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Cabinet

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Budget 2024 Package: Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet (Technical Initiatives)

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

- 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 |
| 15909 | North Island Severe Weather Events Expense Transfer to 2024/25 | (6.000) | 6.000 | - | - | - |
| 15910 | Shared Approach to Back-office Transformation | - | (0.130) | (0.130) | (0.130) | (0.130) |
| 15911 | Transfer to 2024/25 to Continue to Meet Costs of Priority Initiatives | (1.840) | 1.840 | - | - | - |
| Total Operating | | (7.840) | 7.710 | (0.130) | (0.130) | (0.130) |

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: Prime Minister and Cabinet

Appropriation Administrator: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Title: North Island Severe Weather Events Expense Transfer to 2024/25

Description: This initiative transfers funding from 2023/24 to 2024/25 to ensure that Regional and Local Support grants notified to local authorities for the 2024/25 financial year can be paid and to ensure adequate resourcing to support Ministerial advice and design and implementation of the whenua Māori and marae pathway.

Appropriation Changes

| | \$m - increase/(decrease) | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| Operating Balance Impact* | (6.000) | 6.000 | - | - | - |
| Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only | - | - | - | - | - |
| No Impact | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | (6.000) | 6.000 | - | - | - |

* 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: | | | | | |
| Extreme Weather Events All of Government Response (funded by revenue Crown) | (1.000) | 1.000 | - | - | - |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses: | | | | | |
| Extreme Weather Events - Regional and Local Support | (5.000) | 5.000 | - | - | - |
| Total Operating | (6.000) | 6.000 | - | - | - |

Additional Recommendations

- agreed in principle** that up to \$4 million of underspends in the Extreme Weather Events All of Government Response departmental output expense appropriation for 2023/24 be available for transfer to 2024/25 to ensure funding remains available for this initiative, with the final amount for transfer to be confirmed in the October Baseline Update following completion of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC's) audited financial statements for 2023/24;

- 3 **agreed in principle** that up to \$925,000 of underspends in the Extreme Weather Events - Regional and Local Support non-departmental other expenses appropriation for 2023/24 be available for transfer to 2024/25 to ensure funding remains available for this initiative, with the final amount for transfer to be confirmed in the October Baseline Update following completion of DPMC's audited financial statements for 2023/24;
- 4 **noted** that the previous Government agreed, as part of the Budget 2023: North Island Weather Events Initial Package, that funding could not be transferred to fund other unrelated activities or transferred into 2024/25 or beyond and therefore any unspent funding is expected to be returned to the centre on 30 June 2024 [CAB-23-MIN-0140];

Vote: Prime Minister and Cabinet

Appropriation Administrator: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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* | - | (0.130) | (0.130) | (0.130) | (0.130) |
| Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only | - | - | - | - | - |
| No Impact | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | (0.130) | (0.130) | (0.130) | (0.130) |

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

| | \$m - increase/(decrease) | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: | | | | | |
| Advice and Support Services (MCA) | | | | | |
| <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> | | | | | |
| Advice and Support to Government and the Governor-General (funded by revenue Crown) | - | (0.067) | (0.067) | (0.067) | (0.067) |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Advice and Support Services (MCA) | - | (0.067) | (0.067) | (0.067) | (0.067) |
| Emergency Management Leadership and Support (MCA) | | | | | |
| <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> | | | | | |
| Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery (funded by revenue Crown) | - | (0.063) | (0.063) | (0.063) | (0.063) |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Emergency Management Leadership and Support (MCA) | - | (0.063) | (0.063) | (0.063) | (0.063) |
| Total Operating | - | (0.130) | (0.130) | (0.130) | (0.130) |

Additional Recommendation

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

Vote: Prime Minister and Cabinet

Appropriation Administrator: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Title: Transfer to 2024/25 to Continue to Meet Costs of Priority Initiatives

Description: This initiative transfers funding from 2023/24 to 2024/25 to ensure that funds associated with Government priorities which have been delayed, including implementing changes to functions within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, remain available for those initiatives.

Appropriation Changes

| | \$m - increase/(decrease) | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| Operating Balance Impact* | (1.840) | 1.840 | - | - | - |
| Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only | - | - | - | - | - |
| No Impact | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | (1.840) | 1.840 | - | - | - |

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

| | \$m - increase/(decrease) | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 & Outyears |
| Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: | | | | | |
| Advice and Support Services (MCA) | | | | | |
| <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> | | | | | |
| Advice and Support to Government and the Governor-General (funded by revenue Crown) | (1.840) | 1.840 | - | - | - |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Advice and Support Services (MCA) | (1.840) | 1.840 | - | - | - |
| Total Operating | (1.840) | 1.840 | - | - | - |

Additional Recommendations

- 6 **agreed in principle** that up to \$3 million of underspends in the Advice and Support Services Multi Category Appropriation be available for transfer to 2024/25 to ensure funding remains available for the continued delivery of the Government's priorities in its response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Terrorist Attacks on Christchurch Mosques, with the final amount for transfer to be confirmed in the October Baseline Update following completion of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC's) audited financial statements for 2023/24;

- 7 **agreed in principle** that up to \$3.4 million of underspends in the Emergency Management Leadership and Support Multi Category Appropriation be available for transfer to 2024/25 to ensure funding remains available for construction projects being undertaken as part of the Buller flood response, with the final amount for transfer to be confirmed in the October Baseline Update following completion of DPMC's audited financial statements for 2023/24.