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## Prime Minister's Emerging Priorities Fund: Support for Rainbow Communities Information Release

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# Cabinet Business Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Prime Minister's Emerging Priorities Fund: Support for Rainbow Communities

**Portfolio** Prime Minister/Finance/Health

On 25 March 2019, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Prime Minister's Emerging Priorities Fund was established in 2016, and its use is at the discretion of the Prime Minister;
- 2 **noted** that the Prime Minister wishes to use the resources from the Emerging Priorities Fund to support two initiatives for the rainbow community, relating to:
  - 2.1 the establishment of the Rainbow Wellbeing Legacy Fund Trust;
  - 2.2 the 2019 World Conference of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA);
- 3 **agreed** to draw down from the Emerging Priorities Fund up to \$1.070 million for:
  - 3.1 a one-off endowment of the Rainbow Wellbeing Legacy Fund following the private establishment of a Charitable Trust (up to \$1.000 million);
  - 3.2 covering the legal costs associated to the establishment of the Rainbow Wellbeing Legacy Fund Trust (up to \$0.020 million);
  - 3.3 a one-off contribution towards the 2019 World Conference of ILGA (up to \$0.050 million);
- 4 **noted** that the charitable trust should register under the Charities Act 2005, if it is to be exempt from income tax;
- 5 **noted** that any payment will be subject to Minister of Finance and the Minister of Health (Joint Ministers) being satisfied that the terms of the Trust Deed are sufficient to ensure that the money will be spent as intended, and that a sustainable fundraising and grant strategy are in place;
- 6 **noted** that the Rainbow Wellbeing Legacy Fund is intended to support organisations that work with the rainbow community, in particular young people, to improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes, and as a means to honour those who went through the shame and stigma associated with wrongful convictions prior to the 1986 Homosexual Law Reform;
- 7 **noted** that the government's endowment will be a one-off contribution, and that the Trust will become responsible for growing the Fund and allocating grants;

- 8 **authorised** Joint Ministers to take decisions in relation to the payment of the endowment, and any establishment expenses;
- 9 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to give effect to the decisions in the above paragraphs, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and net core Crown debt:

Vote Health Minister of Health	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expense: Public Health Services Purchasing	0.060	1.010	-	-	-
Total Operating	0.060	1.010	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

- 10 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2018/19 above be included in the 2018/19 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 11 **agreed** that the expenses incurred under paragraph 9 above be charged against the Emerging Priorities Fund established as part of Budget 2016;
- 12 **invited** Joint Ministers to report back to Cabinet within twelve months of the payment of the Rainbow Wellbeing Legacy Fund endowment on the impact on improving mental health outcomes among rainbow communities.

Vivien Meek  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)  
Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Phil Twyford  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Hon Dr David Clark  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Tracey Martin  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon James Shaw

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