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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Extreme Weather Science Response and Innovation Trailblazer Grant: Funding

Portfolio Research, Science and Innovation

On 21 June 2023, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

Extreme weather science response

- 1 **noted** that the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation has reprioritised \$11.31 million to support the science response to the extreme weather events, and that this has supported work in the areas of damage and risk assessments, ecology, public health and wellbeing;
- 2 **noted** that the required expense transfers have been delayed until now because of the operational uncertainty in allocating and contracting for funding through the extreme weather science response for events occurring from late January 2023, and the shift in purpose from addressing immediate science needs to supporting Māori communities' and regional government science needs for recovery;
- 3 **agreed in principle**, subject to paragraph 5 below, to transfer up to \$0.9 million from Strategic Science Investment Fund – Programmes in 2022/23 to the Partnered Research Fund in 2023/24, to address science needs of Māori communities and regional councils after the recent extreme weather events, with no impact on the operating balance and/or net debt across the forecast period, as follows:

Vote Business, Science and Innovation Minister of Research, Science and Innovation	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expense Research, Science and Innovation: Strategic Science Investment Fund MCA Strategic Science Investment Fund – Programmes (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.900)	-	-	-	-
Non-Departmental Output Expense Research, Science and Innovation: Partnered Research Fund (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.900	-	-	-

- 4 **agreed in principle**, subject to paragraph 5 below, to transfer up to \$1.31 million in the Non-Departmental Output Expense: Research, Science and Innovation: Partnered Research Fund appropriation from 2022/23 to 2023/24, due to delays in allocating funds for Māori science priorities to address the science needs of Māori communities after the recent extreme weather events, as follows:

Vote Business, Science and Innovation Minister of Research, Science and Innovation	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expense Research, Science and Innovation: Partnered Research Fund (funded by revenue Crown)	(1.31)	1.31	-	-	-

- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation jointly to agree the final amounts to be transferred, following completion of the 2022/23 audited financial statements, with no impact on the operating balance and/or net debt across the forecast period;
- 6 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2023/24 above be included in the 2023/24 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;

Innovation Trailblazer Grant

- 7 **noted** that to cover the administration costs of the Innovation Trailblazer Grant programme, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment paid \$5 million to Callaghan Innovation from the Innovation Trailblazer Grant appropriation for 2022/23 when that payment should have been made out of the Building Business Innovation category of the Callaghan Innovation – Operations appropriation for 2022/23;
- 8 **noted** that as a result of this error, there will be \$5 million less available to fund the Innovation Trailblazer Grant in 2023/24 and beyond;

- 9 **agreed in principle** to transfer up to \$5 million from the Callaghan Innovation – Operations appropriation in 2022/23 to the Innovation Trailblazer Grant multi-year appropriation in 2023/24, subject to confirmation of the amount by Joint Ministers in the October Baseline Update following the completion of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment’s 2022/23 audited financial statements, with no impact on the operating balance and/or net debt across the forecast period, as follows:

Vote Business, Science and Innovation Minister of Research, Science and Innovation	\$m – increase/(decrease)						2028/29 & outyears
	2022/23	2023/24 to 2027/28					
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Callaghan Innovation - Operations MCA Building Business Innovation (funded by revenue Crown)	(5.000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Departmental Output Expense: Innovation Trailblazer Grant (funded by revenue Crown)	-	5.000					-

- 10 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2023/24 above be included in the 2023/24 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Damien O’Connor
Hon David Parker
Hon Kieran McAnulty
Hon Ginny Andersen
Hon Dr Duncan Webb
Hon Rino Tirikatene
Hon Rachel Brooking
Hon Jo Luxton

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