, acting warranted Judges and Associate Judges in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court incurred pursuant to s.9A Judicature Act 1908.

Vote	Appropriation Minister	Title	Type	Scope
Courts	Minister of Justice	District Court and Environment Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances	Non-Departmental Other Expense	This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges, and acting warranted Judges in the District Court and Environment Court incurred pursuant to s.6 District Courts Act 1947.
Courts	Minister of Justice	Employment Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances	Non-Departmental Other Expense	This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Employment Court incurred pursuant to s.206 Employment Relations Act 2000.
Courts	Minister of Justice	Maori Land Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances	Non-Departmental Other Expense	This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Maori Land Court incurred pursuant to s.13 Te Ture Whenua Maori Land Act 1993.

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances (PLA)	-	(92.724)	(92.724)	(92.724)	(92.724)
District Court and Environment Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances (PLA)	-	84.649	84.649	84.649	84.649
Employment Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances (PLA)	-	2.922	2.922	2.922	2.922
Maori Land Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances (PLA)	-	5.153	5.153	5.153	5.153
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-