



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Dr Megan Woods	<b>Portfolio</b>	Building and Construction
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# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Funding the New Zealand Claims Resolution Service and the Building for Climate Change Programme

**Portfolio**                      **Building and Construction**

On 21 June 2023, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1        **noted** that as part of the Budget 2023 Savings Initiatives, funding from the Weathertight Services appropriation not required for future years was returned to the Crown;
- 2        **noted** that the Weathertight Services appropriation in Vote Building and Construction is forecasted to underspend by \$2.700 million in 2022/23;
- 3        **noted** that the New Zealand Claims Resolution Service and the Building for Climate Change programme are facing demands for the 2023/24 financial year that exceed their current appropriations;
- 4        **noted** that a reprioritisation of the underspend in Weathertight Services from 2022/23 would support:
  - 4.1      the New Zealand Claims Resolution Service to promote its services to homeowners affected by the North Island Weather Events, and meet the forecast extraordinary demand for its services from those homeowners in 2023/24;
  - 4.2      Building for Climate Change to deliver work to better understand existing knowledge and motivations around climate resilient, low emissions buildings, identify opportunities to address non-regulatory barriers, and provide guidance to communities across 2023/24 and 2024/25;
- 5        **agreed** to reprioritise the underspend in Weathertight Services from 2022/23 to fund:
  - 5.1      \$1.300 million for the New Zealand Claims Resolution Service in the 2023/24 financial year;
  - 5.2      \$1.000 million for Building for Climate Change across the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years;

6 **approved** an in-principle expense transfer of up to the following maximum amount of operating expenditure from 2022/23 to 2023/24 to give effect to paragraph 5 above, with no impact on the operating balance:

Vote Building and Construction Minister for Building and Construction	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense: Weathertight Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	(2.300)	2.300	-	-	-

7 **approved in principle** the two following fiscally neutral adjustments to be confirmed through the October Baseline Update, subject to the confirmed final in-principle expense transfer amount above, to give effect to paragraph 5 above, with no impact on the operating balance or Crown debt:

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
<b>Vote Building and Construction Minister for Building and Construction</b> Departmental Output Expense: Weathertight Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	(1.300)	-	-	-
<b>Vote Business, Science and Innovation Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs</b> Departmental Output Expense: Insurance Claims Resolution (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	1.300	-	-	-

Vote Building and Construction Minister for Building and Construction	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense: Weathertight Services (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	(1.000)	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Building Policy, Regulation and Advice MCA Departmental Output Expense: Policy Advice and Related Services to Ministers - Building and Construction (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.557	0.443	-	-

- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Building and Construction jointly to agree the final amount to be transferred across financial years and between appropriations from paragraph 5 above, following the completion of the 2022/23 audited financial statements, with no impact on the operating balance and/or net core Crown debt across the forecast period;
- 9 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Building and Construction (in relation to Building for Climate Change) and Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (in relation to the New Zealand Claims Resolution Services) to jointly approve any other changes to appropriations required to implement the above policy decisions;
- 10 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations be included in the 2023/24 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply.

Rebecca Davies  
Committee Secretary

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**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

**Officials present from:**

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