

# The Treasury

## Budget 2016 Information Release

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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### 2016 Budget Package: Vote Courts

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
9448	Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct	-	4.232	11.905	-	-
9312	Non-Violence Programmes - Supporting Increased Utilisation	-	1.700	1.700	1.700	1.700
9037	Investing in Justice	-	5.902	3.529	1.694	0.357
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>11.834</b>	<b>17.134</b>	<b>3.394</b>	<b>2.057</b>

- 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 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;
- 4 **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;

- 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;
- 6 **note** that the *Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015: Implementation* and *Dunedin Courthouse – Earthquake Strengthening and Refurbishment* initiatives, which will both have implications for Vote Courts, have been set aside in tagged contingencies (refer to the recommendations for Vote Justice [CAB-16-MIN-0189.16]).

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet

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**Vote:** Courts

**Title:** Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct

**Description:** This funding will cover the first two years of operating costs of the multi-agency Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	4.232	11.905	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>4.232</b>	<b>11.905</b>	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>					
Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services					
<b>Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
District Court Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	4.232	11.905	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>4.232</b>	<b>11.905</b>	-	-

## Initiative No: 9312

**Vote:** Courts

**Title:** Non-Violence Programmes - Supporting Increased Utilisation

**Description:** This funding will enable non-violence programmes to be delivered to support reducing domestic violence in New Zealand. Under the Domestic Violence Amendment Act 2013 when a Protection Order is put in place the person who has used violence is required to undertake a non-violence programme. Current demand for these programmes is high and expected to increase.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.700	1.700	1.700	1.700
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1.700</b>	<b>1.700</b>	<b>1.700</b>	<b>1.700</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expense:</b>					
Court and Coroner Related Costs	-	1.700	1.700	1.700	1.700
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>1.700</b>	<b>1.700</b>	<b>1.700</b>	<b>1.700</b>

**Vote:** Courts

**Title:** Investing in Justice

**Description:** This funding will enable the Ministry of Justice to develop a programme of work to achieve more efficient and effective services. The work programme will focus on more effective ways of working – such as streamlining processes and implementing operational excellence models.

### Appropriation Changes

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