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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### 2024 Budget Package: Vote Justice

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

#### Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Justice

- 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
15613	Court Fines and Legal Aid Debt Collection Changes	-	(0.175)	(0.180)	(0.306)	(0.306)
15702	Reduction in Back-office Functions – Criminal Cases Review Commission	-	(0.337)	(0.337)	(0.337)	(0.337)
15486	Reduction in Back-office Functions – Human Rights Commission	-	(1.383)	(1.383)	(1.383)	(1.383)
15510	Reduction in Back-office Functions – Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	-	(0.060)	(0.060)	(0.060)	(0.060)
15525	Reduction of Funding for Legal Aid (Operational Changes)	-	(0.786)	(0.786)	(0.786)	(0.786)
15621	Reduction of Funding for Legal Aid (Low Demand)	-	(14.068)	(1.600)	(1.600)	(1.600)
15498	Return of Funding from Mutual Ending of Mana Ōrite Relationship	-	(1.500)	(1.500)	(1.500)	(1.500)
15572	Reduction in Back-office Functions – Office of the Privacy Commissioner	-	(0.531)	(0.531)	(0.531)	(0.531)
15657	Reduction in Back-office Functions – Ministry of Justice	-	(1.292)	(1.280)	(1.280)	(1.280)
15512	Return of Funding from Public Trust – Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988 amendments	-	(1.633)	(1.633)	(1.633)	(1.633)
15488	Reduction in Back-office Functions – Justice Sector Directorate	-	(0.959)	(0.959)	(0.959)	(0.959)
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>(22.724)</b>	<b>(10.249)</b>	<b>(10.375)</b>	<b>(10.375)</b>

**Capital Initiative(s) (Impact on Debt)**

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
16198	Addressing Serious Youth Offending	-	0.873	0.048	-	-
15625	Responding to Gang Harm	-	0.246	-	-	-
15637	Tougher Approaches to Sentencing	-	0.921	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		-	<b>2.040</b>	<b>0.048</b>	-	-

**Summary of contingency initiative(s):****Operating Contingency**

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
15704	[38]					
15558	Victims of Crime: Improving Outcomes Tagged Contingency Initiative – Return of Funding and Increasing Financial Grants to Victims of Crime	-	(4.687)	(5.875)	(7.187)	(7.187)
<b>Total Operating</b>						[38]

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: 16198

**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Addressing Serious Youth Offending

**Description:** This initiative provides \$0.921 million total capital funding to support the Ministry of Justice component of a new legislative Young Serious Offender category in the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	0.873	0.048	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.873</b>	<b>0.048</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>Capital Injections:</b>					
Ministry of Justice - Capital Injection	-	0.873	0.048	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>0.873</b>	<b>0.048</b>	-	-

### Additional Recommendation

2 **noted** that associated funding has also been provided through Initiatives 16162 in Vote Police, 16188 in Vote Courts and 15456 in Vote Oranga Tamariki;

## Initiative No: 15613

**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Court Fines and Legal Aid Debt Collection Changes

**Description:** This initiative will increase revenue by increasing fees and related costs for filing, enforcement and collection of fines by the Courts, and will increase legal aid recovered from legally aided persons through operational changes to collection activities.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.175)	(0.180)	(0.306)	(0.306)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.175)</b>	<b>(0.180)</b>	<b>(0.306)</b>	<b>(0.306)</b>

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Administration of Legal Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015
Justice Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.131	0.126	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.146</b>	<b>0.141</b>	<b>0.015</b>	<b>0.015</b>

### Non-Tax Revenue

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Non-Tax Revenue:					
Recoveries from Legally Aided Persons	-	0.321	0.321	0.321	0.321
<b>Total Non-Tax Revenue</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.321</b>	<b>0.321</b>	<b>0.321</b>	<b>0.321</b>

## Additional Recommendations

3 **noted** that this initiative is summarised as below:

	<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>
Recoveries from Legally Aided Persons	-	(0.321)	(0.321)	(0.321)	(0.321)
Operating Costs	-	0.146	0.141	0.015	0.015
<b>Net Savings</b>	-	<b>(0.175)</b>	<b>(0.180)</b>	<b>(0.306)</b>	<b>(0.306)</b>

4 **noted** that savings in this initiative arise from a mix of operational change and legislative change, the latter agreed by Cabinet [CAB-24-MIN-0122];

5 **noted** that related changes to appropriations and revenue have been made to Vote Courts (Initiative 16212);

6 **noted** the net savings to the Crown across Initiatives 15613 in Vote Justice and 16212 in Vote Courts are detailed below, and are reflected in a decrease of funding provided by the Crown due to an increase in fees charged and increased collection of fines and legal aid 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>
Vote Justice	-	(0.175)	(0.180)	(0.306)	(0.306)
Vote Courts	-	(5.326)	(9.984)	(12.638)	(14.468)
<b>Total net savings</b>	-	<b>(5.501)</b>	<b>(10.164)</b>	<b>(12.944)</b>	<b>(14.774)</b>

**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Reduction in Back-office Functions – Criminal Cases Review Commission

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$1.348 million total operating funding from increasing efficiency at the Criminal Cases Review Commission.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.337)	(0.337)	(0.337)	(0.337)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.337)</b>	<b>(0.337)</b>	<b>(0.337)</b>	<b>(0.337)</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>					
Services from the Criminal Cases Review Commission	-	(0.337)	(0.337)	(0.337)	(0.337)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.337)</b>	<b>(0.337)</b>	<b>(0.337)</b>	<b>(0.337)</b>



**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Reduction in Back-office Functions – Human Rights Commission

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$5.532 million total operating funding from increased efficiencies at the Human Rights Commission.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(1.383)	(1.383)	(1.383)	(1.383)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(1.383)</b>	<b>(1.383)</b>	<b>(1.383)</b>	<b>(1.383)</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>					
Services from the Human Rights Commission	-	(1.383)	(1.383)	(1.383)	(1.383)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(1.383)</b>	<b>(1.383)</b>	<b>(1.383)</b>	<b>(1.383)</b>

**Initiative No: 15510****Vote:** Justice**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice**Title:** Reduction in Back-office Functions – Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$0.240 million total operating funding by reducing expenditure by the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security.**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*	-	(0.060)	(0.060)	(0.060)	(0.060)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.060)</b>	<b>(0.060)</b>	<b>(0.060)</b>	<b>(0.060)</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>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	-	(0.060)	(0.060)	(0.060)	(0.060)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.060)</b>	<b>(0.060)</b>	<b>(0.060)</b>	<b>(0.060)</b>

**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Reduction of Funding for Legal Aid (Operational Changes)

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$3.144 million total operating funding from operational policy adjustments to ensure that decisions to grant legal aid are made consistently in accordance the current settings of the Legal Services Act 2011.

**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*	-	(0.786)	(0.786)	(0.786)	(0.786)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.786)</b>	<b>(0.786)</b>	<b>(0.786)</b>	<b>(0.786)</b>

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	<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>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Legal Aid	-	(0.786)	(0.786)	(0.786)	(0.786)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.786)</b>	<b>(0.786)</b>	<b>(0.786)</b>	<b>(0.786)</b>

**Initiative No: 15621**

**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Reduction of Funding for Legal Aid (Low Demand)

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$18.868 million total operating funding from Legal Aid initiatives where demand has been lower than expected when originally funded.

**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*	-	(14.068)	(1.600)	(1.600)	(1.600)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(14.068)</b>	<b>(1.600)</b>	<b>(1.600)</b>	<b>(1.600)</b>

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	<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>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Legal Aid	-	(14.068)	(1.600)	(1.600)	(1.600)
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(14.068)</b>	<b>(1.600)</b>	<b>(1.600)</b>	<b>(1.600)</b>

## Initiative No: 15498

**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Return of Funding from Mutual Ending of Mana Ōrite Relationship

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$6.000 million total operating funding by ending the mana ōrite relationship as mutually agreed between the Justice Sector Leadership Board and Ināia Tonu Nei.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(1.500)	(1.500)	(1.500)	(1.500)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(1.500)</b>	<b>(1.500)</b>	<b>(1.500)</b>	<b>(1.500)</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>					
Community Justice Support and Assistance (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Community Harm Reduction	-	(1.500)	(1.500)	(1.500)	(1.500)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Community Justice Support and Assistance (MCA)	-	(1.500)	(1.500)	(1.500)	(1.500)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(1.500)</b>	<b>(1.500)</b>	<b>(1.500)</b>	<b>(1.500)</b>

**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Reduction in Back-office Functions – Office of the Privacy Commissioner

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$2.124 million total operating funding from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner through increased efficiencies.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.531)	(0.531)	(0.531)	(0.531)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.531)</b>	<b>(0.531)</b>	<b>(0.531)</b>	<b>(0.531)</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>					
Services from the Privacy Commissioner	-	(0.531)	(0.531)	(0.531)	(0.531)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.531)</b>	<b>(0.531)</b>	<b>(0.531)</b>	<b>(0.531)</b>

Initiative No: 15657

<b>Vote:</b>	Justice
<b>Appropriation Administrator:</b>	Ministry of Justice
<b>Title:</b>	Reduction in Back-office Functions – Ministry of Justice
<b>Description:</b>	This savings initiative returns \$5.132 million total operating funding through optimising the Ministry of Justice’s back-office functions and 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*	-	(1.292)	(1.280)	(1.280)	(1.280)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(1.292)</b>	<b>(1.280)</b>	<b>(1.280)</b>	<b>(1.280)</b>

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Administration of Legal Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.421)	(0.417)	(0.417)	(0.417)
Justice and Emergency Agencies Property and Shared Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.015)	(0.014)	(0.014)	(0.014)
Justice Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.297)	(0.294)	(0.294)	(0.294)
Public Defence Service (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.468)	(0.464)	(0.464)	(0.464)
Sector Leadership and Support (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.091)	(0.091)	(0.091)	(0.091)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(1.292)</b>	<b>(1.280)</b>	<b>(1.280)</b>	<b>(1.280)</b>

### Additional Recommendation

- 7 **noted** that this initiative relates to savings initiatives in Vote Courts (Initiative 16189), Vote Te Arawhiti (Initiative 16190) and the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence portfolio within Vote Justice (Initiative 16191);

**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Return of Funding from Public Trust – Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988 amendments

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$6.532 million total operating funding by increasing the threshold for appointing property managers under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988, increasing the cap on fees charged to clients for examining the financial statements submitted by private property managers, and discontinuing funding for Public Trust’s private property manager examinations.

**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*	-	(1.633)	(1.633)	(1.633)	(1.633)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1.633)</b>	<b>(1.633)</b>	<b>(1.633)</b>	<b>(1.633)</b>

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	<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>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Provision of Protective Fiduciary Services	-	(1.633)	(1.633)	(1.633)	(1.633)
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1.633)</b>	<b>(1.633)</b>	<b>(1.633)</b>	<b>(1.633)</b>



**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Reduction in Back-office Functions – Justice Sector Directorate

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$3.836 million total operating funding by reducing contractor and research expenditure and reducing FTE in the Justice Sector Directorate.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.959)	(0.959)	(0.959)	(0.959)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.959)</b>	<b>(0.959)</b>	<b>(0.959)</b>	<b>(0.959)</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>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Sector Leadership and Support (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.959)	(0.959)	(0.959)	(0.959)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.959)</b>	<b>(0.959)</b>	<b>(0.959)</b>	<b>(0.959)</b>

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**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Responding to Gang Harm

**Description:** This initiative provides \$0.246 million total capital funding to support the related Courts initiative implementing the Government’s Gangs Policy. Funding will support the additional court security and support staff to manage increased volume and security pressures at the courts.

**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	0.246	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.246</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>Capital Injections:</b>					
Ministry of Justice - Capital Injection	-	0.246	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>0.246</b>	-	-	-

**Additional Recommendation**

11 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 16192 in Vote Courts;

**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Tougher Approaches to Sentencing

**Description:** This initiative provides \$0.921 million total capital funding for implementing the Government’s tougher approach to sentencing. Funding will support judicial and support staff to alleviate expected case volume pressures and changes to case management systems.

**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	0.921	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.921</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>Capital Injections:</b>					
Ministry of Justice - Capital Injection	-	0.921	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>0.921</b>	-	-	-

**Additional Recommendation**

12 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 16193 in Vote Courts;

<b>Vote:</b>	Justice
<b>Appropriation Administrator:</b>	Ministry of Justice
<b>Title:</b>	Victims of Crime: Improving Outcomes Tagged Contingency – Return of Funding and Increasing Financial Grants to Victims of Crime
<b>Description:</b>	This initiative returns \$24.936 million total operating funding previously held in tagged contingency for the Victims Operating Model work programme. From the remaining balance of the tagged contingency, it also provides \$8.000 million total operating funding to increase financial grants to victims of serious crimes to cover unexpected costs of the crime, or to support the victim to participate in the justice process.

### Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Contingency	-	(4.687)	(5.875)	(7.187)	(7.187)
Capital Contingency	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(4.687)</b>	<b>(5.875)</b>	<b>(7.187)</b>	<b>(7.187)</b>

### Additional Recommendations

13 **noted** that on 11 April 2022, Cabinet:

13.1 agreed to establish a tagged operating contingency of up to the amounts as follows held against Vote Corrections, to provide for the creation and implementation of a sector-wide strategy and operating model for improving outcomes for victims of crime:

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & outyears
Victims of Crime: Improving Outcomes – Tagged Operating Contingency	3.500	7.200	15.000	20.000	20.000

13.2 authorised the Minister of Finance, Minister of Corrections, and the relevant appropriation minister to jointly drawdown from the *Victims of Crime: Improving Outcomes* contingency (establishing any new appropriations as necessary), tranche one on the completion of preparatory work and request to drawdown, and tranche two on the submission of an implementation plan and request to drawdown;

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14 **noted** that following the reduction of the tagged contingency balance above and previous drawdowns, the current balance of the *Victims of Crime: Improving Outcomes – Tagged Operating Contingency* is as follows:

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & outyears
Victims of Crime: Improving Outcomes– Tagged Operating Contingency	-	4.688	5.875	7.188	7.188

15 **agreed** to transfer the remainder of the *Victims of Crime: Improving Outcomes -Tagged Operating Contingency* from Vote Corrections to Vote Justice;

16 **agreed** to increase financial grants to victims of serious crimes to cover unexpected costs of the crime, or to support the victim to participate in the justice process;

17 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to provide for the decision in paragraph 16 above, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and net core Crown debt:

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
<b>Vote Justice Minister of Justice</b>	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expense: Community Justice Support and Assistance Victim Entitlements	-	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>2.000</b>	<b>2.000</b>	<b>2.000</b>	<b>2.000</b>

18 **agreed** that the expenses incurred above be charged against the *Victims of Crime: Improving Outcomes – Tagged Operating Contingency*;

19 **noted** that, following the adjustment detailed above the remaining balance and indicative phasing of the *Victims of Crime: Improving Outcomes – Tagged Operating Contingency* will be:

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Victims of Crime – Tagged Operating Contingency	-	2.688	3.875	5.188	5.188

20 **authorised** the Minister of Finance, Minister of Justice, and relevant appropriation Minister (if applicable) jointly to draw down from the *Victims of Crime: Improving Outcomes – Tagged Operating Contingency*, establishing any new appropriations as necessary;

21 **noted** that the tagged operating contingency described above will expire on 1 February 2025.