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Maximising Carbon Storage: Increasing Natural Sequestration to Achieve New Zealand's Future Carbon Goals	Funding	2,719,000	2,234,000	2,235,000	2,235,000.00	2,235,000.00	11,658,000	This is a priority for the Government and is identified as such in coalition agreements. The MfE component includes improving understanding of land management activities and their impact on greenhouse gas emissions from organic and mineral soils, non-forest land uses. The bid established a joint agency programme to coordinate research into, and implementation of, options to maximise carbon sequestration in forestry (including wood products) and other land uses, soils and seabed. This suite of initiatives will provide the evidence base for developing new opportunities to incentivise sequestration across the land sector.
	Savings (-ve)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Contracted	2,599,445	191,974	191,927	192,373	192,819	3,368,538	
	Uncontracted	119,555	2,042,026	2,043,073	2,042,627	2,042,181	8,289,462	
Māori Climate Action	Funding	2,738,000	3,258,000	3,258,000	3,258,000.00	3,258,000.00	15,770,000	The development of a Māori climate platform is action 2.1 in the first emissions reduction plan (ERP) and action 3.3 in the national adaptation plan (NAP). It is, in part, a response to ministerial requirements set out under the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (CCRA) and recommendations by the Climate Change Commission (CCC). We provided further advice to the Minister of Climate Change on scaling options for the Māori Climate Platform [BRF-4150 refers]. This briefing includes options ranging from returning all funding to returning no funding. Given the reputational and relationship risks from exiting the initiative without any time for delivery by the Oho Mauri Charitable Trust we recommend continuing with the current delivery approach for now but cutting outyear funding after the deeds expire in 2025/26. This would not preclude working with the Trust to refine and potentially reprioritise deliverables outlined in the existing deeds. This option will still provide resourcing to build Māori climate action, knowledge, skills, and resilience. It enables the Trust to progress the platform to a point that it can be fully considered by Cabinet in August 2024. It shows the intent for an enduring Crown-Māori relationship and impact in the climate response but will require further budget bids to provide longer term government resourcing.
	Savings (-ve)	-	(647,005)	(646,945)	-	-	(1,293,950)	
	Contracted	1,294,530	2,224,585	1,209,795	1,215,984	1,222,174	7,167,068	
	Uncontracted	1,443,470	386,410	1,401,260	2,042,016	2,035,826	7,308,982	
Reducing Emissions from Waste	Funding	8,600,000	5,865,000	5,565,000	-	-	20,030,000	This initiative relates to ERP1 commitments and also supports the roll out and implementation of changes to the kerbside collection system to reduce emissions. It funds data, behaviour change and administration costs for the resource recovery non-departmental component. We provided this option to Ministers as a potential savings opportunity for all uncontracted funds. The contracted funds are deed agreements with third parties and data projects underway. Internal FTE costs can be transferred to the waste levy along with the funding for the resource recovery infrastructure projects and scaled back as the overall funding for emission reduction projects is scaled back.
	Savings (-ve)	-	(1,878,066)	(1,901,326)	-	-	(3,779,392)	
	Contracted	7,354,667	4,365,342	3,495,657	1,414,573	1,421,806	18,052,046	
	Uncontracted	1,245,333	(378,408)	168,017	(1,414,573)	(1,421,806)	(1,801,438)	
Climate Data Infrastructure	Funding	2,375,000	5,855,000	8,225,000	8,245,000.00	6,175,000.00	30,875,000	As outlined in his letter of priorities to the Prime Minister, this initiative delivers on improving the quality and accessibility of Climate data in New Zealand by 2027, including projections of climate impacts, emissions and evidence-based policies. The Climate data platform will have a reduced level of funding to invest in data integration, platforms, tools and expertise. A further reduction would limit the ability of this initiative to deliver on the objectives stated above.
	Savings (-ve)	-	(1,100,000)	(1,100,000)	(1,800,000)	(1,800,000)	(5,800,000)	
	Contracted	1,652,465	1,164,107	927,878	932,402	936,926	5,613,777	
	Uncontracted	722,535	3,590,893	6,197,122	5,512,598	3,438,074	19,461,223	
Delivering New Zealand's International Climate Change Target Through Offshore Mitigation	Funding	2,149,000	2,349,000	2,484,000	2,484,000.00	2,484,000.00	11,950,000	Developing and implementing a plan for delivering on the Nationally Determined Contribution is a priority for this Government. The Ministry has proposed to consolidate its climate teams and will prioritise this work. There is uncertainty on the size of the task to implement international carbon market purchasing as it is dependent on Cabinet decisions. There is a risk we may need to scale up staff numbers and contract support the Government wishes to commence purchasing.
	Savings (-ve)	-	(161,700)	(235,548)	(253,897)	(272,337)	(923,482)	
	Contracted	1,923,369	2,102,000	2,118,493	2,129,374	2,140,256	10,413,492	
	Uncontracted	225,631	85,300	129,959	100,729	71,407	613,026	
Emissions Reduction Plan Performance Monitoring	Funding	4,132,000	4,132,000	4,132,000	4,132,000.00	4,132,000.00	20,660,000	The IEB serves three key functions across the government's (interagency) climate change mitigation and adaptation work programmes: 1. Secretariat support for a number of cross-government governance boards and groups (including the new Climate Priorities Ministerial Group and the Climate Change Chief Executives Board) 2. Regular monitoring and reporting across ~25 agencies on progress in delivering the government's climate change priorities and progress towards meeting New Zealand's climate targets and goals 3. Collective governance and advice on climate change priorities, including emissions budgets, ERP and NAP Savings proposed relate to scaled back data initiatives to effectively monitor and report on cross-governmental adaptation and mitigation progress against commitments. Some of this work will need to be undertaken by MfE and is reliant on Climate Data initiative funding for delivery (see savings proposed above and related commentary).
	Savings (-ve)	-	(697,000)	(697,727)	-	-	(1,394,727)	
	Contracted	3,323,813	3,428,025	3,467,926	3,485,751	3,503,576	17,209,090	
	Uncontracted	808,187	6,975	(33,653)	646,249	628,424	2,056,183	
Emissions Trading Scheme – Market Governance	Funding	888,000	942,000	640,000	670,000.00	-	3,140,000	This is a key priority of the Government. Savings have not been proposed as funding is needed to ensure that the NZ ETS can play a central role in the New Zealand climate response. It will improve the integrity and efficiency of the NZU market, helping to ensure that appropriate market arrangements are in place and helping to prevent market failure.
	Savings (-ve)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Contracted	554,002	340,888	293,707	295,166	296,626	1,780,389	
	Uncontracted	333,998	601,112	346,293	374,834	(296,626)	1,359,611	
Enabling a Scaled-up, High Quality Voluntary Carbon Market	Funding	1,094,000	744,000	744,000	744,000	744,000	4,070,000	This funding has been proposed to be scaled back alongside other non-CERF baseline funding. The Ministry will work with the Minister for Climate Change to ensure that consolidation of staff that occurs from these proposed savings in the Climate portfolio will align to Government priorities, whilst also delivering on statutory commitments and regulatory responsibilities. This will require prioritisation and phasing. in agreement with the Minister.
	Savings (-ve)	-	(260,000)	(260,000)	-	-	(520,000)	
	Contracted	553,555	505,179	509,109	511,724	514,339	2,593,906	
	Uncontracted	540,445	(21,179)	(25,109)	232,276	229,661	956,094	
Total Contracted		19,255,845	14,322,100	12,214,491	10,177,348	10,228,521	66,198,306	
Total Un-Contracted		5,439,155	6,313,129	10,226,963	9,536,755	6,727,142	38,243,143	
CERF Climate total		4,193,822	6,691,537	10,058,945	10,951,328	8,148,948	40,044,581	
CERF- Environmental total		1,245,333	(378,408)	168,017	(1,414,573)	(1,421,806)	(1,801,438)	
Total		5,439,155	6,313,129	10,226,963	9,536,755	6,727,142	38,243,143	
Non-Departmental								

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NZ ETS market governance	Funding	795,000	672,000	223,000	223,000	-	1,913,000	<p>This is a key priority of the Government. Savings have not been proposed as funding is needed to ensure that the NZ ETS can play a central role in the New Zealand climate response. It will improve the integrity and efficiency of the NZU market, helping to ensure that appropriate market arrangements are in place and helping to prevent market failure.</p> <p>Work incurred during 2023/24 has focussed on inputting into policy development. The more substantial costs are for implementation support which is currently awaiting direction from Ministers. We note that costs associated with technical support from Datacom will be incremental to these costs outlined.</p>
	Savings (-ve)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Contracted	260,805	-	-	-	-	260,805	
	Uncontracted	534,195	672,000	223,000	223,000	-	1,652,195	
Reducing Emissions from Waste (MYA)	Funding	20,043,000	23,300,000	23,600,000	-	-	66,943,000	<p>Contracted lines include some uncontracted but awarded projects that have already had funding approved by the Minister or the Ministry. The contracts for these projects are in active negotiations as funding for resource recovery infrastructure projects has been oversubscribed. A large proportion of these projects are supporting the role out of council kerbside collection infrastucture eg. bins.</p> <p>Existing Waste Minimisation Fund signals are able to support funding of these projects. As per targeted levy savings initiative and waste baseline savings initiative proposals, the waste levy is proposed to be used to fund both committed and uncommitted CERF projects as this funding was provided as additional funding to help achieve ERP commitments and biogenic methane targets. Risks on this have been detailed in initiative submissions.</p> <p>A significant consequence of this is a reduction in the overall funding available for infrastructure to deliver emissions abatement, which may make achieving emissions reduction targets less achievable or would be more costly if the enabling infrastructure investment is significantly reduced.</p> <p>* Target savings : Proposes broadening the scope of the waste levy to fund a more comprehensive set</p>
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	Waste Minimisation	-	(8,350,000)	(8,350,000)	-	-	(16,700,000)	
	Waste Levy (targeted savings) *	-	(14,950,000)	(15,250,000)	-	-	(30,200,000)	
	Contracted	17,418,000	33,664,000	3,648,000	2,147,000	-	56,877,000	
	Uncontracted - Waste Minimisation	2,625,000	(18,714,000)	11,602,000	(2,147,000)	-	(6,634,000)	
	Uncontracted - Waste Levy (targeted *)	2,625,000	(10,364,000)	19,952,000	(2,147,000)	-	10,066,000	
Maori Climate Action	Funding	1,000,000	8,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	39,000,000	<p>Savings offered from FY 2026/27 onwards.</p> <p>See comment in departmental section above.</p>
	Savings (-ve)	-	-	-	(10,000,000)	(10,000,000)	(20,000,000)	
	Contracted	1,000,000	8,000,000	-	-	-	9,000,000	
	Uncontracted	-	-	10,000,000	-	-	10,000,000	