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Additional Item: Self-denying Ordinance

Portfolio **Finance**

On 6 June 2023, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** the briefing by the Minister of Finance;
- 2 **noted** that since 1996 successive governments have had a practice of not requesting the public service to cost political party policies;
- 3 **agreed** to continue the practice of not requesting public service agencies to cost political party policies;
- 4 **noted** that costings needed for the day-to-day operation of government (e.g., budget proposals, Cabinet papers, business cases, financial veto) can continue, but any requests for such costings which may conflict with the above practice must be referred to the Minister of Finance's office.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet