

# The Treasury

## Budget 2014 Information Release

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## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2014 Package: Vote Environment

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
8224	Exclusive Economic Zone Functions with the Environmental Protection Authority	-	1.200	-	-	-
8260	Te Mana o Te Wai – Improve Water Quality	-	2.500	2.500	-	-
8132	Reforming the Freshwater Management System	-	5.000	3.000	2.000	2.000
8131	Reforming the Resource Management System	-	3.000	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>11.700</b>	<b>5.500</b>	<b>2.000</b>	<b>2.000</b>

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **agreed** that the proposed changes to appropriations for 2013/14 above be included in the 2013/14 Supplementary Estimates;
- 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 **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;
- 6 **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: 8224

**Vote:** Environment

**Title:** Exclusive Economic Zone Functions with the Environmental Protection Authority

**Description:** Provides for the implementation of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effect) Act 2012 and associated regulations, including balancing the encouragement of sustainable marine industries and safeguarding the integrity of ecosystems, that is placing increasing demand on certain functions.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.200	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1.200</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>					
Environmental Protection Authority: Regulatory Functions					
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Compliance and Enforcement	-	0.450	-	-	-
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Decision Making	-	0.750	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>1.200</b>	-	-	-

**Vote:** Environment

**Title:** Te Mana o Te Wai – Improve Water Quality

**Description:** This initiative is focused on activities to reduce contaminant levels to improve water quality. Planned activities include fencing, riparian buffers, nitrate inhibitors, and artificial or constructed wetlands.

### New Appropriation Approval

Name	Period	Type	Category Name	Scope
Te Mana o Te Wai – restoring the life-giving capacity of fresh water	Annual	Non-Departmental Output Expenses	N/A	This appropriation is limited to restoration initiatives, with involvement from community stakeholders, for New Zealand freshwater bodies.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	2.500	2.500	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>2.500</b>	<b>2.500</b>	-	-

Vote Environment Minister for the Environment	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Te Mana o Te Wai – restoring the life-giving capacity of fresh water	-	2.500	2.500	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>2.500</b>	<b>2.500</b>	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

## Initiative No: 8132

**Vote:** Environment

**Title:** Reforming the Freshwater Management System

**Description:** Provides for the implementation of the freshwater management system reforms, intended to better enable communities to plan for, and make decisions in relation to, land water use.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	5.000	3.000	2.000	2.000
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>5.000</b>	<b>3.000</b>	<b>2.000</b>	<b>2.000</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>					
Improving Resource Management					
<b>Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Water Management Implementation (funded by revenue Crown)	-	3.000	1.000	0.500	0.500
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Water science and economics	-	2.000	2.000	1.500	1.500
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>5.000</b>	<b>3.000</b>	<b>2.000</b>	<b>2.000</b>

## Initiative No: 8131

**Vote:** Environment

**Title:** Reforming the Resource Management System

**Description:** Provides for resource management system reforms to ensure that the planning framework meets the needs of communities while managing the potential effects on the environment.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	3.000	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>3.000</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>					
Improving Resource Management					
<b>Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Resource Management Implementation (funded by revenue Crown)	-	3.000	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>3.000</b>	-	-	-