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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2014: Vote Revenue Technical Initiative

On 7 April 2014, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiative for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2014 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative document;

Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative document:

Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
8404	Paid Parental Leave – New Zealand Defence Force	(0.535)	(0.631)	(0.683)	(0.736)	(0.755)
Total Operating		(0.535)	(0.631)	(0.683)	(0.736)	(0.755)

- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations be included in the 2013/14 Supplementary Estimates;
- 4 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Vote Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2013/14 Supplementary Estimates, the 2014/15 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;

- 5 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2014 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.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (14) 160

Initiative No: 8404

Vote: Revenue

Title: Paid Parental Leave – New Zealand Defence Force

Description: Transfer from Vote Revenue to Vote Defence Force to fund a departmental Paid Parental Leave scheme for Regular Force personnel who do not meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act 1987.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	(0.535)	(0.631)	(0.683)	(0.736)	(0.755)
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(0.535)	(0.631)	(0.683)	(0.736)	(0.755)

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Benefits or Related Expense:					
Paid Parental Leave Payments	(0.535)	(0.631)	(0.683)	(0.736)	(0.755)
Total Operating	(0.535)	(0.631)	(0.683)	(0.736)	(0.755)
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional recommendation

- 6 **noted** that this initiative is fiscally neutral as there is an equal and opposite technical Budget initiative for Vote Defence (Initiative number 8158).