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Cabinet

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Budget 2024 Package: Vote Environment

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for the Environment

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2024 Budget package, as listed in the summary table 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
15573	Reduction in Back Office Functions – Ministry for the Environment	-	(3.588)	(6.204)	(6.272)	(6.189)
15585	Return of Funding - Climate Change Programmes	-	(3.761)	(4.458)	(13.610)	(13.653)
15593	Return of Funding - Climate Change Commission	-	(3.000)	(4.208)	(4.208)	(4.208)
15586	Return of Funding - Evidence and Data	-	(1.783)	(3.585)	(2.194)	(2.111)
15588	Return of Funding - Freshwater	-	(15.522)	(2.765)	(2.645)	(2.668)
15591	Return of Funding - Partnerships and Engagement	-	(10.551)	(10.850)	(8.191)	(8.203)
15582	Resource Management Reforms - Replacement	-	23.525	23.911	23.911	20.888
15592	Waste Minimisation – Return of Funding	-	(10.896)	(17.030)	(11.979)	(12.067)
15595	Waste Disposal Levy – Reallocation of Funding	-	(88.225)	(61.130)	(14.500)	(13.900)*
Total Operating		-	(113.801)	(86.319)	(39.688)	(42.111)

*Denotes no outyears funding.

Summary of contingency initiative:**Operating Contingency**

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
16158	New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Market Governance Tagged Contingency – Return of Funding	-	(9.437)	(9.437)	(9.437)	(6.000)
Total Operating		-	(9.437)	(9.437)	(9.437)	(6.000)

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: Environment

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for the Environment

Title: Reduction in Back Office Functions – Ministry for the Environment

Description: This savings initiative returns \$22.253 million total operating funding for back office functions at the Ministry for the Environment to align with the Government’s priorities.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(3.588)	(6.204)	(6.272)	(6.189)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(3.588)	(6.204)	(6.272)	(6.189)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Improving New Zealand’s Environment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.799)	(4.839)	(4.892)	(4.827)
Managing Climate Change in New Zealand (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.789)	(1.365)	(1.380)	(1.362)
Total Operating	-	(3.588)	(6.204)	(6.272)	(6.189)

Additional Recommendations

- 2 **agreed** to reduce back office functions at the Ministry for the Environment to align with the Government’s priorities;
- 3 **noted** that this initiative poses risks to the efficiency and effectiveness of the Ministry for the Environment’s back office, including in areas of ICT, accommodation, business and administrative support, programme and project management, legal, risk and assurance, finance, people and capability, executive support, and procurement;
- 4 **noted** that this initiative also reduces funding for staff travel, learning and development, and work in Māori Governance and Performance and Treaty Partnerships;

Vote:	Environment
Appropriation Administrator:	Ministry for the Environment
Title:	Return of Funding - Climate Change Programmes
Description:	This savings initiative returns \$35.482 million total operating funding for climate change programmes which have been stopped or scaled to create efficiencies and align with the Government's priorities.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(3.761)	(4.458)	(13.610)	(13.653)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(3.761)	(4.458)	(13.610)	(13.653)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Climate Change Chief Executives Board (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.697)	(0.698)	-	-
Managing Climate Change in New Zealand (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.764)	(3.460)	(3.310)	(3.353)
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Supporting Equitable Transitions and Climate Resilience for Māori	-	-	-	(10.000)	(10.000)
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
Climate Change Development Fund	-	(0.300)	(0.300)	(0.300)	(0.300)
Total Operating	-	(3.761)	(4.458)	(13.610)	(13.653)

Additional Recommendations

- 5 **agreed** to reduce climate change data, evidence, reporting, and policy work programmes at the Ministry for the Environment in lower value for money areas due to changes in Government priorities, including stopping and scaling back funding for:
 - 5.1 the Climate Change Development Fund;
 - 5.2 Māori Climate Action initiatives;
 - 5.3 the Climate Change Chief Executives Board;
 - 5.4 Implementation of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme;
 - 5.5 Climate Data Infrastructure; and
 - 5.6 Enablement of a scaled-up, high-quality Voluntary Carbon Market;
- 6 **noted** that this initiative will likely require trade-offs to be made between the Government's signalled policy priorities for the Ministry for the Environment to enable the Ministry for the Environment to continue to carry out its existing statutory functions;
- 7 **noted** that \$29.932 million of the operating funding associated with this initiative was originally funded from the Climate Emergency Response Fund in Budget 2022 [CAB-22-MIN-0129] and Budget 2023 [CAB-23-MIN-0139] in the following initiatives:
 - 7.1 Initiative 14051: Delivering New Zealand's International Climate Change Target Through Offshore Mitigation;
 - 7.2 Initiative 14030: Māori Climate Action;
 - 7.3 Initiative 14286: Emissions Reduction Plan Performance Monitoring;
 - 7.4 Initiative 14785: Climate Data Infrastructure;

Vote: Environment

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for the Environment

Title: Return of Funding - Climate Change Commission

Description: This savings initiative returns \$15.624 million total operating funding for the Climate Change Commission's proposed agricultural emissions pricing function which has been stopped as it does not align with the Government's priorities, and to scale the Commission's baseline to create efficiencies.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(3.000)	(4.208)	(4.208)	(4.208)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(3.000)	(4.208)	(4.208)	(4.208)

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Climate Change Commission - Advisory and Monitoring Function	-	(3.000)	(4.208)	(4.208)	(4.208)
Total Operating	-	(3.000)	(4.208)	(4.208)	(4.208)

Additional Recommendations

- 8 **agreed** to reduce funding for the Climate Change Commission due to changes in Government priorities;
- 9 **noted** that this initiative may impact the Climate Change Commission's ability to effectively deliver its statutory functions;
- 10 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiatives 15687 and 16048 in Vote Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety, and Initiative 16074 in Vote Revenue;

Vote: Environment

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for the Environment

Title: Return of Funding - Evidence and Data

Description: This savings initiative returns \$9.673 million total operating funding for evidence and data programmes which have been scaled to create efficiencies across the Ministry for the Environment’s discretionary evidence and data functions.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(1.783)	(3.585)	(2.194)	(2.111)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(1.783)	(3.585)	(2.194)	(2.111)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Improving New Zealand’s Environment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.146)	(3.263)	(2.133)	(2.050)
Managing Climate Change in New Zealand (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.637)	(0.322)	(0.061)	(0.061)
Total Operating	-	(1.783)	(3.585)	(2.194)	(2.111)

Additional Recommendations

- 11 **agreed** to reduce funding for evidence, data, and analysis used to inform policy on climate resilience and environmental science and health in lower value for money areas due to changes in Government priorities;
- 12 **noted** that this initiative will reduce government, community, industry, and business access to data to inform decisions relating to resource use and climate adaptation, including:
 - 12.1 updates to the National Environmental Standard on Drinking Water and Air Quality;
 - 12.2 groundwater nitrate monitoring;
 - 12.3 science assurance across multiple policy areas;
 - 12.4 environmental reporting and monitoring of environmental policy and investment outcomes;

- 13 **noted** that \$0.500 million of the operating funding associated with this initiative was originally funded from the Climate Emergency Response Fund Initiative 14558 Maximising Carbon Storage: Increasing Natural Sequestration to Achieve New Zealand's Future Carbon Goals in Budget 2022 [CAB-22-MIN-0129];

Vote: Environment

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for the Environment

Title: Return of Funding - Freshwater

Description: This savings initiative returns \$23.600 million total operating funding for freshwater programmes including funding for the Jobs for Nature Secretariat, freshwater investment, implementation of freshwater policy and initiatives under the Essential Freshwater Fund to improve alignment with the Government's priorities.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(15.522)	(2.765)	(2.645)	(2.668)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(15.522)	(2.765)	(2.645)	(2.668)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Improving New Zealand's Environment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.522)	(2.765)	(2.645)	(2.668)
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Freshwater Improvement Fund (MYA)	-	(13.000)	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	(15.522)	(2.765)	(2.645)	(2.668)

Additional Recommendations

- 14 **agreed** to reduce funding for freshwater investment programmes, the Jobs for Nature Secretariat programme, and the implementation of freshwater policy;
- 15 **agreed** to reduce funding for Te Tuatara o Pukekohe – Integrated Catchment Plan, Tangata Whenua capability building, and Freshwater Farm Plans;
- 16 **noted** that this initiative will reduce departmental and non-departmental outputs associated with the delivery of these freshwater programmes;
- 17 **agreed** that the Multi-Year Appropriation: “Freshwater Improvement Fund” be adjusted by (\$13.000 million);

- 18 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Freshwater Improvement Fund" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;

Vote: Environment

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for the Environment

Title: Return of Funding - Partnerships and Engagement

Description: This savings initiative returns \$37.795 million operating funding for partnerships and engagement at the Ministry for the Environment, including from the Community Environment Fund, Environment Legal Assistance, the Indigenous Biodiversity Fund, and Regional Planning (Non-Governmental Organisations) to create efficiencies and improve alignment with the Government's priorities.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(10.551)	(10.850)	(8.191)	(8.203)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(10.551)	(10.850)	(8.191)	(8.203)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Improving New Zealand's Environment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.274)	(1.145)	(1.165)	(1.175)
Managing Climate Change in New Zealand (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.359)	(0.323)	(0.329)	(0.331)
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Community Environment Fund (MYA)	-	(1.428)	-	-	-
Community Environment Fund	-	-	(2.172)	(2.172)	(2.172)
Indigenous Biodiversity Fund (MYA)	-	(6.490)	(6.210)	(3.925)	(3.925)
Regional Planning Implementation - Non-Government Organisations (MYA)	-	(0.400)	(0.400)	-	-
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
Environmental Legal Assistance	-	(0.600)	(0.600)	(0.600)	(0.600)
Total Operating	-	(10.551)	(10.850)	(8.191)	(8.203)

Additional Recommendations

- 19 **agreed** to reduce resourcing that supports the delivery of communications, engagement, and partnership functions at the Ministry for the Environment, including those to support Treaty partnerships;
- 20 **agreed** to stop the Community Environment Fund, Regional Planning Implementation – NGOs, Indigenous Biodiversity Fund, and Environment Legal Assistance so funding can be reallocated to align with the Government’s priorities;
- 21 **agreed** that the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Community Environment Fund" be adjusted by (\$1.428 million);
- 22 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Community Environment Fund" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;
- 23 **agreed** that the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Regional Planning Implementation - Non-Government Organisations" be adjusted by (\$0.800 million);
- 24 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Regional Planning Implementation - Non-Government Organisations" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;
- 25 **agreed** that the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Indigenous Biodiversity Fund - MYA" be adjusted by (\$20.550 million);
- 26 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Indigenous Biodiversity Fund - MYA" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile.

Initiative No: 15582

Vote: Environment

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for the Environment

Title: Resource Management Reforms - Replacement

Description: This initiative provides \$92.235 million total operating funding to deliver the Government's resource management reforms, including fast-track consenting legislation, Resource Management Act (RMA) amendments, updates to national direction and RMA replacement legislation. Funding is provided in outyears for ongoing operation of the resource management system to support system change.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	23.525	23.911	23.911	20.888
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	23.525	23.911	23.911	20.888

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Improving New Zealand's Environment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	23.025	23.411	23.411	20.388
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Environmental Protection Authority functions	-	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
Total Operating	-	23.525	23.911	23.911	20.888

Vote: Environment

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for the Environment

Title: Waste Minimisation – Return of Funding

Description: This savings initiative returns \$51.972 million total operating funding for Waste Minimisation. These activities will instead be funded by Waste Disposal Levy revenue, subject to Waste Minimisation Act 2008 amendments to expand the scope of activities levy revenue can be used for.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(10.896)	(17.030)	(11.979)	(12.067)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(10.896)	(17.030)	(11.979)	(12.067)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Improving New Zealand’s Environment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.546)	(3.552)	(9.351)	(9.439)
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Climate Emergency Response Fund – Waste Initiatives (MYA)	-	(8.350)	(8.350)	-	-
Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund	-	-	(5.128)	(2.628)	(2.628)
Total Operating	-	(10.896)	(17.030)	(11.979)	(12.067)

Additional Recommendations

- 27 **agreed** to reduce funding for compliance, monitoring, and enforcement activities so that funding can be reallocated in line with other Government priorities;
- 28 **noted** that this initiative will return uncommitted funding for supporting kerbside standardisation changes through communications campaigns, waste emissions data, and administration for resource recovery grants funded from the Climate Emergency Response Fund;

- 29 **noted** that the appropriation changes above and in Initiative 15595 give effect to Cabinet’s decision to amend the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 to enable the central government allocation of Waste Disposal Levy revenue to cover a broader range of environmental outputs and activities to deliver savings in the 2024/25 to 2027/28 forecast period [CAB-24-MIN-0138];
- 30 **noted** that \$20.479 million of the operating funding associated with this initiative was originally funded from the Climate Emergency Response Fund Initiative 14248 Reducing Emissions from Waste in Budget 2022 [CAB-22-MIN-0129];
- 31 **agreed** that the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Climate Emergency Response Fund – Waste Initiatives" be adjusted by (\$16.700 million);
- 32 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Climate Emergency Response Fund – Waste Initiatives" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;
- 33 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 15595 in Vote Environment;

Vote: Environment

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for the Environment

Title: Waste Disposal Levy – Reallocation of Funding

Description: This initiative returns \$177.755 million total operating funding by re-allocating Waste Disposal Levy revenue, subject to amendment of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 to broaden the scope of activities levy revenue can be used for.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29 & outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(88.225)	(61.130)	(14.500)	(13.900)	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(88.225)	(61.130)	(14.500)	(13.900)	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29 & outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:						
Improving New Zealand’s Environment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(15.150)	(16.480)	-	-	-
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:						
Climate Emergency Response Fund – Waste Initiatives (MYA)	-	(14.950)	(15.250)	-	-	-
Freshwater Improvement Fund (MYA)	-	(47.000)	-	-	-	-
Kaipara Moana Remediation (MYA)	-	(11.125)	-	-	-	-
Kaipara Moana Remediation	-	-	(14.400)	(14.500)	(13.900)	-
The Fresh Water Improvement Fund	-	-	(15.000)	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:						
Waste Minimisation (MCA)						
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>						
Environment Work Programme (funded by revenue Crown)	-	15.150	16.480	7.600	7.600	7.600

	Sm - increase/(decrease)					
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29 & outyears
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>						
Contaminated Sites and Vulnerable Landfills Fund	-	-	5.128	2.628	2.628	2.628
Contestable Waste Minimisation Fund	-	(96.575)	(74.608)	(24.728)	(24.128)	(10.228)
Freshwater Improvement Fund	-	47.000	15.000	-	-	-
Kaipara Moana Remediation	-	11.125	14.400	14.500	13.900	-
Reducing Emissions from Waste	-	23.300	23.600	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Waste Minimisation (MCA)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	(88.225)	(61.130)	(14.500)	(13.900)	-

Additional Recommendations

- 34 **noted** that this initiative gives effect to policy decisions taken by Cabinet on 29 April 2024 to:
- 34.1 agree changes to the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (the Act) that will enable the central government allocation of revenue from the Waste Disposal Levy (the levy) to be spent on a broader range of environmental outcomes;
- 34.2 agree to further step increases to the levy over three years (2025/26 to 2027/28) that will provide additional revenue for central and local government;
- 34.3 identify activities and Crown responsibilities that can be funded by the levy to deliver savings for the 2024/25 to 2027/28 forecast period (with further opportunities to identify savings across Government in outyears);
- [CAB-24-MIN-0138]
- 35 **noted** that the appropriation changes above give effect to the above decision to amend the Act to enable the central government allocation of the levy to cover a broader range of environmental outputs and activities to deliver savings from 2024/25 to 2027/28;
- 36 **agreed** that the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Freshwater Improvement Fund" be adjusted by (\$47.000 million);
- 37 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "Freshwater Improvement Fund" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;
- 38 **agreed** that the Multi Year Appropriation: "Kaipara Moana Remediation" be adjusted by (\$11.125 million);
- 39 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "Kaipara Moana Remediation" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;

- 40 **noted** that Kaipara Moana Remediation savings are not ongoing and that the annual profile of the "Kaipara Moana Remediation" appropriation beyond the forecast period is \$14.100 million in 2028/29, \$9.600 million in 2029/30 and \$3.500 million in 2030/31;

	Operating \$m						
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Waste Minimisation MCA – Kaipara Moana Remediation	11.125	14.400	14.500	13.900	-	-	-
Annual appropriation - Kaipara Moana Remediation	-	-	-	-	14.100	9.600	3.500

- 41 **agreed** that the Multi Year Appropriation: "Climate Emergency Response Fund – Waste Initiatives" be adjusted by (\$30.200 million);
- 42 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "Climate Emergency Response Fund – Waste Initiatives" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;
- 43 **noted** that the Environment Work Programme and Contaminated Sites and Vulnerable Landfills Fund categories within the Waste Minimisation Multi-Category Appropriation continue into outyears at 2027/28 levels to enable ongoing savings in Initiative 15592;
- 44 **noted** that the Minister of Finance has approved a new overarching purpose statement for the Waste Minimisation Multi-Category Appropriation (MCA):

Vote	Appropriation Minister	Appropriation Administrator	Title of MCA	Single Overarching Purpose of MCA
Environment	Minister for the Environment	Ministry for the Environment	Waste Minimisation	The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to protect the environment.

- 45 **noted** that the Minister of Finance has approved the following new categories within the Waste Minimisation MCA:

Title	Type	Scope
Contaminated Sites and Vulnerable Landfills Fund	Non-Departmental Output Expenses	This category is limited to the investigation, management and remediation of contaminated sites and historic landfills.
Reducing Emissions from Waste	Non-Departmental Output Expenses	This category is limited to supporting feasibility projects, infrastructure and other assets, and enabling systems that will improve New Zealand's ability to reduce emissions from waste.
Kaipara Moana Remediation	Non-Departmental Output Expenses	This category is limited to remediating Kaipara Moana by halting degradation and working towards more productive, sustainable, and high value use of land within the Kaipara catchment.
Freshwater Improvement Fund	Non-Departmental Output Expenses	This category is limited to managing New Zealand's freshwater bodies within environmental limits.
Environment Work Programme	Departmental Output Expenses	This category is limited to the provision of policy advice, implementation and other support to Ministers on environmental matters.

- 46 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 15592 in Vote Environment;

Vote: Environment

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for the Environment

Title: New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Market Governance
Tagged Contingency – Return of Funding

Description: This savings initiative returns \$34.311 million total operating funding previously held in tagged contingency for New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme market governance improvements.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Contingency	-	(9.437)	(9.437)	(9.437)	(6.000)
Total	-	(9.437)	(9.437)	(9.437)	(6.000)

Additional Recommendations

- 47 **noted** that following the adjustments detailed above, the *New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme market governance* tagged operating contingency is now exhausted and therefore closed;
- 48 **noted** that \$28.311 million of the operating funding associated with this initiative was originally funded from the Climate Emergency Response Fund Initiative 14832, Emissions Trading Scheme - Market Governance;
- 49 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 16125 in Vote Business, Science and Innovation.