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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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2024 Budget Package: Vote Lands

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: Land Information New Zealand

- 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 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
15407	Return of Funding - 3D Coastal Mapping Funded from the Climate Emergency Response Fund	-	(3.000)	(3.000)	(3.000)	-
15412	Reduction in Back Office Functions (Administration) - Land Information New Zealand	-	(0.450)	(0.450)	(0.450)	(3.450)
15410	Return of Funding - Crown Land Forestry Work Programme	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)
15409	Return of Funding - Crown Land Management Work Programme	-	(1.350)	(1.350)	(1.350)	(1.350)
15406	Return of Funding - Hydrographic Surveys	-	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)
15408	Return of Funding - Regional Housing Improvement Programme	-	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)
15405	Return of Funding - Southern Positioning Augmentation Network	-	(1.300)	(1.300)	(1.300)	(1.300)
Total Operating		-	(8.600)	(8.600)	(8.600)	(8.600)

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:	Lands
Appropriation Administrator:	Land Information New Zealand
Title:	Return of Funding – 3D Coastal Mapping Funded from the Climate Emergency Response Fund
Description:	This savings initiative returns \$9.000 million total operating funding, by reducing the scale of the programme from mapping 85 percent of the New Zealand coastline to 40 percent, and reducing back office costs.

Appropriation Changes

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

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Location Based Information (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Land Information New Zealand location based information infrastructure (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(3.000)	(3.000)	(3.000)	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Location Based Information (MCA)	-	(3.000)	(3.000)	(3.000)	-
Total Operating	-	(3.000)	(3.000)	(3.000)	-

Additional Recommendations

- noted** that \$9 million of the operating funding associated with this initiative was originally funded from the Climate Emergency Response Fund Initiative 14822 3D Coastal Mapping in Budget 2023 [CAB-23-MIN-0139];
- agreed** to scale mapping of the New Zealand coastline from 85 percent to 40 percent;
- noted** that this will result in decreased information on climate change impacts such as coastal erosion and sea level rise, particularly in rural areas;

Initiative No: 15412

Vote: Lands

Appropriation Administrator: Land Information New Zealand

Title: Reduction in Back Office Functions (Administration) - Land Information New Zealand

Description: This savings initiative returns \$4.800 million total operating funding for back office full-time equivalent staff at Land Information New Zealand.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.450)	(0.450)	(0.450)	(3.450)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(0.450)	(0.450)	(0.450)	(3.450)

* 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:					
Location Based Information (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Land Information New Zealand location-based information infrastructure (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.450)	(0.450)	(0.450)	(3.450)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Location Based Information (MCA)	-	(0.450)	(0.450)	(0.450)	(3.450)
Total Operating	-	(0.450)	(0.450)	(0.450)	(3.450)

Vote:	Lands
Appropriation Administrator:	Land Information New Zealand
Title:	Return of Funding - Crown Land Forestry Work Programme
Description:	This savings initiative returns \$2.000 million total operating funding by rescheduling the Crown Land Forestry work programme.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)

* 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:					
Crown Land (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Contaminated Sites and Forestry Operations	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Crown Land (MCA)	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)
Total Operating	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)

Additional Recommendations

- 5 **agreed** to scale the maintenance and harvesting of Crown forests under the Crown Land Forestry work programme due to changes in Government priorities;
- 6 **noted** that rescheduling the Crown Land Forestry work programme risks increased costs for the future remediation and a possible Treaty of Waitangi breach if lands come under settlement;

Initiative No: 15409

Vote:	Lands
Appropriation Administrator:	Land Information New Zealand
Title:	Return of Funding - Crown Land Management Work Programme
Description:	This savings initiative returns \$5.400 million total operating funding by slowing remediation work (on Landbank and Land Information New Zealand non-residential properties).

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(1.350)	(1.350)	(1.350)	(1.350)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(1.350)	(1.350)	(1.350)	(1.350)

* 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:					
Crown Land (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Management of Crown land (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.350)	(1.350)	(1.350)	(1.350)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Crown Land (MCA)	-	(1.350)	(1.350)	(1.350)	(1.350)
Total Operating	-	(1.350)	(1.350)	(1.350)	(1.350)

Additional Recommendations

- 7 **agreed** to scale the extent of remediation through the Crown Land Management work programme;
- 8 **noted** that slowing remediation work on Landbank and Land Information New Zealand non-residential properties risks increasing costs for future remediation, and a possible Treaty of Waitangi breach if properties come under settlement before remediation;

Initiative No: 15406

Vote: Lands

Appropriation Administrator: Land Information New Zealand

Title: Return of Funding - Hydrographic Surveys

Description: This savings initiative returns \$3.600 million total operating funding for hydrographic surveys by reducing the survey programme by one-third, and therefore slowing the updates to maritime charts.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)

* 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:					
Location Based Information (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Land Information New Zealand location based information infrastructure (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Location Based Information (MCA)	-	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)
Total Operating	-	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)

Additional Recommendations

- 9 **agreed** to scale the volume of hydrographic surveys undertaken;
- 10 **noted** that the survey programme will be reduced by one-third, slowing updates to maritime charts;

Initiative No: 15408

Vote:	Lands
Appropriation Administrator:	Land Information New Zealand
Title:	Return of Funding - Regional Housing Improvement Programme
Description:	This savings initiative returns \$4.400 million total operating funding by reducing the number of tenanted Landbank houses (by up to 10 each year, depending on actual costs per house) to be remediated from 2024/25, and back office costs.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)

* 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:					
Crown Land (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Management of Crown land (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Crown Land (MCA)	-	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)
Total Operating	-	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)	(1.100)

Additional Recommendations

- 11 **agreed** to scale the number of houses remediated under the Regional Housing Improvement Programme;
- 12 **noted** that the reduction of tenanted Landbank houses to be remediated from 2024/25 constitutes risks including increasing costs for the future remediation, and a possible Treaty of Waitangi breach if properties come under settlement before remediation.

Vote: Lands

Appropriation Administrator: Land Information New Zealand

Title: Return of Funding - Southern Positioning Augmentation Network

Description: This savings initiative returns \$5.200 million total operating funding for the Southern Positioning Augmentation Network (SouthPAN) due to reduced budget provision for final procurement process and savings from previous procurement processes.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(1.300)	(1.300)	(1.300)	(1.300)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(1.300)	(1.300)	(1.300)	(1.300)

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Location Based Information (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Land Information New Zealand location-based information infrastructure (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.300)	(1.300)	(1.300)	(1.300)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Location Based Information (MCA)	-	(1.300)	(1.300)	(1.300)	(1.300)
Total Operating	-	(1.300)	(1.300)	(1.300)	(1.300)