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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2014: Vote Employment Technical Initiative

On 7 April 2014, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2014 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative document;

Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative document:

Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
8272	Vote Realignment to Reflect Implementation of One Cost Allocation Methodology.	(3.350)	-	-	-	-
Total Operating		(3.350)	-	-	-	-

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations and/or projected balances of net assets for 2013/14 above be included in the 2013/14 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 4 **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 2013/14 Supplementary Estimates, the 2014/15 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 5 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2014 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 (14) 160

Initiative No: 8272

Vote: Employment

Title: Vote Realignment to Reflect Implementation of One Cost Allocation Methodology

Description: Fiscally neutral adjustments across votes and appropriations administered by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to reflect the introduction of one cost allocation methodology following the establishment of MBIE and implementation of the organisation management structure.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	(3.350)	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(3.350)	-	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Labour Market Information and Facilitation Services (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.900)	-	-	-	-
Policy Advice and Related Outputs (MCOA)					
Labour Market Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	(1.500)	-	-	-	-
Ministerial Services (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.950)	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	(3.350)	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional recommendation

6 **noted** that this initiative is part of a package which is fiscally neutral across the Votes of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.