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Budget 2024 Package: Vote Health (Technical Initiatives)

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Health

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2024 Budget package, as listed in the summary tables below and detailed in the attached initiative documents:

Summary of technical initiatives:

Operating Initiative (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
16036	Shared Approach to Back-Office Transformation	-	(0.130)	(0.130)	(0.130)	(0.130)
Total Operating		-	(0.130)	(0.130)	(0.130)	(0.130)

Capital Initiative (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
16037	Residential Care Loans	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital		-	-	-	-	-

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).

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Secretary of the Cabinet

Vote: Health

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Health

Title: Residential Care Loans

Description: This initiative increases the funding for Residential Care Loans (RCLs) to address a forecast funding shortfall in 2023/24 and outyears, based on forecast loan activity. Over recent years, there has been a substantial increase in the number of people entering aged residential care facilities and larger numbers who pay the maximum contribution for aged care services. The loans and the repayments from the estates are expected to be fiscally neutral over time, but not necessarily each year. As such, the initiative is outside the scope of what Joint Ministers can normally approve under the delegation set out in Cabinet Office Circular CO (18) 2. For forecasting purposes, the working assumption is that the receipts will offset the loan payments each year as the actual pattern of repayments is difficult to predict.

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	12.000	15.000	15.000	15.000	15.000
Total	12.000	15.000	15.000	15.000	15.000

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Capital Receipts:					
Repayment of Residential Care Loans	12.000	15.000	15.000	15.000	15.000
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:					
Residential Care Loans - Payments	12.000	15.000	15.000	15.000	15.000
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 2 **agreed** that there be corresponding increases in the Non-Departmental Capital Receipts “Repayment of Residential Care Loans”, as set out in the table above;
- 3 **noted** that these loans are secured against the properties, and that repayments from the estates are recognised in the capital receipt appropriation “Repayment of Residential Care Loans”;

Vote: Health

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Health

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:					
Stewardship of the New Zealand health system (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Equity, Evidence and Outcomes (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)
Policy Advice and Related Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.030)	(0.030)	(0.030)	(0.030)
Public health and population health leadership (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.041)	(0.041)	(0.041)	(0.041)
Regulatory and Enforcement Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.029)	(0.029)	(0.029)	(0.029)
Sector Performance and Monitoring (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.014)	(0.014)	(0.014)	(0.014)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Stewardship of the New Zealand health system (MCA)	-	(0.130)	(0.130)	(0.130)	(0.130)
Total Operating	-	(0.130)	(0.130)	(0.130)	(0.130)
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

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