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Cabinet Business Committee

Minute of Decision

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Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations: Funding Contribution

Portfolio **Research, Science and Innovation**

On 21 February 2022, the Cabinet Business Committee, having been authorised by the Prime Minister to have Power to Act:

- 1 **noted** that under the COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy, Cabinet allocated \$15 Million NZD to enable New Zealand to join the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) [CAB-20-MIN-0229.01];
- 2 **noted** that without renewed funding, New Zealand's participation in CEPI will end by 1 July 2022;
- 3 **noted** that there are likely to be significant benefits to New Zealand from reinvesting in CEPI, including access to international research and clinical networks for responding to current and future pandemics, the development of new vaccines to respond to future COVID-19 variants, innovations in vaccine technology and manufacturing processes, and international linkages between the New Zealand and international research community;
- 4 **noted** that reinvesting in CEPI underlines New Zealand's support for international organisations that are fostering global equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, and is consistent with New Zealand's wider international position on improved pandemic preparedness and response;
- 5 **noted** that in order for New Zealand to announce its contribution at CEPI's international replenishment pledging event scheduled for 8th March 2022, and achieve profile for doing so, agreement to further funding is required before normal Budget 2022 decisions are taken;
- 6 **agreed** that the government provides renewed funding of NZD \$10 Million to cover New Zealand's participation in CEPI over the duration of its five-year plan;

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

Vote Business, Science and Innovation Minister for Research, Science and Innovation	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Research, Science and Innovation: Strategic Science Investment Fund (MCA)					
Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Strategic Science Investment Fund - Programmes	-	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Total Operating	-	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000

- 8 **agreed** that the expenses incurred as a result of the decisions above be charges against the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund previously established by Cabinet.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet