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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) July Package: Vote Conservation

On 6 July 2020, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the attached initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) July package;
- 2 **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement these initiatives, as described in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** changes to appropriations and/or capital injections to the administering department (where applicable) to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and relevant Appropriation Ministers to approve jointly any other changes to appropriations and/or capital injections, and the establishment of new appropriations where necessary, to give effect to the policy decisions outlined in the submission under CAB-20-SUB-0328;
- 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 prior to finalising the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates;
- 6 **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 an in-confidence-until-announcement basis, of decisions that directly affect that Crown entity for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent;
- 7 **agreed** that any and all underspends related to the initiatives approved in this package be returned to the CRRF, until it ceases to exist, at which point they be returned to the centre;
- 8 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations and/or capital injections for 2020/21 in the attached initiative documents be included in the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;
- 9 **agreed** that the expenses incurred under the attached initiative documents be charged against the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund established as part of Budget 2020;
- 10 **noted** that all communications relating to the CRRF and any requests for early announcement will need to have both the written approval of the Minister of Finance and sign-off from the Prime Minister's office.

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet

**Vote:** Conservation

**Title:** Wildlife Institutions Relief Package

**Description:** This initiative will provide funding for a relief package for captive wildlife institutions impacted by the COVID-19 response. Funding will cover critical operational costs to maintain animal welfare, retain specialist jobs, and prevent the closure of institutions that play a pivotal role in the recovery of New Zealand's threatened species.

### New appropriation approval

| Name                              | Period | Type                           | Category Name | Scope   |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Wildlife Institutions Relief Fund | Annual | Non-Departmental Other Expense | N/A           | This appropriation is limited to providing financial support to captive wildlife institutions impacted by COVID-19. |

### Appropriation changes

|                          | Sm - increase/(decrease) |               |         |         |         |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                          | 2019/20                  | 2020/21       | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
| Operating Balance Impact | -                        | 14.890        | -       | -       | -       |
| Debt Impact              | -                        | -             | -       | -       | -       |
| No Impact                | -                        | -             | -       | -       | -       |
| <b>Total</b>             | -                        | <b>14.890</b> | -       | -       | -       |

|  | Sm - increase/(decrease) |               |         |         |         |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | 2019/20                  | 2020/21       | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
| <b>Non-Departmental Other Expense:</b> |                          |               |         |         |         |
| Wildlife Institutions Relief Fund      | -                        | 14.890        | -       | -       | -       |
| <b>Total Operating</b>                 | -                        | <b>14.890</b> | -       | -       | -       |