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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2024 Package: Vote Statistics

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

#### Appropriation Administrator: Statistics New Zealand

- 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
15606	Return of Funding from Discontinuation of the Living in Aotearoa Survey	-	(4.000)	(4.000)	(6.000)	(6.000)
15605	Reduction in Office Space Operating and Lease Costs - Statistics New Zealand	-	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)
15604	Reduction in Back Office Functions (Administration and Contractors and Consultants) - Statistics New Zealand	-	(9.300)	(9.300)	(9.300)	(9.300)
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>(15.300)</b>	<b>(15.300)</b>	<b>(17.300)</b>	<b>(17.300)</b>

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:** Statistics

**Appropriation Administrator:** Statistics New Zealand

**Title:** Return of Funding from Discontinuation of the Living in Aotearoa Survey

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$20.000 million total operating funding as a result of a new approach to delivering the statistics required under the Child Poverty Reduction Act 2018, which will discontinue the Living in Aotearoa (LIA) survey. Instead, Statistics New Zealand will deliver the statistics required under the Child Poverty Reduction Act 2018 using an enhanced Household Economic Survey (HES) and administrative data.

### 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*	-	(4.000)	(4.000)	(6.000)	(6.000)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4.000)</b>	<b>(4.000)</b>	<b>(6.000)</b>	<b>(6.000)</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>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Official Statistics (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(4.000)	(4.000)	(6.000)	(6.000)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Official Statistics (MCA)	-	(4.000)	(4.000)	(6.000)	(6.000)
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4.000)</b>	<b>(4.000)</b>	<b>(6.000)</b>	<b>(6.000)</b>

**Vote:** Statistics

**Appropriation Administrator:** Statistics New Zealand

**Title:** Reduction in Office Space Operating and Lease Costs - Statistics New Zealand

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$8.000 million total operating funding by reducing Statistics New Zealand’s share of the operating and lease costs for office spaces in Wellington and Christchurch offices, by increasing the co-location of other agencies.

**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	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(2.000)</b>	<b>(2.000)</b>	<b>(2.000)</b>	<b>(2.000)</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>					
Official Statistics (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.800)	(0.800)	(0.800)	(0.800)
Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)
Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.300)	(0.300)	(0.300)	(0.300)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Official Statistics (MCA)	-	(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>

**Vote:** Statistics

**Appropriation Administrator:** Statistics New Zealand

**Title:** Reduction in Back Office Functions (Administration and Contractors and Consultants) - Statistics New Zealand

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$37.200 million total operating funding for contractors and consultants and back office full-time equivalent staff at Statistics New Zealand.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(9.300)	(9.300)	(9.300)	(9.300)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(9.300)</b>	<b>(9.300)</b>	<b>(9.300)</b>	<b>(9.300)</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>					
Delivery of population and social statistics (MYA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(4.300)	(4.300)	(4.300)	(4.300)
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Official Statistics (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)
Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.250)	(2.250)	(2.250)	(2.250)
Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.750)	(0.750)	(0.750)	(0.750)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Official Statistics (MCA)	-	(5.000)	(5.000)	(5.000)	(5.000)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(9.300)</b>	<b>(9.300)</b>	<b>(9.300)</b>	<b>(9.300)</b>

**Additional Recommendations**

- 2 **agreed** that the Multi Year Appropriation: "Delivery of population and social statistics" be adjusted by (\$21.500 million);
- 3 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "Delivery of population and social statistics" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile.