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Budget 2011: Vote Communications

On 11 April 2011, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2011 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)				
		2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears
6709	Broadband and Cybersecurity Fiscal Pressures	-	0.848	0.848	0.848	0.848
Total Operating		-	0.848	0.848	0.848	0.848

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears
6710	Fibre Drop Costs for Schools	-	10.360	7.970	5.290	4.530
6722	Crown Fibre Holdings – Ultra-Fast Broadband	-	242.000	300.000	200.000	200.000
Total Capital		-	252.360	307.970	205.290	204.530

- 2 **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement these initiatives, as described in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **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;

- 4 **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;
- 5 **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;
- 6 **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; and
- 7 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2011 Budget are coordinated 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: 6709**Vote:** Communications**Title:** Broadband and Cybersecurity Fiscal Pressures**Description:** Ongoing fiscal pressures within the policy advice appropriation related to Rural and Ultra-Fast Broadband initiatives and new cybersecurity work, eased by a transfer of infrastructure-related funding currently residing within Vote Economic Development.**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.848	0.848	0.848	0.848
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.848	0.848	0.848	0.848

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Policy Advice - Communications (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.848	0.848	0.848	0.848
Total Operating	-	0.848	0.848	0.848	0.848
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 6710

Vote: Communications

Title: Fibre Drop Costs for Schools

Description: Capital funding to centrally support fibre drop costs for schools, out of the remaining \$67.690 million not yet appropriated from the signalled \$150 million commitment to make schools broadband ready.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	10.360	7.970	5.290	4.530
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	10.360	7.970	5.290	4.530

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:					
Broadband Investment (Schools)	-	10.360	7.970	5.290	4.530
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	10.360	7.970	5.290	4.530

Initiative No: 6722

Vote: Communications

Title: Crown Fibre Holdings - Ultra-Fast Broadband

Description: Final tranche of funding to be appropriated from the \$1.5 billion manifesto commitment for broadband investment; to go to the Crown-owned company Crown Fibre Holdings (CFH) for the purpose of CFH carrying out the Government's tender for the Ultra-Fast Broadband initiative.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	242.000	300.000	200.000	200.000
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	242.000	300.000	200.000	200.000

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:					
Broadband Investment (Crown Company Capital Costs)	-	242.000	300.000	200.000	200.000
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	242.000	300.000	200.000	200.000