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Budget 2024 Package: Vote Public Service

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: Public Service Commission

- 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
15576	Reduction in Contingency Funding - Remuneration and Related Employment Costs of Chief Executives	-	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)
15575	Reduction in Back-Office Functions - Public Service Commission	-	(2.100)	(1.800)	(1.800)	(1.800)
15579	Reduction in Back-Office Functions - Social Wellbeing Agency	-	(0.506)	(0.506)	(0.506)	(0.506)
Total Operating		-	(3.006)	(2.706)	(2.706)	(2.706)

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: Public Service

Appropriation Administrator: Public Service Commission

Title: Reduction in Contingency Funding - Remuneration and Related Employment Costs of Chief Executives

Description: This savings initiative returns \$1.600 million total operating funding from the contingency used to cover chief executive remuneration and related employment costs.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
Remuneration and Related Employment Costs of Chief Executives	-	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)
Total Operating	-	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)

Vote: Public Service

Appropriation Administrator: Public Service Commission

Title: Reduction in Back-Office Functions - Public Service Commission

Description: This savings initiative returns \$7.500 million total operating funding for back-office functions, including full-time equivalent staff, contractors and consultants, and discretionary expenditure.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(2.100)	(1.800)	(1.800)	(1.800)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(2.100)	(1.800)	(1.800)	(1.800)

* 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:					
Leadership of the Public Management System (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.100)	(1.800)	(1.800)	(1.800)
Total Operating	-	(2.100)	(1.800)	(1.800)	(1.800)

Vote: Public Service

Appropriation Administrator: Public Service Commission

Title: Reduction in Back-Office Functions - Social Wellbeing Agency

Description: This savings initiative returns \$2.024 million total operating funding for back-office full-time equivalent staff at the Social Wellbeing Agency.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.506)	(0.506)	(0.506)	(0.506)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(0.506)	(0.506)	(0.506)	(0.506)

* 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:					
Supporting Implementation of a Social Wellbeing Approach (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.506)	(0.506)	(0.506)	(0.506)
Total Operating	-	(0.506)	(0.506)	(0.506)	(0.506)