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2021 Budget Package: Vote Statistics

On 12 April 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2021 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative documents:

Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
13314	Iwi-led data collection for 2023 Census	-	4.870	6.500	2.710	-
13267	Securing the immediate and long-term sustainability of New Zealand's official statistics	-	6.620	5.290	8.170	-
Total Operating		-	11.490	11.790	10.880	-

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 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 **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: Statistics

Appropriation Administrator: Statistics New Zealand

Title: Iwi-led data collection for 2023 Census

Description: Stats NZ intends to support its Treaty partners in building their data collection capability by assisting iwi to collect responses to the 2023 Census in two geographic areas.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	4.870	6.500	2.710	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	4.870	6.500	2.710	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
2023 Census of Population and Dwellings (MYA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	4.870	6.500	2.710	-
Total Operating	-	4.870	6.500	2.710	-

Additional Recommendations

- 6 **agreed** that the Multi-Year Appropriation: 2023 Census of Population and Dwellings is adjusted by \$14.080 million;
- 7 **noted** that amounts shown in the appropriations changes table for the Multi-Year Appropriation: 2023 Census of Population and Dwellings is the change to the indicative annual spending profile.

Vote: Statistics

Appropriation Administrator: Statistics New Zealand

Title: Securing the immediate and long-term sustainability of New Zealand’s official statistics

Description: This initiative seeks funding for three elements: collections cost pressures, a Data Sourcing Programme, and one COVID-related survey cost.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to collect the survey data required for the production of official statistics. Increased visits and contacts with households and businesses are required to maintain the status quo, and these increases are causing rapidly escalating baseline cost pressures.

This initiative will reduce the ongoing cost pressures and ensure Stats NZ has a sustainable solution to ensure the production of official statistics now and into the future. Funding will allow for proof of concept pilots and new ways of working, delivering ongoing value.

Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	6.620	5.290	8.170	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	6.620	5.290	8.170	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Official Statistics (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.978	1.709	2.639	-
Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	3.642	3.581	5.531	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Official Statistics (MCA)	-	6.620	5.290	8.170	-
Total Operating	-	6.620	5.290	8.170	-