

# The Treasury

## Budget 2011 Information Release

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## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2011: Vote Courts

On 11 April 2011, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiative for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2011 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative document;

#### Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

##### Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

| Initiative ID          | Initiative Name                    | \$m - increase/(decrease) |               |              |          |                    |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|
|                        |                                    | 2010/11                   | 2011/12       | 2012/13      | 2013/14  | 2014/15 & Outyears |
| 6776                   | Efficiency Savings Carried Forward | (14.400)                  | 10.000        | 5.000        | -        | -                  |
| <b>Total Operating</b> |                                    | <b>(14.400)</b>           | <b>10.000</b> | <b>5.000</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b>           |

- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations and/or projected balances of net assets of the administering department (where applicable) to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations and/or projected balances of net assets for 2010/11 above be included in the 2010/11 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 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 2010/11 Supplementary Estimates, the 2011/12 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 5 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2011 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 (11) 187; CAB (11) 190

## Initiative No: 6776

**Vote:** Courts

**Title:** Efficiency Savings Carried Forward

**Description:** This initiative reflects efficiency savings made across the Ministry of Justice, which will be carried forward to outyears to offset future cost pressures as approved in the Ministry of Justice's Four-year budget plans. This initiative is linked to additional savings identified in Vote Justice (initiative 7037), which are being transferred to Vote Courts in 2011/12 and 2012/13.

### Appropriation Changes

|                          | \$m - increase/(decrease) |               |              |          |                    |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|
|                          | 2010/11                   | 2011/12       | 2012/13      | 2013/14  | 2014/15 & Outyears |
| Operating Balance Impact | (14.400)                  | 10.000        | 5.000        | -        | -                  |
| Debt Impact              | -                         | -             | -            | -        | -                  |
| No Impact                | -                         | -             | -            | -        | -                  |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>(14.400)</b>           | <b>10.000</b> | <b>5.000</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b>           |

|   | \$m - increase/(decrease) |               |              |          |                    |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|
|   | 2010/11                   | 2011/12       | 2012/13      | 2013/14  | 2014/15 & Outyears |
| <b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>  |                           |               |              |          |                    |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services<br>(funded by revenue Crown) | (3.000)                   | 2.080         | 1.040        | -        | -                  |
| District Court Services<br>(funded by revenue Crown)                                      | (6.400)                   | 4.445         | 2.220        | -        | -                  |
| Higher Court Services<br>(funded by revenue Crown)  | (3.200)                   | 2.225         | 1.120        | -        | -                  |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services<br>(funded by revenue Crown)  | (1.800)                   | 1.250         | 0.620        | -        | -                  |
| <b>Total Operating</b>  | <b>(14.400)</b>           | <b>10.000</b> | <b>5.000</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b>           |
| <b>Total Capital</b>  | <b>-</b>                  | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b>           |

**Additional recommendations**

- 6 **noted** that as a result of the merger of the Legal Services Agency with the Ministry of Justice, a number of appropriation changes are needed that affect Vote Courts;
- 7 **noted** that the appropriation changes that affect Vote Courts have been established in Vote Justice's financial recommendations.