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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Budget 2017: Vote Courts

On 18 April 2017, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2017 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)				
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
9500	Courts – Increasing Capacity and Capability	-	3.932	7.931	-	-
9499	Ministry of Justice – Maintaining Capacity in the Justice System	5.200	16.800	19.500	20.600	21.900
Total Operating		5.200	20.732	27.431	20.600	21.900

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2016/17 above be included in the 2016/17 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases 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 2016/17 Supplementary Estimates, the 2017/18 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;

- 5 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2017 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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Prime Minister
Minister of Finance
Minister for Courts

Vote: Courts

Title: Courts – Increasing Capacity and Capability

Description: This funding will provide for additional security personnel across New Zealand's court system. Additional security personnel will help mitigate safety risk, prevent property damage and enable court proceedings to commence in a timely manner.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	3.932	7.931	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	3.932	7.931	-	-

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services					
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.093	0.189	-	-
District Court Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	3.240	6.534	-	-
Senior Courts Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.274	0.553	-	-
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.325	0.655	-	-
Total Operating	-	3.932	7.931	-	-

Vote: Courts

Title: Ministry of Justice – Maintaining Capacity in the Justice System

Description: This funding will ensure that the justice system has sufficient capacity and capability to meet the ongoing demand for its services.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	5.200	16.800	19.500	20.600	21.900
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5.200	16.800	19.500	20.600	21.900

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Other Expense:					
Court and Coroner Related Costs	5.200	6.600	7.600	8.200	8.800
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services					
Departmental Output Expense:					
District Court Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	10.200	11.900	12.400	13.100
Total Operating	5.200	16.800	19.500	20.600	21.900