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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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2020 Budget Technical Financial Recommendations: Vote Conservation

On 6 April 2020, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2020 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative documents;

Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
12388	Predator Free New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-
12389	Reallocation of Funding Received for Taranaki Crossing	(0.180)	(2.948)	0.395	0.335	0.335
Total Operating		(0.180)	(2.948)	0.395	0.335	0.335
Initiative ID	Initiative Name	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29 only
12388	Predator Free New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-
12389	Reallocation of Funding Received for Taranaki Crossing	0.413	0.413	0.413	0.413	0.413
Total Operating		0.413	0.413	0.413	0.413	0.413

- 2 **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement these initiatives, as described in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 5 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations above be included in the 2019/20 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Appropriation Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2019/20 Supplementary Estimates, the 2020/21 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;

- 7 **authorised** the chief executives of departments that monitor Crown entities directly affected by decisions in this minute to inform the chair and/or chief executive of a Crown entity, on a budget-in-confidence-until-budget-day basis, of decisions that directly affect that Crown entity for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent;
- 8 **note** that all communications relating to the 2020 Budget are co-ordinated by a Budget communications committee, and that any requests for early announcement must have the written approval of the Minister of Finance and the Office of the Prime Minister.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Initiative No: 12388**Vote:** Conservation**Title:** Predator Free New Zealand**Description:** This initiative will contribute towards activities aimed at controlling and eradicating mammalian pests in New Zealand by 2050.**New appropriation approval**

Name	Period	Type	Category Name	Scope
Predator Free New Zealand	Multi-Year Appropriation Start: 1/07/2020 Finish: 30/06/2025 Amount (\$m): 29.070	Non-Departmental Output Expenses	N/A	This appropriation is limited to contributions towards activities aimed at controlling and eradicating mammalian pests in New Zealand by 2050.

Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 only
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:						
Predator Free New Zealand (MYA)	-	5.814	5.814	5.814	5.814	5.814
Predator Free New Zealand	-	(5.814)	(5.814)	(5.814)	(5.814)	(5.814)
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-	-

Additional recommendations

- 9 **agreed** that the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Predator Free New Zealand" is established at \$29.070 million;
- 10 **noted** that amounts shown in the appropriations changes table for the Multi-Year Appropriation: "Predator Free New Zealand" is the indicative annual spending profile;
- 11 **approved** the transfer of the unexpended balance of the multi-year appropriation which expires 30 June 2020 to the new multi-year appropriation "Predator Free New Zealand" on completion of the audit for the year ending 30 June 2020.

Vote: Conservation

Title: Reallocation of Funding Received for Taranaki Crossing

Description: Operating funding received from the Provincial Growth Fund of \$3.480m received for 2019/20 and 2020/21 needs to be reallocated from 2019/20 to 2028/29, as the project spans a ten year period.

Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Departmental Output Expense					
Management of Recreational Opportunities (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.180)	(2.948)	0.395	0.335	0.335
Total Operating	(0.180)	(2.948)	0.395	0.335	0.335
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29 only
Departmental Output Expense					
Management of Recreational Opportunities (funded by revenue Crown)	0.413	0.413	0.413	0.413	0.413
Total Operating	0.413	0.413	0.413	0.413	0.413