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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2024 Package: Vote Foreign Affairs (Technical Initiatives)

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

- 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
15964	Convert the Existing Annual Appropriation for International Development Cooperation into New Three-Year Multi Year Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-
15997	Fiscally Neutral Adjustments to Recognise MCA Scope Statement Changes	-	-	-	-	-
16059	Shared Approach to Back-Office Transformation	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
Total Operating		-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)

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: Foreign Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Title: Convert the Existing Annual Appropriation for International Development Cooperation into a New Three-Year Multi-Year Appropriation

Description: This initiative provides for the establishment of a single Multi-Year Appropriation (MYA), International Development Cooperation, for the triennium 2024/25 to 2026/27, converting and transferring three years funding from the existing annual appropriation, International Development Cooperation, to the new MYA.

New Appropriation Approval

Name	Appropriation Minister	Period	Type	Category Name	Scope
International Development Cooperation	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Multi-Year Appropriation Start: 1/07/2024 Finish: 30/06/2027 Amount (\$m): 2,932.865	Non-Departmental Other Expenses	N/A	This appropriation is limited to providing development cooperation and humanitarian assistance that support the sustainable development and welfare of Pacific Island and developing countries.

Appropriation Changes

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

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
International Development Cooperation	-	(1,110.955)	(960.955)	(860.955)	-
International Development Cooperation (MYA)	-	1,110.955	960.955	860.955	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 2 **noted** that the scope of the Multi-Year Appropriation "International Development Cooperation" permits funding for all development activities in the Pacific, including in Pacific countries which may achieve high-income status and be removed retrospectively from the list of Official Development Assistance eligible countries under the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development definition;
- 3 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to jointly approve the transfer of the remaining balance of the existing Multi-Year Appropriation "International Development Cooperation", expiring on 30 June 2024, into the new Multi-Year Appropriation "International Development Cooperation", beginning on 1 July 2024, through the June In-Principle Expense Transfers process (for confirmation in the 2024 October Baseline Update);
- 4 **agreed** that the new Multi-Year Appropriation "International Development Cooperation" be adjusted by \$2,932.865 million;
- 5 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi-Year Appropriation "International Development Cooperation" reflect the indicative annual spending profile;

Vote: Foreign Affairs

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Title: Fiscally Neutral Adjustments to Recognise Multi-Category Appropriation Scope Statement Changes

Description: This initiative provides for fiscally neutral adjustments to the Multi-Category Appropriation “Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders”, to align with category scope changes agreed by Joint Ministers as part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s efforts to streamline and simplify its performance information.

Appropriation Changes

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

* 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:					
Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Analysis and advice to inform New Zealand’s foreign policy (funded by revenue Crown)	-	15.519	15.519	15.519	15.519
Management of New Zealand’s International Development Cooperation (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(36.910)	(36.910)	(36.910)	(36.910)
Representation and advocacy on New Zealand’s foreign policy (funded by revenue Crown)	-	21.391	21.391	21.391	21.391
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders (MCA)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Vote:	Foreign Affairs
Appropriation Administrator:	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
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*	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)

* 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:					
Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders (MCA)	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)
Total Operating	-	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)	(0.200)

Additional Recommendation

6 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 15913 in Vote Internal Affairs.