



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Initial Short-term Response Package to Accelerate Māori Response to Cyclone Gabrielle

Portfolios **Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti / Māori Development / Whānau Ora**

On 27 February 2023, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that hapori Māori and Māori service providers are supporting communities in response to Cyclone Gabrielle with resources that are heavily stretched;
- 2 **noted** that interim funding is required to provide support to increase capability and capacity to help hapori Māori with response and recovery;
- 3 **noted** that the focus of funding in the package outlined in the paper under CAB-23-SUB-0059 is on co-ordination, capability and capacity building for Iwi and Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies, as well as infrastructure and workforce support;
- 4 **9(2)(f)(iv)**
- 5 **noted** that reprioritising existing funding on its own is insufficient to support hapori Māori capacity and capability to build the urgent and at-pace response, and additional funding is required;
- 6 **noted** that the Ministers for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, Māori Development, and Whānau Ora are proposing a funding package of \$15 million to support Iwi and Māori-led responses and recovery;
- 7 **noted** that Te Puni Kōkiri has reprioritised \$5 million, and Te Arawhiti has reprioritised \$1 million of current funding to assist with the response;
- 8 **agreed** to interim additional funding of \$9 million to support a response package to accelerate the Māori response to Cyclone Gabrielle;
- 9 **agreed** to delegate decision-making on the reporting and accountability arrangements for the expenditure referred to in paragraph 8 to the Minister of Finance, Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, Minister for Māori Development, and Minister for Emergency Management;

Funding implications for Te Puni Kōkiri

- 10 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to give effect to the policy decision in paragraph 8 above, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and net core Crown debt:

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Vote Māori Development Minister for Māori Development Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Tahua Whanaketanga Māori Māori Development Fund	4.000	-	-	-	-
Vote Māori Development Minister for Whānau Ora Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Whakamahi i ngā Huangā a Whānau Ora Commissioning Whānau Ora Outcomes	3.000	-	-	-	-

- 11 **agreed** that the change to appropriations for 2022/23 above be included in the 2022/23 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;
- 12 **agreed** to delegate decision making on the fiscal management treatment of the expenditure referred to in paragraph 10 to the Minister of Finance, following further advice from the Treasury;

Funding implications for Te Arawhiti

- 13 **agreed** that \$3 million of the \$15 million package be for Te Arawhiti to distribute to Iwi to support their engagement with Central and Local Government, their access to and coordination of the range of community funding, and their communications with their whanau;
- 14 **agreed** to establish the following new appropriation:

Vote	Appropriation Minister	Appropriation Administrator	Title	Type	Scope
Te Arawhiti	Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti	Ministry of Justice	Māori Community Engagement in Response to Cyclone Gabrielle	Non-departmental Other Expense	This appropriation is limited to the provision of funding to iwi to support their recovery relating to recent adverse weather events and to support their engagement with central and local government, and with their whanau, in the response to and recovery from such events.

- 15 **approved** the following increase to appropriations to provide for the policy decision in paragraph 13 above, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance:

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Vote Te Arawhiti					
Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti					
Non-departmental Other Expense: Māori Community Engagement in Response to Cyclone Gabrielle (funded by revenue Crown)	3.000	-	-	-	-
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations					
Departmental Output Expense: Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area Customary Interests (funded by revenue Crown)	(1.000)	-	-	-	-
Operating Balance Impact	2.000	-	-	-	-

- 16 9(2)(f)(iv)

- 17 **agreed** that the change to appropriations for 2022/23 above be included in the 2022/23 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;
- 18 **agreed** to delegate decision making on the fiscal management treatment of the expenditure referred to in paragraph 15 to the Minister of Finance, following further advice from the Treasury.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet