



# Cabinet Māori Crown Relations - Te Arawhiti Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Accelerating the Performance of Whakaata Māori

Portfolio                      Finance, Māori Development

On 22 August 2023, the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations - Te Arawhiti Committee:

- 1        **noted** that, in August 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee authorised the Minister of Finance and te Minita Whanaketanga Māori to make any necessary decisions to support a change to directly fund Whakaata Māori for content production [DEV-22-MIN-0196];
- 2        **noted** that Budget 2023 allocated new funding to Whakaata Māori in 2024/25 and 2025/26, but Whakaata Māori has advised it is facing a significant deficit in 2023/24 due to increased operating costs;
- 3        **noted** that an early intervention is necessary to accelerate the performance of Whakaata Māori in 2023/24;
- 4        **agreed** to bring forward \$55 million of Budget 2023 funding from 2025/26 to the 2023/24 financial year, to strengthen the short-term financial position of Whakaata Māori;
- 5        **noted** that bringing funding forward means that there will be less funding available in the future and there is no guarantee that further funding will be provided;

- 6 **approved** the following change in appropriation to provide for the bringing forward of funding as described in paragraph 4 above, with no impact on the operating balance and net core Crown debt across the forecast period:

	\$m increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Vote Māori Development</b> <b>Minister for Māori Development</b> Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Pāpāho Reo me ngā Kaupapa Māori   Māori Broadcast and Streamed Services	5.500	-	(5.500)	-	-

- 7 **agreed** that the proposed change to appropriations for 2023/24 above be included in the 2023/24 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply.

Sam Moffett  
 Committee Secretary

**Present:**

Hon Kelvin Davis (Chair)  
 Hon Willie Jackson  
 Hon Andrew Little  
 Hon David Parker  
 Hon Peeni Henare  
 Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
 Hon Willow-Jean Prime  
 Hon Rachel Brooking

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
 Officials Committee for MCR

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