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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2024 Package: Vote Women

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

#### Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for Women

- 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
15413	Reduction in Back-Office Functions (Discretionary Expenditure) - Ministry for Women	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
15414	Reduction in Contractors and Consultants - Ministry for Women	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
15415	Reduction in Accommodation Expenditure - Ministry for Women	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
15416	Reduction of Funding from Rescoping Policy Work Programme - Ministry for Women	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>(1.100)</b>	<b>(1.100)</b>	<b>(1.100)</b>	<b>(1.100)</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:** Women

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry for Women

**Title:** Reduction in Back-Office Functions (Discretionary Expenditure) - Ministry for Women

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$0.800 million total operating funding from rationalising back-office support services. This will be achieved from business process efficiencies and aligning services to match reduced overall staff for the Ministry for Women from 2024/25.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</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>					
Improving the Lives of New Zealand Women (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>

**Vote:** Women

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry for Women

**Title:** Reduction in Contractors and Consultants - Ministry for Women

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$0.800 million total operating funding for contractors and consultants at the Ministry for Women. The savings will be realised by reducing expenditure on research and project-based initiatives.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Improving the Lives of New Zealand Women (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>

**Vote:** Women

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry for Women

**Title:** Reduction in Accommodation Expenditure - Ministry for Women

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$0.800 million total operating funding for accommodation expenditure at the Ministry for Women by reducing office capacity.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Improving the Lives of New Zealand Women (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>	<b>(0.200)</b>

**Vote:** Women

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry for Women

**Title:** Reduction of Funding from Rescoping Policy Work Programme - Ministry for Women

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$2.000 million total operating funding by reducing the scope of the existing policy work programme. It includes reducing investment on in-house data and insights capability, contributions to the Public Service Commission’s Equal Pay Taskforce, and expenditure on the refresh of the Bringing Gender In Tool.

**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*	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.500)</b>	<b>(0.500)</b>	<b>(0.500)</b>	<b>(0.500)</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>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Improving the Lives of New Zealand Women (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.500)</b>	<b>(0.500)</b>	<b>(0.500)</b>	<b>(0.500)</b>