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2024 Budget Package: Vote Oranga Tamariki (Technical Initiatives)

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children

- 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
16091	Reduction in Back Office Functions - Oranga Tamariki - Providing for the Cost of Change in 2023/24	25.000	(25.000)	-	-	-
Total Operating		25.000	(25.000)	-	-	-

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: Oranga Tamariki

Appropriation Administrator: Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children

Title: Reduction in Back Office Functions - Oranga Tamariki - Providing for the Cost of Change in 2023/24

Description: This initiative brings forward funding for the cost of change associated with reductions in back office functions at Oranga Tamariki. This will be fiscally neutral between the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years. If the full amount is not required, the remainder will be returned to the 2024/25 year.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	25.000	(25.000)	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	25.000	(25.000)	-	-	-

* 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:					
Adoption Services (funded by revenue Crown)	0.393	(0.393)	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Investing in Children and Young People (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Intensive Response (funded by revenue Crown)	0.242	(0.242)	-	-	-
Policy Advice and Ministerial Services (funded by revenue Crown)	0.300	(0.300)	-	-	-
Prevention and Early Support (funded by revenue Crown)	6.584	(6.584)	-	-	-
Statutory Intervention and Transition (funded by revenue Crown)	17.481	(17.481)	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Investing in Children and Young People (MCA)	24.607	(24.607)	-	-	-
Total Operating	25.000	(25.000)	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 2 **noted** that the entirety of the funding brought forward may not be required in the 2023/24 financial year;
- 3 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Children jointly to agree the final amount to be transferred to the 2024/25 financial year, following completion of the 2023/24 audited financial statements.