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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### 2024 Budget Package: Vote Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

#### Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for Primary Industries

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2024 Budget package, as listed in the summary tables below and detailed in the attached initiative documents:

#### Summary of initiatives:

##### Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

| Initiative ID          | Initiative Name  | \$m - increase/(decrease) |                 |                 |                 |                    |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                        |  | 2023/24                   | 2024/25         | 2025/26         | 2026/27         | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| 16119                  | Return of Funding - Accelerating Development of Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Mitigations      | (5.660)                   | -               | (2.476)         | (2.350)         | (0.350)            |
| 15678                  | Biosecurity Monitoring - Increased Cost Recovery   | -                         | (3.100)         | (6.000)         | (6.000)         | (6.000)            |
| 15663                  | Reduction in Funding - Mātauranga Māori-Based Approaches to Agricultural Emissions Reduction | -                         | (7.000)         | (10.000)        | (10.000)        | (10.000)           |
| 15675                  | Return of Funding – Ministry for Primary Industries Operating Efficiencies                   | -                         | (34.226)        | (27.826)        | (27.826)        | (27.826)           |
| 15661                  | Return of Funding - On-Farm Support Services   | -                         | (6.200)         | (7.000)         | (7.000)         | (7.000)            |
| 15672                  | Return of Funding - Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Programme                 | -                         | (4.400)         | (4.600)         | (4.600)         | (4.600)            |
| <b>Total Operating</b> |  | <b>(5.660)</b>            | <b>(54.926)</b> | <b>(57.902)</b> | <b>(57.776)</b> | <b>(55.776)</b>    |

**Summary of contingency initiative:**

**Operating Contingency**

| Initiative ID          | Initiative Name   | \$m - increase/(decrease) |                 |                 |                 |                    |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                        |   | 2023/24                   | 2024/25         | 2025/26         | 2026/27         | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| 15687                  | Agricultural Emissions Pricing Tagged Contingency - Return of Funding | (18.500)                  | (56.500)        | (29.900)        | (34.900)        | (24.700)           |
| <b>Total Operating</b> |   | <b>(18.500)</b>           | <b>(56.500)</b> | <b>(29.900)</b> | <b>(34.900)</b> | <b>(24.700)</b>    |

Note: Throughout the document, “total operating” refers to funding over five years (2023/24 to 2027/28) and “total capital” refers to funding over 10 years (2023/24 to 2032/33).

Rachel Hayward  
Secretary of the Cabinet

**Vote:** Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry for Primary Industries

**Title:** Return of Funding – Accelerating Development of Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Mitigations

**Description:** This initiative returns \$10.800 million of uncommitted funding for the Accelerating Development of Agriculture Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigation Programme. This initiative was funded through the Climate Emergency Response Fund.

### Appropriation Changes

|                                 | \$m - increase/(decrease) |          |                |                |                    |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                                 | 2023/24                   | 2024/25  | 2025/26        | 2026/27        | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| Operating Balance Impact*       | (5.660)                   | -        | (2.476)        | (2.350)        | (0.350)            |
| Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only | -                         | -        | -              | -              | -                  |
| No Impact                       | -                         | -        | -              | -              | -                  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>(5.660)</b>            | <b>-</b> | <b>(2.476)</b> | <b>(2.350)</b> | <b>(0.350)</b>     |

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

|  | \$m - increase/(decrease) |          |                |                |                    |
|--|---------------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
|  | 2023/24                   | 2024/25  | 2025/26        | 2026/27        | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| <b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>   |                           |          |                |                |                    |
| Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund (MYA)                     | -                         | -        | (2.476)        | (2.350)        | (0.350)            |
| <b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>  |                           |          |                |                |                    |
| Agriculture: Programmes Supporting Sustainability (MCA)  |                           |          |                |                |                    |
| <i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>   |                           |          |                |                |                    |
| Agriculture: Climate Emergency Response Fund   | (5.660)                   | -        | -              | -              | -                  |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Agriculture: Programmes Supporting Sustainability (MCA) | (5.660)                   | -        | -              | -              | -                  |
| <b>Total Operating</b>   | <b>(5.660)</b>            | <b>-</b> | <b>(2.476)</b> | <b>(2.350)</b> | <b>(0.350)</b>     |

**Additional Recommendations**

- 2 **agreed** to scale the Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations programme;
- 3 **noted** that there may be a corresponding reduction to outputs from this initiative, such as reduced investment in agricultural greenhouse gas mitigation research and reduced support for addressing barriers to mitigation technology uptake;
- 4 **agreed** that the Multi Year Appropriation: "Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund" is adjusted by (\$5.176 million);
- 5 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;
- 6 **noted** that \$8.136 million of operating funding associated with this initiative was originally funded from the Climate Emergency Response Fund Initiative 14058 (Agriculture Emissions Reduction – Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations);
- 7 **noted** that related savings have also been provided through Initiative 15663 as both initiatives source savings from the same programme;

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| <b>Vote:</b>                        | Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety  |
| <b>Appropriation Administrator:</b> | Ministry for Primary Industries  |
| <b>Title:</b>                       | Agricultural Emissions Pricing Tagged Contingency – Return of Funding  |
| <b>Description:</b>                 | This savings initiative returns \$164.500 million total operating funding, held in tagged contingency for the development of an agricultural emissions pricing system. This initiative was funded through the Climate Emergency Response Fund. |

### Tagged Contingency

|                       | \$m - increase/(decrease) |                 |                 |                 |                    |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                       | 2023/24                   | 2024/25         | 2025/26         | 2026/27         | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| Operating Contingency | (18.500)                  | (56.500)        | (29.900)        | (34.900)        | (24.700)           |
| Capital Contingency   | -                         | -               | -               | -               | -                  |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>(18.500)</b>           | <b>(56.500)</b> | <b>(29.900)</b> | <b>(34.900)</b> | <b>(24.700)</b>    |

### Additional Recommendations

- 8 **noted** that \$164.5 million operating funding associated with this initiative is from the Climate Emergency Response Fund Initiative 15365, Setting Up and Operating an Agricultural Emissions Pricing Scheme tagged operating contingency;
- 9 **noted** that, following the above adjustments, the remaining balance of this tagged contingency is \$10.000 million operating only (\$2.000 million in 2024/25 and \$8.000 million in 2025/26);
- 10 **noted** that the original requirement to draw down funding was for Cabinet to consider a detailed business case and to determine the terms of drawdown at that point;
- 11 **agreed** to amend the drawdown requirement such that drawdown is subject to Cabinet agreement to an implementation plan and work programme;
- 12 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiatives 16048 in Vote Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety, 15593 in Vote Environment, and 16074 in Vote Revenue;
- 13 **agreed** that the new expiry date for the tagged contingency be 1 February 2025;

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| <b>Vote:</b>                        | Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety   |
| <b>Appropriation Administrator:</b> | Ministry for Primary Industries   |
| <b>Title:</b>                       | Biosecurity Monitoring – Increased Cost Recovery  |
| <b>Description:</b>                 | This savings initiative returns Crown funding of \$21.100 million total operating funding for biosecurity monitoring. This will be replaced by third party payment for services delivered by the Ministry for Primary Industries. |

### Appropriation Changes

|                                 | \$m - increase/(decrease) |         |         |         |                    |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|
|                                 | 2023/24                   | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| Operating Balance Impact*       | -                         | (3.100) | (6.000) | (6.000) | (6.000)            |
| Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only | -                         | -       | -       | -       | -                  |
| No Impact                       | -                         | 3.100   | 6.000   | 6.000   | 6.000              |
| <b>Total</b>                    | -                         | -       | -       | -       | -                  |

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

|   | \$m - increase/(decrease) |         |         |         |                    |
|---|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|
|   | 2023/24                   | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| <b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>   |                           |         |         |         |                    |
| Biosecurity: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management (MCA)  |                           |         |         |         |                    |
| <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>  |                           |         |         |         |                    |
| Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance<br>(funded by revenue Crown)  | -                         | (3.100) | (6.000) | (6.000) | (6.000)            |
| Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance<br>(funded by revenue Other)  | -                         | 3.100   | 6.000   | 6.000   | 6.000              |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Biosecurity: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management (MCA) | -                         | -       | -       | -       | -                  |
| <b>Total Operating</b>  | -                         | -       | -       | -       | -                  |



**Additional Recommendations**

- 14 **agreed** to decrease the Crown's share of funding for biosecurity surveillance contracts and to remove a portion of an existing Crown subsidy on low value goods to deliver savings in line with the Government's priorities;
- 15 **noted** that Cabinet will separately consider proposals to increase levies and the associated financial implications by \$2.9 million from 2025/26 onwards for low value goods;
- 16 **noted** that this will increase the proportion of costs which biosecurity risk exacerbators or beneficiaries face in funding these biosecurity activities;

**Vote:** Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry for Primary Industries

**Title:** Reduction in Funding – Mātauranga Māori-Based Approaches to Agricultural Emissions Reduction

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$37.000 million total of uncommitted operating funding for developing mātauranga Māori-based approaches to accelerate new emissions mitigations. This initiative was funded through the Climate Emergency Response Fund.

### Appropriation Changes

|                                 | \$m – increase/(decrease) |                |                 |                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                                 | 2023/24                   | 2024/25        | 2025/26         | 2026/27         | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| Operating Balance Impact*       | -                         | (7.000)        | (10.000)        | (10.000)        | (10.000)           |
| Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only | -                         | -              | -               | -               | -                  |
| No Impact                       | -                         | -              | -               | -               | -                  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | -                         | <b>(7.000)</b> | <b>(10.000)</b> | <b>(10.000)</b> | <b>(10.000)</b>    |

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|  | \$m – increase/(decrease) |                |                 |                 |                    |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|  | 2023/24                   | 2024/25        | 2025/26         | 2026/27         | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| <b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>   |                           |                |                 |                 |                    |
| Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund (MYA) | -                         | (7.000)        | (10.000)        | (10.000)        | (10.000)           |
| <b>Total Operating</b>   | -                         | <b>(7.000)</b> | <b>(10.000)</b> | <b>(10.000)</b> | <b>(10.000)</b>    |

### Additional Recommendations

- 17 **agreed** to return all uncontracted funding from the Mātauranga Māori-Based Approaches Emissions Reduction Programme;
- 18 **noted** that this initiative reduces funding available for industry to develop mātauranga Māori-based approaches to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on-farm;
- 19 **agreed** that the Multi Year Appropriation: “Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund” is adjusted by (\$37.000 million);
- 20 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;
- 21 **noted** that \$17 million of operating funding associated with this initiative was originally funded from the Climate Emergency Response Fund Initiative 14058 (Agriculture Emissions Reduction – Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations);

22 **noted** that related savings have also been provided through Initiative 16119 as both initiatives source savings from the same programme;

**Vote:** Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry for Primary Industries

**Title:** Return of funding – Ministry for Primary Industries Operating Efficiencies

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$117.700 million total operating funding for Ministry for Primary Industries personnel, contract costs, and property leases, as the number of funded Full Time Equivalent roles will be reduced from 1 July 2024.

### Appropriation Changes

|                                 | \$m - increase/(decrease) |                 |                 |                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                                 | 2023/24                   | 2024/25         | 2025/26         | 2026/27         | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| Operating Balance Impact*       | -                         | (34.226)        | (27.826)        | (27.826)        | (27.826)           |
| Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only | -                         | -               | -               | -               | -                  |
| No Impact                       | -                         | -               | -               | -               | -                  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | -                         | <b>(34.226)</b> | <b>(27.826)</b> | <b>(27.826)</b> | <b>(27.826)</b>    |

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|   | \$m - increase/(decrease) |          |          |          |                    |
|---|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|
|   | 2023/24                   | 2024/25  | 2025/26  | 2026/27  | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| <b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>   |                           |          |          |          |                    |
| Agriculture: Programmes Supporting Sustainability (MCA)   |                           |          |          |          |                    |
| <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>  |                           |          |          |          |                    |
| Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes (funded by revenue Crown)  | -                         | (13.335) | (10.842) | (10.842) | (10.842)           |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Agriculture: Programmes Supporting Sustainability (MCA)            | -                         | (13.335) | (10.842) | (10.842) | (10.842)           |
| Biosecurity: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management (MCA)  |                           |          |          |          |                    |
| <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>  |                           |          |          |          |                    |
| Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance (funded by revenue Crown)   | -                         | (6.685)  | (5.435)  | (5.435)  | (5.435)            |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Biosecurity: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management (MCA) | -                         | (6.685)  | (5.435)  | (5.435)  | (5.435)            |

|   | \$m - increase/(decrease) |                 |                 |                 |                       |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|   | 2023/24                   | 2024/25         | 2025/26         | 2026/27         | 2027/28 &<br>Outyears |
| Development and Implementation of Primary Industries Policy Advice (MCA)<br><i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i><br>Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing<br>(funded by revenue Crown) | -                         | (11.458)        | (9.315)         | (9.315)         | (9.315)               |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Development and Implementation of Primary Industries Policy Advice (MCA)   | -                         | (11.458)        | (9.315)         | (9.315)         | (9.315)               |
| Fisheries: Managing the Resource Sustainably (MCA)<br><i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i><br>Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring<br>(funded by revenue Crown)                                       | -                         | (1.678)         | (1.364)         | (1.364)         | (1.364)               |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Fisheries: Managing the Resource Sustainably (MCA)   | -                         | (1.678)         | (1.364)         | (1.364)         | (1.364)               |
| Food Safety: Protecting Consumers (MCA)<br><i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i><br>Food Safety: Assurance<br>(funded by revenue Crown)  | -                         | (1.070)         | (0.870)         | (0.870)         | (0.870)               |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Food Safety: Protecting Consumers (MCA)  | -                         | (1.070)         | (0.870)         | (0.870)         | (0.870)               |
| <b>Total Operating</b>  | -                         | <b>(34.226)</b> | <b>(27.826)</b> | <b>(27.826)</b> | <b>(27.826)</b>       |

### Additional Recommendations

- 23 **agreed** to reduce departmental funding for the Ministry for Primary Industries to achieve operational efficiencies across its organisational structure, procurement, and office footprint;
- 24 **noted** that these savings may reduce the Ministry for Primary Industries' overall delivery capacity with an anticipated headcount reduction of up to 384 roles (across its back office and frontline enabling functions);
- 25 **noted** that related savings have also been provided in Initiative 16121 in Vote Forestry;
- 26 **noted** that further fiscally neutral changes to departmental appropriations may be sought through future baseline update processes to reflect changes from the Ministry for Primary Industries' "Improving our Efficiency" proposal which includes reduction in staff numbers;

**Vote:** Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry for Primary Industries

**Title:** On-Farm Support Services – Return of Funding

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$27.200 million total operating funding for the planned expansion of On-Farm Support Services.

### Appropriation Changes

|                                 | \$m - increase/(decrease) |                |                |                |                    |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                                 | 2023/24                   | 2024/25        | 2025/26        | 2026/27        | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| Operating Balance Impact*       | -                         | (6.200)        | (7.000)        | (7.000)        | (7.000)            |
| Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only | -                         | -              | -              | -              | -                  |
| No Impact                       | -                         | -              | -              | -              | -                  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | -                         | <b>(6.200)</b> | <b>(7.000)</b> | <b>(7.000)</b> | <b>(7.000)</b>     |

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

|  | \$m - increase/(decrease) |                |                |                |                    |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
|  | 2023/24                   | 2024/25        | 2025/26        | 2026/27        | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| <b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>  |                           |                |                |                |                    |
| Agriculture: Programmes Supporting Sustainability (MCA)  |                           |                |                |                |                    |
| <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>   |                           |                |                |                |                    |
| Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes (funded by revenue Crown)                                 | -                         | (6.200)        | (7.000)        | (7.000)        | (7.000)            |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Agriculture: Programmes Supporting Sustainability (MCA) | -                         | (6.200)        | (7.000)        | (7.000)        | (7.000)            |
| <b>Total Operating</b>   | -                         | <b>(6.200)</b> | <b>(7.000)</b> | <b>(7.000)</b> | <b>(7.000)</b>     |

### Additional Recommendations

- 27 **agreed** to stop planned growth of 50 FTEs for expansion of the On-Farm Advisory Service;
- 28 **noted** that this initiative reduces the Ministry for Primary Industries' ability to service increased demand for on-farm advisory services;

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| <b>Vote:</b>                        | Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety   |
| <b>Appropriation Administrator:</b> | Ministry for Primary Industries   |
| <b>Title:</b>                       | Return of Funding – Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Programme  |
| <b>Description:</b>                 | This savings initiative returns \$18.200 million total of uncommitted operating funding for the Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Programme. |

### Appropriation Changes

|                                 | \$m - increase/(decrease) |                |                |                |                    |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                                 | 2023/24                   | 2024/25        | 2025/26        | 2026/27        | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| Operating Balance Impact*       | -                         | (4.400)        | (4.600)        | (4.600)        | (4.600)            |
| Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only | -                         | -              | -              | -              | -                  |
| No Impact                       | -                         | -              | -              | -              | -                  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>-</b>                  | <b>(4.400)</b> | <b>(4.600)</b> | <b>(4.600)</b> | <b>(4.600)</b>     |

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|  | \$m - increase/(decrease) |                |                |                |                    |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
|  | 2023/24                   | 2024/25        | 2025/26        | 2026/27        | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| <b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>   |                           |                |                |                |                    |
| Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research (MYA)  | -                         | (4.400)        | (4.600)        | (4.600)        | -                  |
| <b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>  |                           |                |                |                |                    |
| Agriculture: Programmes Supporting Sustainability (MCA)  |                           |                |                |                |                    |
| <i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>   |                           |                |                |                |                    |
| Agriculture: Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research   | -                         | -              | -              | -              | (4.600)            |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Agriculture: Programmes Supporting Sustainability (MCA) | -                         | -              | -              | -              | (4.600)            |
| <b>Total Operating</b>   | <b>-</b>                  | <b>(4.400)</b> | <b>(4.600)</b> | <b>(4.600)</b> | <b>(4.600)</b>     |

**Additional Recommendations**

- 29 **agreed** to return all uncommitted funding from the Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Programme;
- 30 **noted** that this initiative may reduce industry up-take of on-farm climate change or sustainability solutions;
- 31 **agreed** that the Multi Year Appropriation: "Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research" is adjusted by (\$13.600 million);
- 32 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile.