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- [29] 9(2)(d) - to avoid prejudice to the substantial economic interests of New Zealand

- [31] 9(2)(f)(ii) - to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting collective and individual ministerial responsibility
- [33] 9(2)(f)(iv) - to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by ministers and officials
- [34] 9(2)(g)(i) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
- [36] 9(2)(h) - to maintain legal professional privilege
- [37] 9(2)(i) - to enable the Crown to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage or prejudice
- [38] 9(2)(j) - to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice
- [39] 9(2)(k) - to prevent the disclosure of official information for improper gain or improper advantage
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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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2020 Budget Package: Vote Statistics

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 & Outyears
12046	Delivering New Zealand's Next Census of Population and Dwellings	-	-	-	49.900	-
Total Operating		-	-	-	49.900	-

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
12046	Delivering New Zealand's Next Census of Population and Dwellings	-	3.000	4.100	4.300	0.500
Total Capital		-	3.000	4.100	4.300	0.500

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations and/or the capital injections to the administering department (where applicable) to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations and/or capital injections for 2019/20 above be included in the 2019/20 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;

- 5 **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;
- 6 **noted** 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 both the written approval of the Minister of Finance and the Office of the Prime Minister;
- 7 **agreed** that the initiatives in the following table be set aside as contingency items, and that corresponding funding for them be set aside from 2020 Budget operating allowance and multi-year capital allowance:

Operating Contingency

Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Delivering New Zealand's Next Census of Population and Dwellings (Operating Contingency)	-	-	-	33.000	-
Persistent Child Poverty Measure	-	2.260	5.790	6.300	6.250
Total Operating	-	2.260	5.790	39.300	6.250

Capital Contingency

Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Persistent Child Poverty Measure	-	1.520	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	1.520	-	-	-

- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Statistics jointly to draw down the “Delivering New Zealand's Next Census of Population and Dwellings” operating contingency, subject to them being satisfied that Statistics NZ requires the funding to successfully plan and conduct the next Census;
- 9 **authorised** the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, Minister of Finance and Minister of Statistics jointly to draw down the “Persistent Child Poverty Measure” operating and capital contingency funding, subject to them being satisfied with the proposed monitoring, reporting and risk management arrangements for its development.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Initiative No: 12046

Vote: Statistics

Title: Delivering New Zealand's Next Census of Population and Dwellings

Description: This initiative provides funding to deliver the next Census in 2023 while moving New Zealand a step closer to its long-term goal of a future census based mainly on administrative data. The 2023 Census will provide an accurate picture of everybody in Aotearoa New Zealand, capturing demographics about population structure and rich data about our communities for the long-term benefit of all New Zealanders.

Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	49.900	-
Debt Impact	-	3.000	4.100	4.300	0.500
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	3.000	4.100	54.200	0.500

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Departmental Output Expenses:					
2023 Census of Population and Dwellings (MYA) (funded by revenue Crown)	-	-	-	49.900	-
Capital Injections:					
Statistics New Zealand - Capital Injection	-	3.000	4.100	4.300	0.500
Total Operating	-	-	-	49.900	-
Total Capital	-	3.000	4.100	4.300	0.500

Additional recommendations

- 10 **agreed** that the Multi Year Appropriation: "2023 Census of Population and Dwellings" is adjusted by \$49.900 million;
- 11 **noted** that amounts shown in the appropriations changes table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "2023 Census of Population and Dwellings" is the change to the indicative annual spending profile.