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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2024 Package: Vote Communications Security and Intelligence

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

#### Appropriation Administrator: Government Communications Security Bureau

- 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 initiative:

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

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
15662	Reduction in Expenditure – GCSB	-	(7.620)	(7.620)	(7.620)	(7.620)
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>(7.620)</b>	<b>(7.620)</b>	<b>(7.620)</b>	<b>(7.620)</b>

#### Summary of contingency initiative agreed by Cabinet:

##### Operating Contingency

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
16132	Return of Tagged Contingency – Building Critical Cyber Resilience	-	(0.453)	(1.717)	(1.786)	(1.786)
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>(0.453)</b>	<b>(1.717)</b>	<b>(1.786)</b>	<b>(1.786)</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:** Communications Security and Intelligence

**Appropriation Administrator:** Government Communications Security Bureau

**Title:** Reduction in Expenditure – GCSB

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$30.480 million total operating funding from the Government Communications Security Bureau by reducing expenditure.

**Appropriation Changes**

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28 &amp; Outyears</b>
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(7.620)	(7.620)	(7.620)	(7.620)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(7.620)</b>	<b>(7.620)</b>	<b>(7.620)</b>	<b>(7.620)</b>

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

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28 &amp; Outyears</b>
<b>Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Communications Security and Intelligence (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(7.620)	(7.620)	(7.620)	(7.620)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(7.620)</b>	<b>(7.620)</b>	<b>(7.620)</b>	<b>(7.620)</b>

**Vote:** Communications Security and Intelligence

**Appropriation Administrator:** Government Communications Security Bureau

**Title:** Return of Tagged Contingency – Building Critical Cyber Resilience

**Description:** This initiative returns \$5.742 million total operating funding previously provided at Budget 2023 to expand the mandate of the Government Chief Information Security Officer (GCISO). As a result, the Government Communications Security Bureau will not expand the GCISO mandate as originally planned.

**Tagged Contingency**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Contingency	-	(0.453)	(1.717)	(1.786)	(1.786)
Capital Contingency	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.453)</b>	<b>(1.717)</b>	<b>(1.786)</b>	<b>(1.786)</b>

**Additional Recommendation**

2 **noted** that the Building Critical Cyber Resilience Tagged Operating Contingency established in Budget 2023 is now closed.