



Meeting of the COVID-19 Ministerial Group

Minute of Decision

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Supporting Parents and Caregivers to Create a Safe Online Environment for Children and Young People

The group of Ministers with Power to Act on COVID-19 matters [CAB-20-MIN 0130] convened on 16 April 2020 at 10.30am, and in accordance with their Power to Act:

- 1 **noted** that the increased time spent online by children and young people during the COVID-19 lockdown and afterwards increases their exposure to online threats;
- 2 **agreed** to a public awareness campaign of up to \$1.5 million that will:
 - 2.1 provide parents and caregivers with advice on how to help children and young people manage online threats;
 - 2.2 direct them to a page of the www.govt.nz website with a comprehensive source of resources;
- 3 **agreed** to increase funding by \$1.5 million in Vote Internal Affairs in 2019/20 for a public awareness campaign to help create a safe digital environment for children and young people;
- 4 **approved** the following change to appropriations to meet the costs associated with the public awareness campaign to help create a safe online environment for children and young people, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and net core Crown debt:

	\$million – increase/(decrease)				
Vote Internal Affairs Minister of Internal Affairs	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Regulatory Services MCA Departmental Output Expense: Regulatory Services (funded by revenue Crown)	1.500	-	-	-	-

- 5 **agreed** that the change to appropriations for 2019/20 above be included in the 2019/20 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;
- 6 **agreed** that the expenses incurred under paragraph 4 above be charged against the COVID-19 Response Recovery Fund established as part of Budget 2020;

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- 7 **agreed in principle** to transfer from 2019/20 to 2020/21 any underspend in the above appropriation, with the financial amount to be confirmed as part of the 2020 October Baseline Update once the audited accounts for 2019/20 are available;
- 8 **noted** that the public awareness campaign will be a collaborative effort between the government, non-government and the private sector;
- 9 **noted** that the public awareness campaign will be designed to reach different communities across New Zealand including those with different language and accessibility needs, and will include campaign material appropriate to Māori and non-Māori children, and in English and Te Reo Māori;
- 10 **noted** that the Department of Internal Affairs aims to launch this public awareness campaign in May 2020;
- 11 **noted** that the Department of Internal Affairs will work with the Ministry of Education to investigate launching a phase two of the public awareness campaign targeted directly at children and young people;
- 12 **S.9(2)(f)(iv)** [REDACTED]

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