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## 2022 Budget Package: Vote Attorney-General (Technical Initiatives)

### Appropriation Administrator: Crown Law Office

It is recommended that the relevant Appropriation Minister and the Minister of Finance jointly:

- 1 **note** that Cabinet has approved the Budget initiative(s) for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2022 Budget package, as detailed in the summary table(s) below:

### Summary of technical initiative(s) agreed by Cabinet:

#### Operating Initiative(s) (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
14418	Accounting for Software as a Service	0.310	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>0.310</b>	-	-	-	-

#### Capital Initiative(s) (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
14418	Accounting for Software as a Service	(0.435)	0.125	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>(0.435)</b>	<b>0.125</b>	-	-	-

- 2 **note** that Cabinet has:

- i. **authorised** the relevant Appropriation Minister and the Minister of Finance (Joint Ministers) jointly to agree to the changes to appropriations (including establishment of new appropriations if necessary) and/or capital injections and related recommendations necessary to give effect to the initiative(s) included in the 2022 Budget package for the above Vote, as detailed in the summary table(s) above;
- ii. **authorised** Joint Ministers jointly to agree that the proposed changes to appropriations and/or capital injections for 2021/22 approved by Joint Ministers as authorised above be included in the 2021/22 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- iii. **agreed** that expenses or capital expenditure against appropriations and capital injection authorisations set out in the 2022/23 Estimates and being sought in the Appropriation (2022/23 Estimates) Bill may be met from Imprest Supply until that Bill is enacted and comes into force;
- iv. **authorised** Joint Ministers to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2021/22 Supplementary Estimates, the 2022/23 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;

- v. **authorised** the chief executives of departments that monitor Crown entities directly affected by Budget decisions taken by Cabinet or taken by Joint Ministers as authorised by Cabinet to inform the chair and/or chief executive of a 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 and/or Statement of Performance Expectations;
  - vi. **noted** that all communications relating to the 2022 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;
- 3 **agree** to establish new appropriations where required to implement the initiative(s) included in the summary table(s) above, as detailed in the attached initiative document(s);
  - 4 **approve** changes to appropriations and/or the capital injections to the administering department (where applicable) to implement the initiative(s) included in the summary table(s) above, as set out in the attached initiative document(s);
  - 5 **approve** the additional recommendation(s) to give effect to the initiative(s), as set out in the attached initiative document(s); and
  - 6 **agree** that the proposed change(s) to appropriations and/or capital injections for 2021/22 detailed in the attached initiative document(s) be included in the 2021/22 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase(s) be met from Imprest Supply.

**Vote:** Attorney-General

**Appropriation Administrator:** Crown Law Office

**Title:** Accounting for Software as a Service

**Description:** Reclassification from capital expenditure to operating expenditure for SaaS Intangible purchases of \$310,000 in 2021/22. This is due to the changes arising from the re-classification and recognition of SaaS intangibles.

In addition, further capital expenditure of \$125,000 earmarked for other intangible purchases during 2021/22 requires re-phasing and to be carried forward to 2022/23 due to a delay in expenditure due to labour market constraints.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	0.310	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	(0.435)	0.125	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(0.125)</b>	<b>0.125</b>	-	-	-

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
<b>Capital Injections:</b>					
Crown Law Office - Capital Injection	(0.435)	0.125	-	-	-
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Law Officer Functions (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Conduct of Criminal Appeals from Crown Prosecutions (funded by revenue Crown)	0.037	-	-	-	-
Government Legal Network (funded by revenue Crown)	0.006	-	-	-	-
Law Officer Constitutional and Criminal Law Duties (funded by revenue Crown)	0.042	-	-	-	-
Public Prosecution Services (funded by revenue Crown)	0.012	-	-	-	-

Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Law Officer Functions (MCA)	0.097	-	-	-	-
Law Officer Functions (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> Strategic and Operational Legal Advice and Representation (funded by revenue Crown)	0.213	-	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Law Officer Functions (MCA)	0.213	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.310</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>(0.435)</b>	<b>0.125</b>	-	-	-