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# Cabinet

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## Minute of Decision

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### Funding the Government Contribution to the West Coast Economic Support Package

Portfolio: Economic Development

On 18 April 2011, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that since December 2010, Ministers and officials have met with representatives of the Grey District Council and Development West Coast to discuss the options for creating short and long term employment opportunities in the wake of the Pike River Mine tragedy;
- 2 **agreed** to an economic support package for the West Coast with a government contribution of \$3.5 million to the construction of a \$5.0 million events centre (the West Coast Miners Memorial Events Centre) in Greymouth;
- 3 **noted** that the remainder of the costs of \$1.5 million will be funded by Development West Coast and the Grey District Council;
- 4 **noted** that:
  - 4.1 this increase in expenditure breaches the pre-budget moratorium on new spending decisions;
  - 4.2 the Acting Minister of Finance has accepted this breach because the expenditure relates to the Pike River disaster and requires urgent announcement;
- 5 **approved** the following fiscally neutral adjustment to appropriations for the West Coast Miners Memorial Events Centre in Greymouth, with no impact on the government's operating balance:

	Sm – increase/(decrease)				
Vote Economic Development Minister for Economic Development	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Other Expenses: Transformational Initiatives Fund – MYA		(3.500)		-	-
Regional and Industry Development Fund	-	3.500	-	-	-

- 6 **noted** that the Prime Minister and the Acting Minister for Economic Development intend to announce the economic package on 18 April 2011.

Secretary of the Cabinet

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