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Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) July Package: Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

Vote: Prime Minister and Cabinet

Title: Maintaining an All-of-Government Response to COVID-19

Description: This initiative provides for the establishment of a business unit within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to ensure a coordinated all-of-government response to COVID-19 continues beyond 30 June 2020, when existing arrangements cease. The new business unit will be responsible for strategy and policy advice to Cabinet; operational coordination; data analytics, monitoring, reporting and insights; and public communications.

Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	13.878	7.031	0.290	0.290
Debt Impact	-	0.564	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	14.442	7.031	0.290	0.290

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Capital Injection:					
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - Capital Injection	-	0.564	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Emergency Management Leadership and Support (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expense:</i>					
Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery (funded by revenue Crown)	-	13.878	7.031	0.290	0.290
Total Operating	-	13.878	7.031	0.290	0.290
Total Capital	-	0.564	-	-	-

Additional recommendation

12 **noted** that, in order to ensure a diverse range of agency perspectives is integrated in the all-of-government response to COVID-19, there is an expectation that agencies will continue seconding staff to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet as necessary, and meet the associated salary costs of those staff.