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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2024 Package: Vote Te Arawhiti (Technical Initiatives)

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

#### Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Justice

- 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 Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
15987	Back-Office Transformation	-	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)
16051	Establishment of New Historical Treaty Settlements Multi Year Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-
16070	Whakatōhea - Contribution to Local Authorities for Natural Resource Arrangement Costs	(0.137)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>(0.137)</b>	<b>(0.011)</b>	<b>(0.011)</b>	<b>(0.011)</b>	<b>(0.011)</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

**Vote:** Te Arawhiti

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** 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*	-	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.011)</b>	<b>(0.011)</b>	<b>(0.011)</b>	<b>(0.011)</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>					
Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area Customary Interests (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.011)</b>	<b>(0.011)</b>	<b>(0.011)</b>	<b>(0.011)</b>

**Additional Recommendation**

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

**Vote:** Te Arawhiti

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Establishment of New Historical Treaty Settlements Multi Year Appropriation

**Description:** This initiative preserves the negotiating position of the Crown in the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims by creating a new notional multi-year appropriation that takes effect at the same time as the previous authority is revoked.

### New Appropriation Approval

Name	Appropriation Minister	Period	Type	Category Name	Scope
Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2024 – 2028	Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations	Multi Year Appropriation Start: 30/06/2024 Finish: 30/06/2028 Amount (\$m): 1,400.000	Non-Departmental Other Expenses	N/A	This appropriation is limited to the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims, including redress through the transfer of assets (cash and property) from the Crown to the claimant groups, and any simple interest payable on settlements between the date specified in the Deed of Settlement and the settlement date.

### 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	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</b>					
Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2022 - 2026 (MYA)	-	(350.000)	-	(350.000)	-
Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2023 - 2027 (MYA)		-	(350.000)	-	(350.000)
Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2024 – 2028 (MYA)	-	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Additional Recommendations**

- 3 **agreed** that the Multi Year Appropriation: "Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2022 - 2026" be adjusted by \$(700.000) million;
- 4 **agreed** that the Multi Year Appropriation: "Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2023 - 2027" be adjusted by \$(700.000) million;
- 5 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2022 - 2026" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;
- 6 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2023 - 2027" reflect the change to the indicative annual spending profile;
- 7 **noted** that the amounts shown in the Appropriation Changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2024 - 2028" reflect the indicative annual spending profile;

**Vote:** Te Arawhiti

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Justice

**Title:** Whakatōhea - Contribution to Local Authorities for Natural Resource Arrangement Costs

**Description:** This transfer is addressing a previous error from 2020/21, where funding was not transferred from Te Arawhiti to the Ministry for the Environment. This funding is for a one-off Crown contribution to local authorities for costs associated with the Kaitiaki Forum, established by the Whakatōhea Treaty settlement. This initiative seeks a fiscally neutral transfer of funding to make a one-off Crown contribution to local authorities for costs associated with the Kaitiaki Forum established by the Whakatōhea Treaty settlement.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(0.137)	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(0.137)</b>	-	-	-	-

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses:</b>					
Claimant Funding	(0.137)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(0.137)</b>	-	-	-	-

### Additional Recommendation

8 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 16060 in Vote Environment.