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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2014: Vote Finance Technical Initiatives

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 documents;

Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
8203	Capital Transfer from the Department of Internal Affairs for Emergency Management	0.607	-	-	-	-
Total Capital		0.607	-	-	-	-

- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations and the capital injections to the administering department (where applicable) to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations and 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: 8203

Vote: Finance

Title: Capital Transfer from the Department of Internal Affairs for Emergency Management

Description: To provide for the transfer of information technology assets for emergency management functions from the Department of Internal Affairs.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	0.607	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.607	-	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Net Asset Schedule:					
The Treasury - Capital Injection	0.607	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	0.607	-	-	-	-

Additional recommendation

6 **noted** that a corresponding initiative in Vote Internal Affairs completes this Fiscally Neutral Adjustment (Initiative number 8204).

Vote: Finance

Title: Correction Of Overhead Allocations

Description: To provide for fiscally neutral adjustments necessary to correct allocation of overheads between output classes.

Appropriation Changes

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Policy Advice - Finance (funded by revenue Crown)	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330
Provision of Financial Operations Services and Operational Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.330)	(0.330)	(0.330)	(0.330)	(0.330)
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Vote: Finance

Title: Export Credit Office Funding Extension

Description: To provide for the Export Credit Office continuing to deliver its existing suite of products, in support of New Zealand exports and the internationalisation and competitiveness of New Zealand exporters.

Appropriation Changes

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Provision of Financial Operations Services and Operational Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.564	2.564	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue:					
Export Credit Office	-	2.564	2.564	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional recommendation

7 **noted** that the projected increases in non-tax revenue will offset the additional departmental output expenses in 2014/15 and 2015/16 above.

Initiative No: 8281

Vote: Finance

Title: Public Finance Act 1989: Amalgamation of Permanent Legislative Authorities

Description: To provide for necessary changes to line items following the 2013 amendments to the Public Finance Act 1989, which combine three previous permanent legislative authorities into one in relation to administration of borrowing, investment, securities and derivative transactions.

Appropriation Changes

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Administration of Crown Borrowing (PLA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(6.623)	(6.623)	(6.623)	(6.623)
Administration of Crown Borrowing (PLA) (funded by revenue Other)	-	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Administration of Derivative Transactions (PLA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.440)	(1.440)	(1.440)	(1.440)
Administration of Derivative Transactions (PLA) (funded by revenue Other)	-	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)
Administration of Investment of Public Money (PLA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.851)	(0.851)	(0.851)	(0.851)
Administration of Crown Borrowing, Securities, Derivative Transactions and Investment (PLA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	8.914	8.914	8.914	8.914
Administration of Crown Borrowing, Securities, Derivative Transactions and Investment (PLA) (funded by revenue Other)	-	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional recommendation

8 **noted** the above changes to appropriations are in accordance with the 2013 amendments to the Public Finance Act 1989.