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# Cabinet Priorities Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Implementation Unit: Between-Budget Contingency Proposal

**Portfolio** Deputy Prime Minister

On 16 February 2021, the Cabinet Priorities Committee:

- 1 **noted** that a proposal for an Implementation Unit has been submitted for Budget 2021;
- 2 **noted** that the Implementation Unit would be comprised of five staff in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet monitoring [33] high priority programmes and projects selected on the basis of identified criteria such as government priority, delivery risk, complex accountabilities, agency capacity, ability to influence, and impact for New Zealanders;
- 3 **agreed** to establish the Implementation Unit as soon as possible within the current financial year, to start the monitoring of [33] COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund projects which are already underway in order to make a significant impact within the current parliamentary term;
- 4 **invited** the Deputy Prime Minister to report back to the Cabinet Priorities Committee on the projects that the Implementation Unit is proposed to monitor;
- 5 **approved** the following change to appropriations to give effect to the decision in paragraph 3 above, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and net core Crown debt:

Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet Prime Minister	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Advice and Support Services MCA					
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Advice and Support to Government and the Governor-General	0.609	-	-	-	-
(funded by revenue Crown)					

- 6 **agreed** that the change to appropriations for 2020/21 above be included in the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;
- 7 **agreed** that the expenses incurred under paragraph 5 above be charged against the between-Budget contingency established as part of Budget 2020;
- 8 **agreed** that, in order to ensure the successful establishment and operation of the Implementation Unit, any underspend in this initiative in 2020/21 be transferred to 2021/22;
- 9 **noted** that funding for a further two years for the Implementation Unit is being sought through Budget 2021.

Jenny Vickers  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Stuart Nash

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