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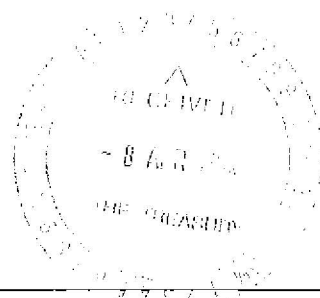


Cabinet

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Minute of Decision



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Establishing a Vote Health Appropriation for Refinancing Existing District Health Board Capital Loans

Portfolio: Health

On 7 April 2014, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Treasury has determined that, under the Public Finance Act 1989, district health board (DHB) capital loans cannot be refinanced without an appropriation that specifically covers loan refinancing;
- 2 **agreed** to establish a new appropriation so that Crown capital loans to health sector Crown entities can be refinanced;
- 3 **agreed** to establish a new non-departmental capital expenditure appropriation "Refinance of Crown Loans for Capital Projects" in Vote Health;
- 4 **agreed** that the scope of the appropriation be "This appropriation is limited to refinancing existing Crown loans made to DHBs for the purpose of facilities redevelopment and other purposes agreed by the Crown including balance sheet reconfiguration";
- 5 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to give effect to the proposal above, with no impact on the operating balance or debt:

| Vote Health Minister of Health | \$m – increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 & Outyears |
| Non-Departmental Capital Refinance of Crown Loans for Capital Projects | 143.400 | 439.700 | 200.100 | 60.500 | 322.454 | 250.000 |

- 6 **noted** that this expenditure is funded through Crown capital receipts, and so is fiscally neutral to the Crown;
- 7 **agreed** that the change to appropriations for 2013/14 (above) be included in the 2013/14 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;
- 8 **noted** that once a decision is made by the Office of the Auditor-General on whether an appropriation is necessary, past loans may need to be validated – if this is required, the

2013/14 Financial Review Bill would be an appropriate legislative vehicle for validating any unappropriated expenditure;

- 9 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Health to make any further decisions required to resolve this matter.

Secretary of the Cabinet

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