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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

#### Appropriation Administrator: Executive Board for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence

- 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 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
15974	Supporting Project Whetū	(3.500)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>(3.500)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Summary of contingency initiative:

##### Operating Contingency

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
16197	Supporting Project Whetū	-	3.500	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>3.500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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

## Initiatives No: 15974 &amp; 16197

**Vote:** Justice

**Appropriation Administrator:** Executive Board for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence

**Title:** Supporting Project Whetū

**Description:** This technical adjustment reallocates funding to support the implementation of Project Whetū, a collaborative system to connect and support victims and whānau impacted by actual or potential family violence, administered by Vote Police. This adjustment will be placed into a new tagged contingency to allow Ministers oversight of the Project.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(3.500)	3.500	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(3.500)</b>	<b>3.500</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>					
Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence (funded by revenue Crown)	(3.500)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(3.500)</b>	-	-	-	-

### Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Contingency	-	3.500	-	-	-
Capital Contingency	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>3.500</b>	-	-	-

**Additional Recommendations**

- 2 **noted** that updated indicative costs for Project Whetū are in excess of the original budget and a transfer of funding is required to support the continuation of the initiative;
- 3 **agreed** to establish a tagged operating contingency to support Project Whetū associated with the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence portfolio;
- 4 **approved** the transfer of \$3.500 million in 2023/24 from the Departmental Output Expense appropriation Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence into the tagged contingency established above, with no impact on the operating balance and/or net core Crown debt across the forecast period;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Finance, Minister of Police, and Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence jointly to draw down the Supporting Project Whetū tagged operating contingency, subject to their satisfaction with a report on final costings and an implementation plan;
- 6 **agreed** that the expiry date for the tagged operating contingency above will be 30 June 2025;
- 7 [33]
- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence jointly to agree the final amount to be transferred for paragraph 7 above, following completion of the 2023/24 audited financial statements, with no impact on the operating balance and/or net core Crown debt across the forecast period;
- 9 [33]