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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) July Package: Vote Attorney-General

On 6 July 2020, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the attached initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) July package;
- 2 **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement these initiatives, as described in the attached initiative documents;
- 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 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and relevant Appropriation Ministers to approve jointly any other changes to appropriations and/or capital injections, and the establishment of new appropriations where necessary, to give effect to the policy decisions outlined in the submission under CAB-20-SUB-0328;
- 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 prior to finalising the 2020/21 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 related to the initiatives approved in this package be returned to the CRRF, until it ceases to exist, at which point they be returned to the centre;
- 9 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations and/or capital injections for 2020/21 in the attached initiative documents be included in the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;
- 10 **agreed** that the expenses incurred under the attached initiative documents be charged against the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund established as part of Budget 2020;

- 11 **noted** that all communications relating to the CRRF and 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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**Vote:** Attorney-General

**Title:** Justice Sector Resourcing to Address COVID-19 Related Backlogs

**Description:** This initiative will provide funding for the Ministry of Justice, NZ Police, Department of Corrections, Oranga Tamariki, and Crown Law to increase their resources to address the COVID-19 related backlog of cases across multiple District Court and High Court jurisdictions. This funding will support five new District Court Judges, four acting High Court Judges, and one acting Associate High Court Judge.

### Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.251	0.502	0.502	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.251</b>	<b>0.502</b>	<b>0.502</b>	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Law Officer Functions (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Conduct of Criminal Appeals from Crown Prosecutions (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.031	0.063	0.063	-
Public Prosecution Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.220	0.439	0.439	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Law Officer Functions (MCA)	-	0.251	0.502	0.502	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>0.251</b>	<b>0.502</b>	<b>0.502</b>	-

### Additional recommendation

12 **noted** that relevant funding has also been provided through Vote Justice (Initiative 12906), Vote Courts (Initiative 13017), Vote Police (Initiative 13018), Vote Corrections (Initiative 13011) and Vote Oranga Tamariki (Initiative 13014).