

# The Treasury

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## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2011: Vote Agriculture and Forestry

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
7012	Water Storage and Irrigation Investment	-	4.000	5.000	8.000	9.000
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>4.000</b>	<b>5.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>9.000</b>

- 2 **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement this initiative, 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 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 5 **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;
- 6 **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;

- 7 **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;
- 8 **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

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## Initiative No: 7012

**Vote:** Agriculture and Forestry

**Title:** Water Storage and Irrigation Investment

**Description:** Operational grant funding for preparation of proposals for irrigation schemes to an investment ready stage.

### New Appropriation Approval

Type	Period	Name	Multi-class Output Appropriation (MCOA)	Scope
Non-Departmental Other Expenses (Mult-year Appropriation (MYA))	Other Start: 1/07/2011 Finish: 30/06/2016 Amount (\$m): 35.000	Water Storage and Irrigation Investment Proposals	N/A	This appropriation is limited to preparation of proposals for irrigation schemes to an investment ready stage.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Operating Balance Impact	-	4.000	5.000	8.000	9.000	9.000
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.000</b>	<b>5.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>9.000</b>	<b>9.000</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expense:</b>						
Water Storage and Irrigation Investment Proposals (MYA)	-	4.000	5.000	8.000	9.000	9.000
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.000</b>	<b>5.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>9.000</b>	<b>9.000</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Additional Recommendations

- 9 **noted** that the amounts shown in the appropriations changes table for the Water Storage and Irrigation Investment Proposals multi-year appropriation are the indicative annual spending profile;

## Additional Recommendations for Vote Agriculture and Forestry

### Global Research Alliance

- 10 **agreed** to establish a new Non-Departmental Other Expense “Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases” as a five year multi-year appropriation (MYA) in Vote Agriculture and Forestry, to replace an annual appropriation, as follows:

### New Appropriation Approval

Type	Period	Name	MCOA Output Class	Scope
Non-Departmental Other Expenses (MYA)	Other Start: 1/07/2011 Finish: 30/06/2016 Amount (\$m): 40.140	Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases	N/A	This appropriation is limited to the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases.

- 11 **approved** the following changes to appropriations required under paragraph 10 above, with no impact on the operating balance:

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</b>						
Global Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases	-	(10.140)	(15.000)	(15.000)	-	-
Global Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (MYA)	-	6.140	7.000	8.000	9.000	10.000
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(4.000)</b>	<b>(8.000)</b>	<b>(7.000)</b>	<b>9.000</b>	<b>10.000</b>

- 12 **noted** that the amounts shown in the appropriations changes table for the Global Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases MYA are the indicative annual spending profile;
- 13 **authorised** the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Finance to approve the unspent balance of the appropriation for Global Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases as at 30 June 2011 to be added to the MYA following completion of the audit.