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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2024 Package: Vote Courts (Technical Initiatives)

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 table below and detailed in the attached initiative documents:

#### Summary of technical 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
15986	Shared Approach to Back-office Transformation	-	(0.179)	(0.179)	(0.179)	(0.179)
15982	Court and Coroner-related Cost Pressures – Fiscally-neutral Transfer from Community Harm Appropriation	2.400	-	-	-	-
15981	Court and Coroner-related Cost Pressures – Fiscally-neutral Transfer from Legal Aid Appropriation	8.600	-	-	-	-
15978	Te Au Reka (Caseflow Management) – Expense Transfer	(1.497)	1.497	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>9.503</b>	<b>1.318</b>	<b>(0.179)</b>	<b>(0.179)</b>	<b>(0.179)</b>

#### Court Martial Appeal Court PLA

- 2 **noted** that the Court Martial Appeals Act 1953 enables salaries and allowances for Judges in the Court Martial Appeal Court to be paid out of public money, with no further appropriation;
- 3 **noted** that this Act requires the establishment of a new Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation;
- 4 **noted** that no appropriation has previously been established to give effect to the above legislation;

5 **agreed** to establish the following new appropriation;

Vote	Appropriation Minister	Appropriation Administrator	Title	Type	Scope
Courts	Minister for Courts	Ministry of Justice	Court Martial Appeal Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	Non-Departmental Other Expense	This appropriation is limited to the salaries and allowances of appointed Judges in the Court Martial Appeal Court as authorised by Section 3(3B) of the Court Martial Appeals Act 1953.

6 **noted** the following changes to appropriations in accordance with the Section 3(3B) of the Court Martial Appeals Act 1953, reflecting the appointment of Judges;

Vote Courts Minister for Courts	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Other Expense: Court Martial Appeal Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010

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:** Courts

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Shared Approach to Back-office Transformation

**Description:** This initiative funds a shared approach to back-office transformation. On 4 September 2023, Cabinet confirmed an approach to fund this system initiative through contributions from agency baselines [CAB-23-MIN-0417].

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.179)	(0.179)	(0.179)	(0.179)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.179)</b>	<b>(0.179)</b>	<b>(0.179)</b>	<b>(0.179)</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>					
Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Senior Courts Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.179)	(0.179)	(0.179)	(0.179)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA)	-	(0.179)	(0.179)	(0.179)	(0.179)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.179)</b>	<b>(0.179)</b>	<b>(0.179)</b>	<b>(0.179)</b>

### Additional Recommendation

7 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 15913 in Vote Internal Affairs;

**Vote:** Courts

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Court and Coroner-related Cost Pressures – Fiscally-neutral Transfer from Community Harm Appropriation

**Description:** This initiative transfers funding from the Community Harm Reduction category of the Community Justice Support and Assistance multi-category appropriation under Vote Justice to the Court and Coroner Related Costs appropriation under Vote Courts to meet the pressures arising from Coroner directed post-mortems and medical and professional services across courts.

**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*	2.400	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.400</b>	-	-	-	-

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	<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>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</b>					
Court and Coroner Related Costs (funded by revenue Crown)	2.400	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>2.400</b>	-	-	-	-

**Additional Recommendation**

8      **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 16109 under Vote Justice;

**Vote:** Courts

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Court and Coroner-related Cost Pressures – Fiscally-neutral Transfer from Legal Aid Appropriation

**Description:** This initiative transfers funding from the Legal Aid appropriation in Vote Justice to the Court and Coroner Related Costs appropriation in Vote Courts to meet the pressures arising from Coroner-directed post-mortems and medical and professional services across courts.

**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	8.600	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.600</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>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</b>					
Court and Coroner Related Costs (funded by revenue Crown)	8.600	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>8.600</b>	-	-	-	-

**Additional Recommendation**

9      **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 16110 under Vote Justice.

**Vote:** Courts

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Te Au Reka (Caseflow Management) – Expense Transfer

**Description:** This initiative transfers operating funding between years for Te Au Reka, which will digitise the paper-based court process, making it easier for all New Zealanders to interact with the court system.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(1.497)	1.497	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1.497)</b>	<b>1.497</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>					
Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
District Court Services (funded by revenue Crown)	(1.497)	1.497	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA)	(1.497)	1.497	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(1.497)</b>	<b>1.497</b>	-	-	-