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2023 Budget Package: Vote Internal Affairs (North Island Weather Events Initiatives)

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

It is recommended that the relevant Appropriation Minister and the Minister of Finance jointly:

- note** that Cabinet has approved the Budget initiative(s) for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2023 Budget package, as detailed in the summary table(s) below:

Summary of North Island Weather Events initiative(s) agreed by Cabinet:

Operating Initiative(s) (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
15374	Providing Ethnic Communities with Translation Services in Response to Cyclone Gabrielle	-	-	-	-	-
15172	Reprioritisation of Funding to Provide Immediate Support to Local Councils	(0.500)	0.500	-	-	-
15387	Replenishing School Library Collections	-	0.218	-	-	-
Total Operating		(0.500)	0.718	-	-	-

Summary of contingency initiative(s) agreed by Cabinet:

Operating Contingency

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
14723	Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund	-	100.000	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	100.000	-	-	-

- note** that Cabinet has:

- authorised** the relevant Appropriation Minister and the Minister of Finance (Joint Ministers) jointly to agree to the changes to appropriations (including establishment of new appropriations if necessary) and/or capital injections and related recommendations necessary to give effect to the initiative(s) included in the 2023 Budget package for the above Vote, as detailed in the summary table(s) above;
- authorised** Joint Ministers jointly to agree that the proposed changes to appropriations and/or capital injections for 2022/23 approved by Joint Ministers as authorised above be included in the 2022/23 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;

- iii. **agreed** that expenses or capital expenditure against appropriations and capital injection authorisations set out in the 2023/24 Estimates and being sought in the Appropriation (2023/24 Estimates) Bill may be met from Imprest Supply until that Bill is enacted and comes into force;
 - iv. **authorised** Joint Ministers, for each contingency initiative, jointly to agree:
 - a. the work that needs to be completed or other conditions that need to be satisfied before the contingency is drawn down into appropriations;
 - b. whether the draw down into appropriations requires Cabinet approval or the approval of Joint Ministers;
 - c. the expiry date of contingency funding;
 - d. any related recommendations necessary to give effect to the contingency initiative;
 - v. **authorised** Joint Ministers to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2022/23 Supplementary Estimates, the 2023/24 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
 - vi. **authorised** the chief executives of departments that monitor Crown entities directly affected by decisions in the North Islands Weather Events Initial Package taken by Cabinet or taken by Joint Ministers as authorised by Cabinet to inform the chair and/or chief executive of a Crown entity, on a Budget-in-confidence-until-Budget-day basis, of decisions that directly affect that Crown entity for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent and/or Statement of Performance Expectations;
 - vii. **noted** that all communications relating to the Budget 2023: North Island Weather Events Initial Package will be coordinated by the Office of the Minister of Finance;
- 3 **agree** to establish new appropriations where required to implement the initiative(s) included in the summary table(s) above, as detailed in the attached initiative document(s);
 - 4 **approve** changes to appropriations and/or the capital injections to the administering department (where applicable) to implement the initiative(s) included in the summary table(s) above, as set out in the attached initiative document(s);
 - 5 **approve** the additional recommendation(s) to give effect to the initiative(s), as set out in the attached initiative document(s);
 - 6 **agree** that the proposed change(s) to appropriations and/or capital injections for 2022/23 detailed in the attached initiative document(s) be included in the 2022/23 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase(s) be met from Imprest Supply;
 - 7 **note** that Cabinet authorised Joint Ministers to agree to transfers of funding between the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years, where these changes are required due to the incorrect forecasting of funding;
 - 8 **note** that Cabinet agreed that funding for North Island Weather Event initiatives is not to be transferred to fund other activities or into 2024/25 or beyond, and any unspent funding is to be returned to the centre;

- 9 **note** that Cabinet directed all departments to monitor and report all North Island Weather Event-related expenditure and performance at the initiative level in line with Treasury guidance, in addition to regular expenditure and performance reporting requirements undertaken at the appropriation level;

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund

Description: This initiative establishes a funding pool for local authorities in areas impacted by the recent North Island Weather Events to seek Crown co-investment to support the proactive management of climate exacerbated flood risk.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Operating Contingency	-	100.000	-	-	-
Capital Contingency	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	100.000	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 10 **agree** that the Minister of Local Government, Minister for Regional Economic Development, Minister for Climate Change, and the Minister of Finance jointly:
 - 10.1 agree to the terms of the fund, including eligibility criteria;
 - 10.2 (along with any other appropriation Ministers as necessary) draw down the above tagged operating contingency (establishing any new appropriations as necessary) following agreement to the work, once the eligibility criteria of the fund have been agreed;
- 11 **agree** that the expiry date for the above tagged operating contingency will be 30 June 2024;

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Providing Ethnic Communities with Translation Services in Response to Cyclone Gabrielle

Description: This initiative provides for translation services in response to Cyclone Gabrielle.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	-	-	-	-
Net Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	0.180	0.045	-	-	-
Total	0.180	0.045	-	-	-

* Unless non-cash, will also impact net debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Supporting Ethnic Communities (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Advisory and Information Services to assist Ethnic Communities (funded by revenue Dept)	0.180	0.045	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Supporting Ethnic Communities (MCA)	0.180	0.045	-	-	-
Total Operating	0.180	0.045	-	-	-

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Reprioritisation of Funding to Provide Immediate Support to Local Councils

Description: This initiative reprioritises funding to provide executive support and relief to local councils affected by the North Island Weather Events. This initiative also reprioritises funding to enable the Department of Internal Affairs to continue financial and policy work on community resilience.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(0.500)	0.500	-	-	-
Net Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(0.500)	0.500	-	-	-

* Unless non-cash, will also impact net debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Local Government Policy and Related Services (funded by revenue Crown)	0.321	0.500	-	-	-
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
Chatham Islands Wharves - Operational Costs	(0.500)	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Grants - Internal Affairs	(0.550)	-	-	-	-
Supporting Local Government with Natural Hazard Events	0.229	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	(0.500)	0.500	-	-	-

Vote:	Internal Affairs
Appropriation Administrator:	Department of Internal Affairs
Title:	Replenishing School Library Collections
Description:	This initiative provides for the replenishment of school library collections through the provision of advice and support from the National Library to school library services.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	0.218	-	-	-
Net Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.218	-	-	-

* Unless non-cash, will also impact net debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
National Archival and Library Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Knowledge and Information Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.218	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: National Archival and Library Services (MCA)	-	0.218	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	0.218	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

- 12 **note** that related funding has also been provided through Vote Education (Initiative 15176); and
- 13 **agree** that the initiative is funded up to 31 December 2023, after which unspent funds will be returned to the centre.