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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2024 Package: Vote Te Arawhiti

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
15689	Crown Response to Wakatū Litigation and Related Proceedings*	-	3.600	-	-	-
16190	Optimising the Ministry's Back-Office Functions	-	(0.349)	(0.346)	(0.346)	(0.346)
15526	Reduction in Claimant funding	-	(2.393)	(2.393)	(2.393)	(2.393)
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>0.858</b>	<b>(2.739)</b>	<b>(2.739)</b>	<b>(2.739)</b>

\*denotes no outyear funding

#### Summary of contingency initiative:

##### Operating Contingency

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
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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

<b>Vote:</b>	Te Arawhiti
<b>Appropriation Administrator:</b>	Ministry of Justice
<b>Title:</b>	Crown Response to Wakatū Litigation and Related Proceedings
<b>Description:</b>	This initiative supports the ongoing Crown response to the Wakatū litigation and any related proceedings, focusing on the first appeal process (Court of Appeal) through to 2027/28.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	3.600	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>3.600</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>					
Crown Response to Wakatū Litigation and Related Proceedings (MYA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	3.600	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>3.600</b>	-	-	-

### Additional Recommendations

- agreed** that the Multi Year Appropriation: "Crown Response to Wakatū Litigation and Related Proceedings" be adjusted by \$3.600 million;
- noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: *Crown Response to Wakatū Litigation and Related Proceedings* reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;

**Vote:** Te Arawhiti

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Optimising the Ministry’s Back-Office Functions

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$1.387 million total operating funding through optimising the Ministry of Justice’s back-office functions, through reducing expenditure on consultant and traveller costs as well as a reduction of FTE.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.349)	(0.346)	(0.346)	(0.346)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.349)</b>	<b>(0.346)</b>	<b>(0.346)</b>	<b>(0.346)</b>

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Māori Crown Relations (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Strengthening Crown Capability (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.083)	(0.082)	(0.082)	(0.082)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Māori Crown Relations (MCA)	-	(0.083)	(0.082)	(0.082)	(0.082)
Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Policy Advice - Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.266)	(0.264)	(0.264)	(0.264)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act (MCA)	-	(0.266)	(0.264)	(0.264)	(0.264)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.349)</b>	<b>(0.346)</b>	<b>(0.346)</b>	<b>(0.346)</b>

### Additional Recommendation

4     **noted** that this initiative relates to savings initiatives in Vote Justice (Initiative 15657), Vote Courts (Initiative 16189), and the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence portfolio within Vote Justice (Initiative 16191);

**Vote:** Te Arawhiti

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Reduction in Claimant Funding for Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlement Claimants

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$9.572 million total operating funding from the Claimant Funding appropriation for reallocation as part of Budget 2024.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(2.393)	(2.393)	(2.393)	(2.393)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(2.393)</b>	<b>(2.393)</b>	<b>(2.393)</b>	<b>(2.393)</b>

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</b>					
Claimant Funding	-	(2.393)	(2.393)	(2.393)	(2.393)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(2.393)</b>	<b>(2.393)</b>	<b>(2.393)</b>	<b>(2.393)</b>

**Vote:** Te Arawhiti  
**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice  
**Title:** [38]

**Description:**

**Tagged Contingency**

	<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 Contingency	-	[38]	-	-	-
Capital Contingency	-		-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-		-	-	-

**Additional Recommendations**

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