

# The Treasury

## Budget 2014 Information Release

### Release Document

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## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2014 Package: Vote Science and Innovation

On 14 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:

##### Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

| Initiative ID          | Initiative Name   | \$m - increase/(decrease) |          |               |               |                    |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
|                        |   | 2013/14                   | 2014/15  | 2015/16       | 2016/17       | 2017/18 & Outyears |
| 7964                   | Contestable Science Funding   | -                         | -        | 14.692        | 18.758        | 23.318             |
| 8440                   | Square Kilometre Array - Transfer from Vote Economic Development and Employment | 0.109                     | -        | -             | -             | -                  |
| <b>Total Operating</b> |   | <b>0.109</b>              | <b>-</b> | <b>14.692</b> | <b>18.758</b> | <b>23.318</b>      |

- 2 **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement these initiatives, as described in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** the changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 5 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2013/14 above be included in the 2013/14 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 6 **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;

- 7 **authorised** the chief executives of departments that monitor Crown entities directly affected by decisions in this minute to inform the chair and/or chief executive of a Crown entity, on a budget-in-confidence-until-budget-day basis, of decisions that directly affect that Crown entity for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent;
- 8 **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) 174

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## Initiative No: 7964

**Vote:** Science and Innovation

**Title:** Contestable Science Funding

**Description:** This initiative is intended to reduce annual volatility in the contestable funds and ensure that the funds contribute to three key strategic goals: improve university research quality and rankings; improve knowledge exchange between research institutions and private sector; and improve quality and impact of government-funded science.

### Appropriation Changes

|                          | \$m - increase/(decrease) |         |               |               |                    |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
|                          | 2013/14                   | 2014/15 | 2015/16       | 2016/17       | 2017/18 & Outyears |
| Operating Balance Impact | -                         | -       | 14.692        | 18.758        | 23.318             |
| Debt Impact              | -                         | -       | -             | -             | -                  |
| No Impact                | -                         | -       | -             | -             | -                  |
| <b>Total</b>             | -                         | -       | <b>14.692</b> | <b>18.758</b> | <b>23.318</b>      |

|  | \$m - increase/(decrease) |         |               |               |                    |
|--|---------------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
|  | 2013/14                   | 2014/15 | 2015/16       | 2016/17       | 2017/18 & Outyears |
| <b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>       |                           |         |               |               |                    |
| Energy and Minerals Research                   | -                         | -       | 2.273         | 4.854         | 4.854              |
| Environmental Research                         | -                         | -       | 1.163         | 1.163         | 5.723              |
| Hazards and Infrastructure Research            | -                         | -       | 2.205         | 2.205         | 2.205              |
| Health and Society Research                    | -                         | -       | 3.000         | 4.485         | 4.485              |
| High Value Manufacturing and Services Research | -                         | -       | 6.051         | 6.051         | 6.051              |
| <b>Total Operating</b>                         | -                         | -       | <b>14.692</b> | <b>18.758</b> | <b>23.318</b>      |
| <b>Total Capital</b>                           | -                         | -       | -             | -             | -                  |

**Vote:** Science and Innovation

**Title:** Square Kilometre Array - Transfer from Vote Economic Development and Employment

**Description:** Provides for a fiscally neutral adjustment to reflect the transfer of the Square Kilometre Array appropriation from Vote Economic Development and Employment to Vote Science and Innovation.

### New Appropriation Approval

| Name                   | Period | Type                            | Category Name | Scope   |
|------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Square Kilometre Array | Annual | Non-Departmental Other Expenses | N/A           | This appropriation is limited to supporting New Zealand's engagement on the Square Kilometre Array project in collaboration with Australia. |

### Appropriation Changes

|                          | \$m - increase/(decrease) |         |         |         |                    |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|
|                          | 2013/14                   | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 & Outyears |
| Operating Balance Impact | 0.109                     | -       | -       | -       | -                  |
| Debt Impact              | -                         | -       | -       | -       | -                  |
| No Impact                | -                         | -       | -       | -       | -                  |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>0.109</b>              | -       | -       | -       | -                  |

|   | \$m - increase/(decrease) |         |         |         |                    |
|---|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|
|   | 2013/14                   | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 & Outyears |
| <b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</b> |                           |         |         |         |                    |
| Square Kilometre Array                  | 0.109                     | -       | -       | -       | -                  |
| <b>Total Operating</b>                  | <b>0.109</b>              | -       | -       | -       | -                  |
| <b>Total Capital</b>                    | -                         | -       | -       | -       | -                  |

### Additional recommendation

9 **noted** that:

9.1 this decision supersedes a previous decision by Joint Ministers to increase the relevant appropriation by \$1.461 million in 2013/14;

9.2 there is a corresponding transfer in Vote Economic Development.