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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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2016 Budget Package: Vote Conservation

On 25 April 2016, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2016 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)				
		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
9325	Game Animal Council Funding	-	0.375	0.225	-	-
9264	Battle for Our Birds	20.690	-	-	-	-
Total Operating		20.690	0.375	0.225	-	-

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **agreed** that the proposed change to appropriations for 2015/16 above be included in the 2015/16 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;
- 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;
- 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 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;

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Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Vote: Conservation

Title: Game Animal Council Funding

Description: This initiative is to enable the Council to establish a sustainable game trophy levy.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.375	0.225	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.375	0.225	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
Policy Advice, Statutory Planning, and Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies					
Departmental Output Expense:					
Statutory Planning, Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.375	0.225	-	-
Total Operating	-	0.375	0.225	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 9264

Vote: Conservation

Title: Battle for Our Birds

Description: This initiative is for a targeted pest control programme across forests in 2016 where there is significant likelihood of extinction or serious decline of threatened species.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	20.690	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	20.690	-	-	-	-

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Management of Natural Heritage (funded by revenue Crown)	20.690	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	20.690	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-