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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2011: Vote Office of the Clerk

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 initiative included in the attached initiative document:

Operating Initiative (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears
6985	Inter-Parliamentary Relations (Multi-year Appropriation)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	-	-	-	-

- 2 **agreed** to establish a new appropriation where required to implement this initiative, as described in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approved** the change 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 document;
- 4 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 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 **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: 6985

Vote: Office of the Clerk

Title: Inter-Parliamentary Relations Multi-year Appropriation

Description: To create an Inter-Parliamentary relations multi-year appropriation (MYA) from the current annual appropriation.

New Appropriation Approval

Type	Period	Name	Multi-class Output Appropriation Output Class	Scope
Departmental Output Expenses (MYA)	Other Start: 1/07/2011 Finish: 30/06/2014 Amount (\$m): 2.778	Inter-Parliamentary Relations	N/A	This appropriation is limited to services to improve relations between the New Zealand Parliament and other parliaments, including providing advice on inter-parliamentary relations to the Speaker and members, establishing and implementing an annual programme of incoming and outgoing visits, developing and implementing individual visit programmes, assisting to build the capacity of the Pacific Island parliaments, supporting (including through travel to meetings overseas) the New Zealand Parliament's contribution on global issues at international parliamentary organisations and hosting international parliamentary conferences.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Inter-Parliamentary Relations (MYA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.766	1.006	1.006	-
Inter-Parliamentary Relations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.766)	(1.006)	(1.006)	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 6985

Additional recommendations

- 7 **noted** that the amounts shown in the appropriations changes table for the Inter-parliamentary Relations MYA is the indicative annual spending profile;
- 8 **agreed** that, should an approved inter-parliamentary visit or delegation be deferred before 30 June 2011, the Speaker and the Minister of Finance be authorised to increase the MYA in the October baseline update, by the estimated cost of that visit or delegation, limited to the balance of the unspent appropriation at 30 June 2011.