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- [33] 9(2)(f)(iv) - to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by ministers and officials
- [34] 9(2)(g)(i) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
- [36] 9(2)(h) - to maintain legal professional privilege
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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### 2020 Budget Package: Vote Finance

On 6 April 2020, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2020 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)				
		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
11872	Treasury's Response to COVID-19	-	2.780	2.821	2.699	1.965
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>2.780</b>	<b>2.821</b>	<b>2.699</b>	<b>1.965</b>

##### Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
12346	Delivering New Zealand's Contribution to the World Bank Capital Increase Package	-	10.400	10.400	10.400	10.400	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>10.400</b>	<b>10.400</b>	<b>10.400</b>	<b>10.400</b>	<b>-</b>

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations and the capital injections to the administering department (where applicable) 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 changes to appropriations and/or capital injections for 2019/20 above be included in the 2019/20 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 2019/20 Supplementary Estimates, the 2020/21 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 6 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2020 Budget are co-ordinated by a Budget communications committee, and that any requests for early announcement must have the written approval of the Minister of Finance and the Office of the Prime Minister.

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet

## Initiative No: 12346

**Vote:** Finance

**Title:** Delivering New Zealand's Contribution to the World Bank Capital Increase Package

**Description:** This funding supports subscription to the shares in the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development allocated to New Zealand by the recent World Bank capital increase package. The World Bank capital increase package is one of a broader suite of initiatives to strengthen the balance sheet of the world's largest development bank in support of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

### Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	10.400	10.400	10.400	10.400	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>10.400</b>	<b>10.400</b>	<b>10.400</b>	<b>10.400</b>	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:</b>						
International Financial Institutions (PLA)	-	10.400	10.400	10.400	10.400	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>10.400</b>	<b>10.400</b>	<b>10.400</b>	<b>10.400</b>	-

**Vote:** Finance

**Title:** Treasury’s Response to COVID-19

**Description:** Treasury, as a member of the Central Agencies, is a key agency in the fight against COVID-19. Funding will be deployed to allow staff to focus on key economic aspects towards recovery.

**Appropriation changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	2.780	2.821	2.699	1.965
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>2.780</b>	<b>2.821</b>	<b>2.699</b>	<b>1.965</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Policy Advice and Financial Services (MCA MYA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expense:</i>					
Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.780	2.821	2.699	1.965
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Policy Advice and Financial Services (MCA MYA)	-	2.780	2.821	2.699	1.965
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>2.780</b>	<b>2.821</b>	<b>2.699</b>	<b>1.965</b>

**Additional recommendations**

- 7 **agreed** that the multi-year appropriation "Policy Advice and Financial Services MCA" is adjusted by \$10.265 million;
- 8 **noted** that amounts shown in the appropriations changes table for the multi-year appropriation "Policy Advice and Financial Services MCA" are the changes to the indicative annual spending profile.