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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### COVID-19: Response and Recovery Fund Foundation Package: Vote Oranga Tamariki

On 11 May 2020, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the initiatives set out in the attached initiative documents for the above Vote for inclusion in the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund foundation package;
- 2 **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement the initiatives;
- 3 **approved** changes to appropriations and/or capital injections to the administering department (where applicable) 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 and/or capital injections for 2019/20 be included in the Addition to the 2019/20 Supplementary Estimates, and the changes to appropriations and/or capital injections for 2020/21 be included in the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates, and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 6 **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 Addition to the 2019/20 Supplementary Estimates;
- 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 an in-confidence-until-announcement basis, of decisions that directly affect that Crown entity for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent;
- 8 **agreed** that any and all underspends relating to the initiatives agreed in this package be returned to the Centre;
- 9 **noted** that all communications relating to the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund and any requests for early announcement must 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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## Initiative No: 12628

- Vote:** Oranga Tamariki
- Title:** Emergency Financial Assistance for Caregivers in Response to COVID-19: Base Rate Increase
- Description:** This initiative seeks funding to increase the rates of the Foster Care Allowance (FCA), Orphan's Benefit (OB) and Unsupported Child's Benefit (UCB) by \$25.00 per week per child.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	7.126	7.178	7.096	7.168
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7.126</b>	<b>7.178</b>	<b>7.096</b>	<b>7.168</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Investing in Children and Young People (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expense:</i>					
Statutory Intervention and Transition (funded by revenue Crown)	-	7.126	7.178	7.096	7.168
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7.126</b>	<b>7.178</b>	<b>7.096</b>	<b>7.168</b>

## Additional Recommendation

- 10 **noted** that related funding has also been provided through Vote Social Development (Initiative 12799);

## Initiative No: 12626

**Vote:** Oranga Tamariki

**Title:** Emergency Financial Assistance for Caregivers in Response to COVID-19: Supporting Stability and Care

**Description:** This initiative seeks funding to deliver a package of support to caregivers to respond to the challenges and pressures as a result of COVID-19. The initiative provides funding for: additional provision of approved respite care so that caregivers of children in State care continue to receive the Foster Care Allowance (FCA) for up to 20 days while the child they care for is in respite care; caregivers who may provide care for less than 12 months to access the Orphan's Benefit (OB) and Unsupported Child's Benefit (UCB); and an extension of the Birthday and Christmas Allowances to OB and UCB caregivers.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	0.132	3.176	0.082	-	0.072
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.132</b>	<b>3.176</b>	<b>0.082</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.072</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Investing in Children and Young People (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expense:</i>					
Statutory Intervention and Transition (funded by revenue Crown)	0.132	3.176	0.082	-	0.072
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.132</b>	<b>3.176</b>	<b>0.082</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.072</b>

### Additional Recommendation

- 11 **noted** that related funding has also been provided through Vote Social Development (Initiative 12798);

## Initiative No: 12796

**Vote:** Oranga Tamariki

**Title:** Funding for Family Violence COVID-19 Response: Services for Children and Youth Experiencing Violence

**Description:** This initiative seeks funding to purchase services for children and young people who are experiencing family violence and are being identified through multi-agency community response sites (e.g. Whāngaia Ngā Pā Harakeke and Integrated Safety Response sites). This is particularly important at this time as the usual support networks of children and young people are disrupted during the period of COVID-19.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	0.300	1.960	1.960	1.960	1.913
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.300</b>	<b>1.960</b>	<b>1.960</b>	<b>1.960</b>	<b>1.913</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Investing in Children and Young People (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expense:</i>					
Prevention and Early Intervention (funded by revenue Crown)	0.300	1.960	1.960	1.960	1.913
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.300</b>	<b>1.960</b>	<b>1.960</b>	<b>1.960</b>	<b>1.913</b>

### Additional Recommendation

12 **noted** that related funding has also been provided through Vote Police (Initiative 12610).