

# The Treasury

## Budget 2018 Information Release

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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### 2018 Budget Technical Financial Recommendations: Vote Courts

On 3 April 2018, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2018 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)				
		2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
10603	Ministry of Justice Capital to Operating Swap	-	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
10591	Ministry of Justice Provision of Māori Land Services to Te Puni Kōkiri	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>4.000</b>	<b>4.000</b>	<b>4.000</b>	<b>4.000</b>

##### Capital Initiative (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
10603	Ministry of Justice Capital to Operating Swap	(100.000)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>(100.000)</b>	-	-	-	-

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations and the capital withdrawal to the administering department to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **agreed** that the proposed changes to appropriations and capital withdrawal for 2017/18 above be included in the 2017/18 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;

- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Appropriation Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2017/18 Supplementary Estimates, the 2018/19 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 6 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2018 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.

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet

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**Hard-copy distribution:**

Prime Minister  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister of Finance  
Minister for Courts

<b>Vote:</b>	Courts
<b>Title:</b>	Ministry of Justice Capital to Operating Swap
<b>Description:</b>	This initiative provides a capital to operating funding swap. This swap will help the Ministry of Justice to meet departmental cost pressures. This is effective from 2018/19 onwards.

### Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Debt Impact	(100.000)	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(100.000)</b>	<b>4.000</b>	<b>4.000</b>	<b>4.000</b>	<b>4.000</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
District Court Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(6.000)	(6.000)	(6.000)	(6.000)
District Court Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA)	-	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Ministry of Justice Capital Withdrawal	(100.000)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.000</b>	<b>4.000</b>	<b>4.000</b>	<b>4.000</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>(100.000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Additional recommendation

- 7 **noted** that the Ministry of Justice and the Treasury have agreed that this swap will take effect from 2018/19 in order to have full operating impact for 2018/19 and outyears and that no increase in operating funding is required for 2017/18;



## Initiative No: 10591

**Vote:** Courts

**Title:** Ministry of Justice Provision of Māori Land Services to Te Puni Kōkiri

**Description:** From July 2017 to September 2017, the Ministry of Justice provided services relating to the proposed Māori Land Service under an Administration and Use agreement with Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK). Since September 2017, the costs have been directly incurred by the Ministry of Justice and recovered through an invoice to TPK. The additional revenue received by the Ministry of Justice will be reflected as an increase in the Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services appropriation, with no impact on the operating balance.

## Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	0.169	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.169</b>	-	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expense:</i>					
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services (funded by revenue Dept)	0.169	-	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA)	0.169	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.169</b>	-	-	-	-

## Additional recommendation

8 **noted** that there is no corresponding decrease in Vote Māori Development administered by Te Puni Kōkiri as the increase in Vote Courts is being funded through revenue Department.