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Cabinet

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Budget 2024 Package: Vote Internal Affairs

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

- 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 funded 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
15462	Baseline Savings: Alternative Funding Options and Efficiency Savings - Digitising Government	-	(1.415)	(1.415)	(1.415)	(1.415)
15460	Return of Funding for Civil Registration Systems Replacement	-	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)
15463	Reduction in Public Good Funding for Fire and Emergency New Zealand	-	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)
15466	Reduction in Back-Office functions - Ministry for Ethnic Communities	-	(1.244)	(1.244)	(1.244)	(1.244)
15467	Reduction in Grant Funding for the Aotearoa Reorua (Bilingual Towns and Cities) Programme	-	(0.700)	(0.700)	(0.700)	(0.700)
15464	Return of Excess Funds for the Operation and Maintenance of Chatham Islands Wharves	-	(1.540)	(1.540)	(1.540)	(1.540)
15465	Smartstart and Smith-Traynor Fraud Response - Return of Funding	-	(1.360)	(1.360)	(1.360)	(1.360)
15459	Workforce and Other Cost Reductions - National Library of New Zealand and Archives New Zealand	-	(4.374)	(4.374)	(4.374)	(4.374)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
15461	Workforce and Other Cost Reductions in Policy and Regulatory Functions	-	(2.938)	(2.938)	(2.938)	(2.938)
15458	Workforce and Other Cost Reductions in Shared Services Functions - Department of Internal Affairs	-	(9.054)	(8.282)	(8.120)	(8.353)
16160	Continued Recovery from the North Island Weather Events	-	10.000	-	-	-
15472	Implementing Local Water Done Well	-	28.405	12.322	-	-
15471	Savings From the Repeal of the Three Waters Programme	(269.880)	-	-	-	-
16211	Workforce and Cost Reductions - Ministerial Services	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
Total Operating		(269.880)	9.680	(15.631)	(27.791)	(28.024)

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
15462	Baseline Savings: Alternative Funding Options and Efficiency Savings – Digitising Government	-	(0.940)	(0.940)	(0.940)	(0.940)
15471	Savings From the Repeal of the Three Waters Programme	(10.120)	-	-	-	-
Total Capital		(10.120)	(0.940)	(0.940)	(0.940)	(0.940)

Summary of contingency initiatives:

Operating Contingency

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
15470	Independent Inquiry into How the COVID-19 Pandemic was Handled in New Zealand	1.000	6.525	6.525	-	-
16200	Transforming Three Waters Service Delivery for New Zealanders: Transition and Implementation tagged operating contingency – Return of funding	(20.000)	-	-	-	-
Total Operating		(19.000)	6.525	6.525	-	-

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:	Internal Affairs
Appropriation Administrator:	Department of Internal Affairs
Title:	Baseline Savings: Alternative Funding Options and Efficiency Savings - Digitising Government
Description:	This savings initiative returns funding for back-office functions (including personnel) within the Government Chief Digital Officer function and the wider Digitising Government portfolio.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(1.415)	(1.415)	(1.415)	(1.415)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	(0.940)	(0.940)	(0.940)	(0.940)
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(2.355)	(2.355)	(2.355)	(2.355)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
Department of Internal Affairs - Capital Injection	-	(0.940)	(0.940)	(0.940)	(0.940)
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Government Digital Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Government Digital Strategy, System Investment and Leadership (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.165)	(1.165)	(1.165)	(1.165)
System Capabilities, Services and Platforms (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.250)	(0.250)	(0.250)	(0.250)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Government Digital Services (MCA)	-	(1.415)	(1.415)	(1.415)	(1.415)
Total Operating	-	(1.415)	(1.415)	(1.415)	(1.415)
Total Capital	-	(0.940)	(0.940)	(0.940)	(0.940)

Vote:	Internal Affairs
Appropriation Administrator:	Department of Internal Affairs
Title:	Return of Funding for Civil Registration Systems Replacement
Description:	This savings initiative returns funding for investment in the Civil Registration component of the Te Ara Manaaki transformation programme following termination of the system replacement vendor's contract. Civil registration is the system by which a government records its citizens' and residents' vital events and is a cornerstone of all identity and life event services.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Civic Information Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Managing and Accessing Identity Information (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Civic Information Services (MCA)	-	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)
Total Operating	-	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Reduction in Public Good Funding for Fire and Emergency New Zealand

Description: This savings initiative reduces the current \$10.000 million annual Crown contribution towards the public good component of services provided by Fire and Emergency New Zealand by \$2.000 million per year.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Fire and Emergency New Zealand - Public Good Services	-	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)
Total Operating	-	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)

Vote:	Internal Affairs
Appropriation Administrator:	Department of Internal Affairs
Title:	Reduction in Back-Office Functions - Ministry for Ethnic Communities
Description:	This savings initiative returns funding associated with back-office functions (including personnel) at the Ministry for Ethnic Communities.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(1.244)	(1.244)	(1.244)	(1.244)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(1.244)	(1.244)	(1.244)	(1.244)

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Supporting Ethnic Communities (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Advisory and Information Services to assist Ethnic Communities (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.276)	(0.276)	(0.276)	(0.276)
Policy and Related Services - Ethnic Communities (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.968)	(0.968)	(0.968)	(0.968)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Supporting Ethnic Communities (MCA)	-	(1.244)	(1.244)	(1.244)	(1.244)
Total Operating	-	(1.244)	(1.244)	(1.244)	(1.244)

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Reduction in Grant Funding for the Aotearoa Reorua (Bilingual Towns and Cities) Programme

Description: This savings initiative reduces grant funding for the Aotearoa Reorua programme.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.700)	(0.700)	(0.700)	(0.700)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(0.700)	(0.700)	(0.700)	(0.700)

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
Miscellaneous Grants - Internal Affairs	-	(0.700)	(0.700)	(0.700)	(0.700)
Total Operating	-	(0.700)	(0.700)	(0.700)	(0.700)

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Return of Excess Funds for the Operation and Maintenance of Chatham Islands Wharves

Description: This savings initiative partially returns funding received in 2016 for the operation, depreciation, and maintenance of the Chatham Islands wharves under Crown ownership.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(1.540)	(1.540)	(1.540)	(1.540)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(1.540)	(1.540)	(1.540)	(1.540)

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
Chatham Islands Wharves - Operational Costs	-	(1.540)	(1.540)	(1.540)	(1.540)
Total Operating	-	(1.540)	(1.540)	(1.540)	(1.540)

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Smartstart and Smith-Traynor Fraud Response – Return of Funding

Description: This savings initiative partially returns funding for the Smartstart platform by ceasing future enhancements whilst continuing to maintain the content it currently holds. It also returns funding for the Smith-Traynor Fraud Response which is no longer required.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(1.360)	(1.360)	(1.360)	(1.360)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(1.360)	(1.360)	(1.360)	(1.360)

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Civic Information Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Managing and Accessing Identity Information (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.360)	(1.360)	(1.360)	(1.360)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Civic Information Services (MCA)	-	(1.360)	(1.360)	(1.360)	(1.360)
Total Operating	-	(1.360)	(1.360)	(1.360)	(1.360)

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Workforce and Other Cost Reductions – National Library of New Zealand and Archives New Zealand

Description: This savings initiative returns funding for back-office functions across Archives New Zealand and the National Library of New Zealand. This is achieved through a broad approach to savings including workforce rationalisation to increase operational efficiency and reductions in discretionary expenditure.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(4.374)	(4.374)	(4.374)	(4.374)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(4.374)	(4.374)	(4.374)	(4.374)

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Tāhuhu - Preserving the Nation’s Memory (MYA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.090)	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
National Archival and Library Services (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Knowledge and Information Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(3.284)	(4.374)	(4.374)	(4.374)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: National Archival and Library Services (MCA)	-	(3.284)	(4.374)	(4.374)	(4.374)
Total Operating	-	(4.374)	(4.374)	(4.374)	(4.374)

Additional Recommendations

- 2 **agreed** that the Multi Year Appropriation “Tāhuhu - Preserving the Nation’s Memory” be reduced by \$1.090 million;
- 3 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation “Tāhuhu - Preserving the Nation’s Memory” reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Workforce and Other Cost Reductions in Policy and Regulatory Functions - Department of Internal Affairs

Description: This savings initiative returns funding for a range of back-office functions across the Department of Internal Affairs. It reduces staffing, training, and air travel costs within the policy and regulatory functions administered by the Department.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(2.938)	(2.938)	(2.938)	(2.938)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(2.938)	(2.938)	(2.938)	(2.938)

* 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:					
Local Government Policy and Related Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.088)	(0.088)	(0.088)	(0.088)
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Policy and Related Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Crown Entity Monitoring (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.056)	(0.056)	(0.056)	(0.056)
Policy and Related Services - Community and Voluntary Sector (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.124)	(0.124)	(0.124)	(0.124)
Policy and Related Services – Digitising Government (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.180)	(0.180)	(0.180)	(0.180)
Policy and Related Services – Internal Affairs (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.698)	(0.698)	(0.698)	(0.698)
Policy and Related Services – Racing (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.068)	(0.068)	(0.068)	(0.068)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Policy and Related Services (MCA)	-	(1.126)	(1.126)	(1.126)	(1.126)

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Regulatory Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Regulatory Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.724)	(1.724)	(1.724)	(1.724)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Regulatory Services (MCA)	-	(1.724)	(1.724)	(1.724)	(1.724)
Total Operating	-	(2.938)	(2.938)	(2.938)	(2.938)
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Workforce and Other Cost Reductions in Shared Services Functions - Department of Internal Affairs

Description: This savings initiative returns funding in corporate services and other non-customer facing functions within the Department of Internal Affairs.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(9.054)	(8.282)	(8.120)	(8.353)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(9.054)	(8.282)	(8.120)	(8.353)

* 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:					
Local Government Policy and Related Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.256)	(0.312)	(0.328)	(0.338)
Tāhuhu - Preserving the Nation's Memory (MYA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.500)	(0.500)	-	-
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
Miscellaneous Grants - Internal Affairs	-	(0.049)	(0.049)	(0.049)	(0.049)
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Civic Information Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Managing and Accessing Identity Information (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.373)	(0.432)	(0.447)	(0.459)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Civic Information Services (MCA)	-	(0.373)	(0.432)	(0.447)	(0.459)

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Community Development and Funding Schemes (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Administration of Grants (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.075)	(0.091)	(0.096)	(0.099)
Community Development and Engagement Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.135)	(0.165)	(0.173)	(0.178)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Community Development and Funding Schemes (MCA)	-	(0.210)	(0.256)	(0.269)	(0.277)
Government Digital Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Government Chief Privacy Officer (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.009)	(0.011)	(0.012)	(0.012)
Government Digital Strategy, System Investment and Leadership (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.386)	(0.469)	(0.492)	(0.508)
System Capabilities, Services and Platforms (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.115)	(0.140)	(0.147)	(0.152)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Government Digital Services (MCA)	-	(0.510)	(0.620)	(0.651)	(0.672)
Local Government Administration (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Local Government Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.036)	(0.044)	(0.046)	(0.048)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Local Government Administration (MCA)	-	(0.036)	(0.044)	(0.046)	(0.048)
National Archival and Library Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Knowledge and Information Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.794)	(3.398)	(3.567)	(3.680)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: National Archival and Library Services (MCA)	-	(2.794)	(3.398)	(3.567)	(3.680)
Policy and Related Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Crown Entity Monitoring (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.022)	(0.027)	(0.028)	(0.029)
Policy and Related Services - Community and Voluntary Sector (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.037)	(0.045)	(0.048)	(0.050)
Policy and Related Services – Digitising Government (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.061)	(0.073)	(0.077)	(0.080)

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Policy and Related Services – Internal Affairs (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.193)	(0.234)	(0.245)	(0.253)
Policy and Related Services – Ministerial Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.011)	(0.014)	(0.014)	(0.015)
Policy and Related Services – Racing (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.021)	(0.026)	(0.028)	(0.028)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Policy and Related Services (MCA)	-	(0.345)	(0.419)	(0.440)	(0.455)
Regulatory Services (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Charities Regulation (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.184)	(0.224)	(0.235)	(0.242)
Regulatory Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.524)	(0.638)	(0.668)	(0.690)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Regulatory Services (MCA)	-	(0.708)	(0.862)	(0.903)	(0.932)
Services Supporting the Executive (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Coordination of Official Visits and Events (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.093)	(0.113)	(0.118)	(0.122)
Support Services to Members of the Executive (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.386)	(0.469)	(0.492)	(0.508)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Services Supporting the Executive (MCA)	-	(0.479)	(0.582)	(0.610)	(0.630)
Support for Statutory and Other Bodies (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Commissions of Inquiry and Similar Bodies (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.022)	(0.027)	(0.028)	(0.029)
Statutory Body Support - Local Government Commission (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.029)	(0.036)	(0.037)	(0.039)
Support for Grant Funding Bodies – Internal Affairs (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.743)	(0.745)	(0.745)	(0.745)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Support for Statutory and Other Bodies (MCA)	-	(0.794)	(0.808)	(0.810)	(0.813)
Total Operating	-	(9.054)	(8.282)	(8.120)	(8.353)
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 4 **agreed** that the Multi-Year Appropriation “Tāhuhu - Preserving the Nation’s Memory” be decreased by \$3.000 million;

- 5 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi-Year Appropriation “Tāhuhu - Preserving the Nation’s Memory” reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;

Vote:	Internal Affairs
Appropriation Administrator:	Department of Internal Affairs
Title:	Continued Recovery from the North Island Weather Events
Description:	This initiative provides funding to support councils in the essential clearance of sediment and debris as part of the continued recovery from the North Island Weather Events.

Appropriation Changes

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

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Sediment and Debris Management Support (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</i>					
Sediment and Debris Management Support - Local Authorities	-	10.000	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Sediment and Debris Management Support (MCA)	-	10.000	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	10.000	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

- 6 **note** there are associated operating initiatives in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet (Initiative 15587) and Vote Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety (Initiative 16144);

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Implementing Local Water Done Well

Description: This initiative provides funding to implement the Local Water Done Well policy. The funding is set aside for work on policy development, legislation, financing settings, economic regulation and water safety regulation.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	28.405	12.322	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	28.405	12.322	-	-

* 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:					
Local Government Policy and Related Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	23.361	12.322	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Local Government Administration (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Taumata Arowai	-	5.044	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Local Government Administration (MCA)	-	5.044	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	28.405	12.322	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Independent Inquiry into How the COVID-19 Pandemic was Handled in New Zealand

Description: This initiative establishes an operating tagged contingency to allow funding to be made available when Cabinet makes final decisions in May/June 2024 on an expanded terms of reference for the Royal Commission of Inquiry into COVID-19 Lessons.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Contingency	1.000	6.525	6.525	-	-
Capital Contingency	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1.000	6.525	6.525	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 7 **agreed** to establish an operating tagged contingency “Inquiry into COVID-19 Pandemic”;
- 8 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above tagged contingency be 1 February 2025;
- 9 **noted** that this operating tagged contingency “Inquiry into COVID-19 Pandemic” has been established to meet any potential additional costs associated with Cabinet’s final decision on an expanded terms of reference for the Royal Commission of Inquiry into COVID-19 Lessons;
- 10 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Internal Affairs to jointly agree to draw down funding from the tagged operating contingency “Inquiry into COVID-19 Pandemic” subject to Cabinet agreeing to an amended Terms of Reference and the Department of Internal Affairs providing detailed costings to joint Ministers’ satisfaction;

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Savings From the Repeal of the Three Waters Programme

Description: This savings initiative returns \$269.880 million operating funding and \$10.120 million capital funding from the repeal of the Three Waters programme.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(269.880)	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	(10.120)	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(280.000)	-	-	-	-

* 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:					
Local Government Policy and Related Services (funded by revenue Crown)	(13.600)	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Establishment of Water Services Entities (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Managing the Establishment of Water Services Entities (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.233)	-	-	-	-
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Establishing Water Services Entities	(244.397)	-	-	-	-
Water Services Entities - Non-recoverable	(11.650)	-	-	-	-
<i>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:</i>					
Capital Investment on Establishing Water Services Entities	(10.120)	-	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Establishment of Water Services Entities (MCA)	(266.400)	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	(269.880)	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	(10.120)	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 11 **noted** that in December 2023, Cabinet took decisions to repeal the Three Waters Reform programme, beginning with the repeal of the Water Services Entities Act 2022 [CAB-23-MIN-0479];
- 12 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 16200 in this Vote;
- 13 **noted** that, in December 2023 the Minister of Local Government instructed the Department of Internal Affairs to shut down the National Transition Unit supporting the Three Waters Reform programme and the associated Systems of Record programme, resulting in savings from funding that was already appropriated into baselines [LG202301376];
- 14 **noted** that any further savings generated from the shutdown of the National Transition Unit and Systems of Record Programme will be returned as an underspend following completion of the 2023/24 audited financial statements;

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Transforming Three Waters Service Delivery for New Zealanders: Transition and Implementation tagged operating contingency - Return of funding

Description: This savings initiative returns \$20.000 million operating funding previously held in tagged contingency for the Three Waters Programme. This funding is no longer required due to the repeal of the programme.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Contingency	(20.000)	-	-	-	-
Capital Contingency	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(20.000)	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 15 **noted** that in December 2023, Cabinet took decisions to repeal the Three Waters Reform programme, beginning with the repeal of the Water Services Entities Act 2022 at which time the balance of the “Transforming Three Waters Service Delivery for New Zealanders: Transition and Implementation” tagged operating contingency was \$20.000 million [CAB-23-MIN-0479];
- 16 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 15471 in this Vote.

Initiative No: 16211

Vote: Internal Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Department of Internal Affairs

Title: Workforce and Cost Reductions - Ministerial Services

Description: This savings initiative returns funding from the Ministerial Services appropriation.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Services Supporting the Executive (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support Services to Members of the Executive (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Services Supporting the Executive (MCA)	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
Total Operating	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)