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2024 Budget Package: Vote Justice

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: Executive Board for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiative 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 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
16191	Ministry of Justice - Optimising Back-office Functions	-	(0.116)	(0.115)	(0.115)	(0.115)
Total Operating		-	(0.116)	(0.115)	(0.115)	(0.115)

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

Initiative No: 16191

Vote:	Justice
Appropriation Administrator:	Executive Board for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence
Title:	Ministry of Justice - Optimising Back-office Functions
Description:	This savings initiative returns \$0.461 million total operating funding through optimising the Ministry of Justice's back-office functions, through reducing expenditure on consultant and travel costs as well as a reduction of Full-time Equivalents.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.116)	(0.115)	(0.115)	(0.115)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(0.116)	(0.115)	(0.115)	(0.115)

* 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:					
Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.116)	(0.115)	(0.115)	(0.115)
Total Operating	-	(0.116)	(0.115)	(0.115)	(0.115)

Additional Recommendations

- 2 **noted** that this initiative relates to initiatives 15657 in Vote Justice, 16190 in Vote Te Arawhiti and 16189 in Vote Courts.