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Budget 2024 Package: Vote Forestry (Technical Initiatives)

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry for Primary Industries

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiative 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 initiative:

Operating Initiative (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
16045	Shared Approach to Back-office Transformation	-	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)
Total Operating		-	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)

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:	Forestry
Appropriation Administrator:	Ministry for Primary Industries
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*	-	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)

* 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:					
Growth and Development of the Forestry Sector (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Forestry: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Growth and Development of the Forestry Sector (MCA)	-	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)
Total Operating	-	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)

Additional Recommendation

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