



Cabinet Business Committee

Minute of Decision

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Investing in Police Frontline Safety

Portfolio

Police

On 8 September 2021, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that frontline Police have said they increasingly find themselves in situations where they feel ill-equipped and unsafe;
- 2 **noted** that evidence suggests an increase in risk to staff with Police seizing more firearms (with an increasing number of these concealable), and that most presentations and discharges of firearms at and by Police involve non-specialised staff;
- 3 **noted** that the evidence analysed by Police is at best equivocal on the claim that general arming would make staff or communities safer, and that the Police Executive has agreed to remain an unarmed police service in order to preserve its style of policing and the safety benefits that approach brings;
- 4 **noted** that Police has developed a Tactical Response Model that improves frontline safety and tactical capability to prevent serious offending;
- 5 **agreed in principle** that the Tactical Response Model be implemented by Police to improve frontline safety of Police staff, **subject to** internal and external consultation to refine the model;

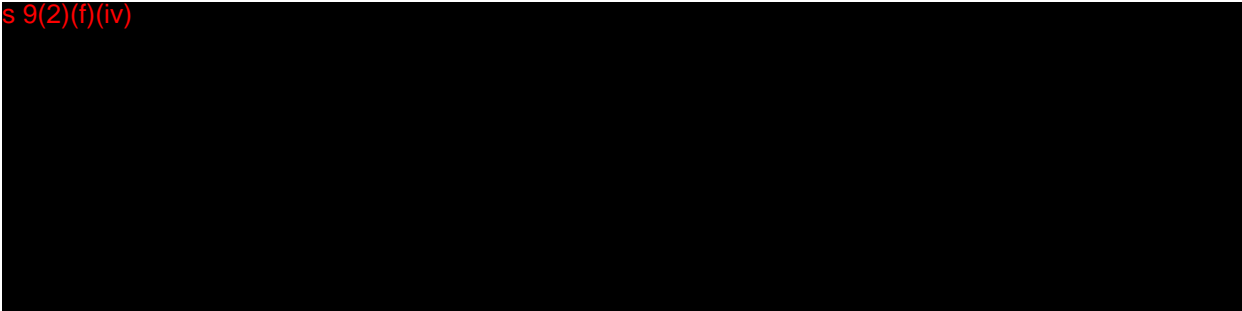
Financial implications

- 6 **approved** the following changes to Vote Police appropriations to give effect to the policy decision in paragraph 5 above, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and net core Crown debt:

	\$m - increase/(decrease)			
Vote Police	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Minister of Police				
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:				
Policing Services MCA;				
- Crime Prevention	5.124	-	-	-
- Policy Advice and Ministerial Services	0.008	-	-	-
- Primary Response Management	4.599	-	-	-
- Investigations and Case Resolution	5.765	-	-	-
- Road Policing				
(funded by revenue Crown)	-	-	-	-
New Zealand Police	-	-	-	-
Capital Injection				
Total Operating	15.496	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-

- 7 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2021/22 above be included in the 2021/22 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase(s) be met from Imprest Supply;
- 8 **agreed** that the expenses incurred under paragraph 6 above be charged against the between-Budget contingency established as part of Budget 2021;
- 9 **noted** that the Minister of Police intends to seek funding through Budget 2022 to fund the financial years 2022/23 to 2024/25 and outyears, subject to Budget approvals and an assessment of the proofs of concept and any refinement of costings, with the indicative financial implications as follows:

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



- 10 **noted** that the indicative funding in paragraph 9 above will put pressure on the s 9(2)(f)(iv) funding envelope, and that Police will work with Justice Sector agencies as part of the Budget 2022 process;

Implementation

- 11 **agreed** that Police publicly communicate the proposed high-level response model and seek feedback over a consultation period of four weeks;
- 12 **noted** that Police will advise the Minister of Police of the outcome of the further work referred to in paragraph 5 above prior to rollout of the model.

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 Stuart Nash
Hon Dr David Clark

Officials present from:

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