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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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2018 Budget Technical Financial Recommendations: Vote Pike River Re-entry

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
10523	Establishment of the Pike River Recovery Agency – Sealing Payment	-	1.002	-	-	-
10524	Establishment of the Pike River Recovery Agency – Drawdown of Tagged Contingency	-	0.720	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	1.722	-	-	-

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations 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, as set out in the attached initiative documents, be included in the 2017/18 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases 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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Prime Minister
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Finance
Minister Responsible for Pike River Re-entry

Vote: Pike River Re-entry

Title: Establishment of the Pike River Recovery Agency – Sealing Payment

Description: Allocation of the sealing payment from Solid Energy, toward the agreed funding requirements of the new Pike River Recovery Agency.

Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.002	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.002	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Pike River Recovery (MYA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.002	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	1.002	-	-	-

Additional recommendations

- 7 **noted** that when establishing the new Pike River Recovery Agency, Cabinet agreed additional funding could be made available for the operating costs of the Agency, including from an anticipated “sealing payment” to the Crown from Solid Energy for the cost of uncompleted work to seal the mine and rehabilitate the site (in excess of the Pike Indemnity) [CAB-17-MIN-0503];
- 8 **noted** that the Crown has now received the final sealing payment of \$1,001,945;
- 9 **agreed** to increase the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Pike River Recovery" by \$1.002 million;
- 10 **noted** that amounts shown in the appropriations changes table for the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Pike River Recovery" is the change to the indicative annual spending profile;

Vote: Pike River Re-entry

Title: Establishment of the Pike River Recovery Agency – Drawdown of Tagged Contingency

Description: Draw-down of the 'Unmanned Entry into Pike River Mine Site' tagged contingency, as a contribution toward the agreed funding requirements of the new Pike River Recovery Agency.

Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.720	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.720	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Pike River Recovery (MYA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.720	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	0.720	-	-	-

Additional recommendations

- 11 **noted** that when establishing the new Pike River Recovery Agency, Cabinet agreed additional funding could be made available for the operating costs of the Agency, including from tagged contingency funding of \$0.720 million previously provisioned to be available to Solid Energy for the unmanned exploration of the Pike River mine site [CAB-17-MIN-0503];
- 12 **agreed** to increase the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Pike River Recovery" by \$0.720 million;
- 13 **approved** the drawdown of the 'Unmanned Entry into Pike River Mine Site' tagged contingency, to meet the cost of the appropriation increase above;
- 14 **noted** that amounts shown in the appropriation changes table for the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Pike River Recovery" is the change to the indicative annual spending profile.