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List of documents that have been proactively released

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March 2023	Interim Response Package for Cyclone Gabrielle and January Flooding – inclusion of the Wairarapa	Office of the Minister of Finance
7 March 2023	Cyclone Gabrielle: Wairarapa Business Support EWR-23-MIN-0007 Minute	Cabinet Office
March 2023	Cyclone Gabrielle – additional funding injection for interim response, and proposed future work	Office of the Minister of Finance
14 March 2023	Cyclone Gabrielle: Additional Business Support EWR-23-MIN-0018 Minute	Cabinet Office
April 2023	Cyclone Gabrielle – further funding for business support grants	Office of the Minister of Finance
11 April 2023	Cyclone Gabrielle: Business Support Further Funding Injection CAB-23-MIN-0133 Minute	Cabinet Office

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NO

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Cyclone Gabrielle: Business Support Further Funding Injection

Portfolio **Finance**

On 11 April 2023, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that in response to the damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, Cabinet has allocated \$50 million to support businesses through a series of decisions in February and March 2023 [CAB-23-MIN-0044, EWR-23-MIN-0007, EWR-23-MIN-0018];
- 2 **noted** that most of this funding has been spent on business support grants delivered by Local Delivery Partners (LDPs) in each of the affected regions (Northland, Waikato, Tairāwhiti, Auckland, Hawke’s Bay, the Tararua District, and the Wairarapa);
- 3 **noted** that demand has been high, with nearly \$70 million in grants funding requested across all regions, against the nearly \$50 million allocated (and with more grants applications yet to be made);
- 4 **agreed** to a further funding injection of \$25 million for business support grants, with specific regional allocations to be determined by Joint Ministers (the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister for Economic Development, Minister for Regional Development and Minister of Agriculture), in accordance with their existing authority;
- 5 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to give effect to the policy decision in paragraph 4 above, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and net debt:

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
Vote Business, Science and Innovation Minister for Economic Development	2022/23	2023/24	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
Non-departmental Other Expense: Cyclone Gabrielle – Business support for the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle and January 2023 weather events (funded by revenue Crown)	25.000	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	25.000	-	-	-	-

- 6 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2022/23 above be included in the 2022/23 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, be met from Imprest Supply;
- 7 **agreed** that the operating expenses of \$25 million are managed separately from allowances;
- 8 **noted** that business support grant applications have now closed in some regions, and application dates will not be extended for the remaining regions (Northland, Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Tairāwhiti, and Wairarapa);
- 9 **noted** that in February 2023, Cabinet authorised Joint Ministers to determine the specific contracting and reporting mechanisms for the delivery of the business support package [CAB-23-MIN-0044];
- 10 **noted** that Joint Ministers will be considering advice which recommends that all applications for business support grants close no later than 30 April 2023.

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Secretary of the Cabinet