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Minute of Decision

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2021 Budget Technical Financial Recommendations: Vote Attorney-General

On 6 April 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiative for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2021 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative document:

Summary of initiative included in the attached initiative document:

Operating Initiative (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
13446	Increase in demand for Legal Advice and Representation	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	-	-	-	-

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to the administering department to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2020/21 above be included in the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 4 **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 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates, the 2021/22 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 5 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2021 Budget are co-ordinated by a Budget communications committee, and that 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: Attorney-General

Appropriation Administrator: Crown Law Office

Title: Increase in demand for Legal Advice and Representation

Description: This request is to increase the appropriation by \$500,000 in response to increased demand for legal advice and representation on the Government's response to COVID-19 and Treaty of Waitangi hearings. This increase will be met on a cost recovery basis by Revenue Department.

Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
Total	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Law Officer Functions (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Strategic and Operational Legal Advice and Representation (funded by revenue Dept)	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
Total Operating	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500