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2021 Budget Technical Financial Recommendations: Vote Communications Security and Intelligence

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)					2025/26 & Outyears
		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	
13398	Transfer of Efficiency Savings to Fund Future Cost Pressures	[1]					-
Total Operating							-

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendation to give effect to the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 4 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2020/21 above be included in the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates;
- 5 **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;
- 6 **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: Communications Security and Intelligence

Appropriation Administrator: Government Communications Security Bureau

Title: Transfer of Efficiency Savings to Fund Future Cost Pressures

Description: This initiative will transfer efficiency savings from 2020/21 which have been generated from a combination of [37] and from undertaking activities in a more cost effective way. These savings will fund cost pressures the Government Communications Security Bureau is facing in the next four years, [1]

Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	[1]					-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	[1]					-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure:						
Communications Security and Intelligence (funded by revenue Crown)	[1]					-
Total Operating	[1]					-

Additional recommendation

7 **noted** that the Government Communications Security Bureau has re-phased the efficiency savings from 2020/21 across the next four years to prevent new Budget funding being required for [1]