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2021 Budget Package: Vote Foreign Affairs

On 12 April 2021, Cabinet:

- 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
13120	Our Place in Antarctica - Redevelop Scott Base to maintain a safe presence in Antarctica to conduct high quality science	-	2.000	6.000	13.000	22.000
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
		20.000	26.000	16.000	13.000	13.000
		2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
		12.000	14.000	12.000	12.000	12.000
		2035/36	2036/37	2037/38	2038/39	2039/40
		11.000	11.000	10.000	10.000	9.000
		2040/41 & Outyears	-			

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
13120	Our Place in Antarctica - Redevelop Scott Base to maintain a safe presence in Antarctica to conduct high quality science	-	18.000	66.000	114.000	69.000
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
		36.000	1.000	2.000	-	-
		2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
		-	-	-	-	-
		2035/36	2036/37	2037/38	2038/39	2039/40
		-	1.000	-	-	2.000
		2040/41 & Outyears				
		-				

- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations to implement the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiative, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 4 **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;
- 5 **authorised** the chief executives of departments that monitor Crown entities directly affected by decisions in this minute to inform the chief executive of the 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;
- 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

Secretary's Note: This minute has been amended to correct an error in the financial table on page 4 carried over from the financial recommendations.

Vote: Foreign Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Title: Our Place in Antarctica - Redevelop Scott Base to maintain a safe presence in Antarctica to conduct high quality science

Description: This initiative provides funding for the redevelopment of New Zealand's existing infrastructure in Antarctica which is at the end of its life and continues to deteriorate.

This will ensure that New Zealand maintains its 64-year permanent presence in Antarctica and that Scott Base remains a place where scientists can conduct world-class science safely and effectively. Their research to understand how climate change impacts Antarctica, and the flow-on impacts to New Zealand and the rest of the world is of great importance. High quality science underpins leadership in the Antarctic Treaty System. As a geographical neighbour and claimant country, New Zealand has a strong interest in the Antarctic Treaty System continuing to be an effective body for management and governance in the region.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Operating Balance Impact	-	2.000	6.000	13.000	22.000
Debt Impact	-	18.000	66.000	114.000	69.000
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	20.000	72.000	127.000	91.000
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Operating Balance Impact	20.000	26.000	16.000	13.000	13.000
Debt Impact	36.000	1.000	2.000	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	56.000	27.000	18.000	13.000	13.000
	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
Operating Balance Impact	12.000	14.000	12.000	12.000	12.000
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	12.000	14.000	12.000	12.000	12.000
	2035/36	2036/37	2037/38	2038/39	2039/40
Operating Balance Impact	11.000	11.000	10.000	10.000	9.000
Debt Impact	-	1.000	-	-	2.000
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	11.000	12.000	10.000	10.000	11.000

Initiative No: 13120

	2040/2041 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-
Debt Impact	-
No Impact	-
Total	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Antarctic Research and Support	-	2.000	6.000	13.000	22.000
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:					
New Zealand Antarctic Institute	-	18.000	66.000	114.000	69.000
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Antarctic Research and Support	20.000	26.000	16.000	13.000	13.000
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:					
New Zealand Antarctic Institute	36.000	1.000	2.000	-	-
	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Antarctic Research and Support	12.000	14.000	12.000	12.000	12.000
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:					
New Zealand Antarctic Institute	-	-	-	-	-
	2035/36	2036/37	2037/38	2038/39	2039/40
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Antarctic Research and Support	11.000	11.000	10.000	10.000	9.000
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:					
New Zealand Antarctic Institute	-	1.000	-	-	2.000

	2040/41 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:	
Antarctic Research and Support	-
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:	
New Zealand Antarctic Institute	-

Additional recommendations

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