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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### 2021 Budget Technical Financial Recommendations: Vote Courts

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
13453	Addressing legal aid debt impairment	(2.000)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>(2.000)</b>	-	-	-	-

- 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

## Initiative No: 13453

**Vote:** Courts

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Addressing legal aid debt impairment

**Description:** This initiative addresses the potential 30 June 2021 revaluation cost pressure arising from the impairment of legal aid debt, through a fiscally neutral transfer from other impairment appropriations managed by the Ministry of Justice.

### Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	(2.000)	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(2.000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</b>					
Impairment of Fines Receivable	(2.000)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(2.000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Additional recommendation

- 7 **noted** that there is a corresponding increase to appropriations in Vote Justice (Initiative 13452) and that these initiatives are fiscally neutral across Votes.