



Meeting of the COVID-19 Ministerial Group

Minute of Decision

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Immediate Housing Response

The group of Ministers with Power to Act on COVID-19 matters [CAB-20-MIN-0130] convened on 23 April 2020 at 10.30am, and in accordance with their Power to Act:

- 1 **noted** that the requirements of Alert Levels 3 and 4 to remain home and limit travel creates added risks for homeless populations;
- 2 **agreed** that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development will contract 1,200 additional Housing places by June 2020, to remain in place until at least April 2021;
- 3 **agreed** that an additional 400 short-term places to July 2020 be contracted to reduce overcrowding situations;
- 4 **noted** that further investment in permanent Transitional and Public Housing places will be required in addition to current plans to enable those people placed in the immediate response places in paragraph 2 above to transition to more permanent housing;
- 5 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to give effect to the decision in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and debt:

Vote Housing and Urban Development Minister of Housing	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Transitional Housing MCA <i>Non Departmental Output Expenses</i>					
Provision of Transitional Housing Places	23.300	49.600	3.400	-	-
Transitional Housing Services	8.300	23.000	-	-	-
<i>Non Departmental Capital Expenditure</i>					
Acquisition, Development and Construction of Transitional Housing	(50.000)	50.000	-	-	-
Public Housing MCA <i>Non Departmental Output Expenses</i>					
Purchase of Public Housing Provision	(0.300)	(1.096)	-	-	-
Total	(18.700)	121.504	3.400	-	

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6 **noted** that the Minister of Finance, Minister of Housing, Associate Minister of Housing (Māori) and Associate Minister of Housing (Public Housing) will jointly approve projects undertaken in the Transitional Housing Capital Expenditure appropriation;

7 **agreed** to establish the following new multi-year appropriation for additional costs incurred by Housing Providers in responding to COVID-19, to run from 30 April 2020 to 30 June 2021:

Vote	Appropriation Minister	Title	Type	Scope
Housing and Urban Development	Minister of Housing	COVID-19 Housing Providers Operational Cost	Non Departmental Output Expenses	This appropriation is limited to payments to Housing Providers for additional operational costs incurred associated with responding to COVID 19.

8 **approved** the following change to appropriations to give effect to the decision in paragraph 7 above, with a corresponding impact upon the operating balance and debt:

	\$m – increase/(decrease)	
	2019/20 to 2020/21	2022/23 & outyears
Vote Housing and Urban Development Minister of Housing		
Non Departmental Output Expenses COVID-19 Housing Providers Operational Cost	10.000	-

9 **agreed** that additional funding is provided to the Tenancy Tribunal for expected costs in relation to COVID 19;

10 **approved** the following change to appropriations to give effect to the decision in paragraph 9 above, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and debt:

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Vote Building and Construction Minister of Housing					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses</i> Residential Tenancy and Unit Title Services	0.615	2.460	1.230	-	-
Total	0.615	2.460	1.230	-	

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Vote Courts Minister for Courts	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
<i>Non Departmental Other Expenses Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses</i>	-	0.800	0.800	-	-
<i>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</i>	0.100	0.550	0.350	-	-
Total	0.100	1.350	1.150	-	-

- 11 **noted** that a proportion of the individuals who will be housed through these proposals will have disabilities and other high and complex needs, including mental and physical health needs, and that people will be housed according to their needs, including ensuring accessible accommodation is made available to those who require it and that wrap around support services identify and help to address these needs;
- 12 **agreed** that the change to appropriations for 2019/20 in paragraphs 5, 8 and 10 above be included in the 2019/20 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;
- 13 **agreed** that the change to appropriations for 2020/21 above in paragraphs 5 and 10 above be included in the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;
- 14 **agreed** that the expenses incurred under paragraphs 5, 8, and 10 above be charged against the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund established as part of Budget 2020.

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