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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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2016 Budget Package: Vote Labour Market

On 25 April 2016, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiative for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2016 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative document;

Summary of initiative included in the attached initiative document:

Operating Initiative (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
9154	Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) – Support for Non-Earners	-	26.400	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	26.400	-	-	-

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 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;

Additional recommendations

- 6 **noted** that in December 2015, officials were directed to report back to the Minister of Finance and the Minister for ACC with advice about how ACC can be better integrated into the overall process for Budget 2017, including ACC reporting on its cost pressures and non-earners' account funding proposals being considered as part of the Budget process [SEC-15-MIN-0027];
- 7 **agreed** that officials will provide the report-back referred to in paragraph 6 by 30 June 2016.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Initiative No: 9154

Vote: Labour Market

Title: Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) – Support for Non-Earners

Description: This funding will help the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) provide services and support to assist people who are not in paid employment to avoid and recover from injury. It responds to increased demand arising from expected growth in the non-earners' population. This initiative will increase ACC's funding to about \$1.23 billion for non-earners in 2016/17, and includes funding for support that will be provided in future years to injured people who need long-term assistance.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	26.400	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	26.400	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
ACC - Case Management and Supporting Services	-	49.091	-	-	-
ACC - Rehabilitation Entitlements and Services	-	(0.663)	-	-	-
ACC - Public Health Acute Services	-	(40.493)	-	-	-
ACC - Case Management and Supporting Services - Treatment Injuries for Non-Earners	-	0.404	-	-	-
ACC - Public Health Acute Services - Treatment Injuries for Non-Earners	-	7.304	-	-	-
ACC - Rehabilitation Entitlements and Services - Treatment Injuries for Non-Earners	-	(1.709)	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & Outyears
Benefits or Related Expenses:					
ACC - Compensation Entitlements	-	15.400	-	-	-
ACC - Compensation Entitlements - Treatment Injuries for Non-Earners	-	(2.934)	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	26.400	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-