

SUMMARY TABLES – RMA Reforms – Replacement initiative for Budget 2024

13 February 2024

Budget 2022 initiative as drawn down

Table 1 below shows the funding that was provided in Budget 2022 and then withdrawn in the mini Budget last year. The grey shaded rows match the functions covered by the Budget 2024 initiative below.

Table 1 \$m	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 and outyears	Four year total
B22 MfE departmental expenditure	36.202	34.086	31.715	31.715	133.718
B22 spatial planning board	12.650	18.380	18.380	18.380	67.790
TOTAL departmental	48.852	52.466	50.095	50.095	201.508
B22 partners	7.055	20.411	25.323	27.473	80.262
National Māori Entity	5.200	5.150	4.738	4.738	19.826
TOTAL non-departmental	12.255	25.561	30.061	32.211	100.088
B22 total	61.107	78.027	80.156	82.306	301.596

Table 1 does not capture the impact of the proposed Ministry for the Environment (MfE) savings target of \$49.1m annually or \$176.4m over four years.

Budget 2024 initiative comparisons

Table 2 captures the additional funding, and resulting FTEs, that would be available to support the delivery of the coalition government's (Resource Management Act (RMA) work programme and then effectively implement it and drive sustained change in culture and practice.

The preferred and scaled initiative both include time limited funding for three years to design and deliver change with reduced funding in the final year and outyears to embed changes in culture and practice.

Table 2 \$m	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 and outyears	Four year total	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
B22 departmental and spatial planning (withdrawn)	48.852	52.466	50.095	50.095	201.508	
B24 preferred initiative	30.150	31.887	31.887	26.934	120.858	
B24 scaled initiative	23.525	23.911	23.911	20.888	92.235	

Resulting total RMA funding including baseline (excl. effect of savings)

Table 3 shows what the funding above would provide on top of MfE's existing RMA baseline funding. Each row below, therefore, represents the new funding lines in Table 2 above plus the existing baseline.

That baseline RMA funding is approximately \$15m annually which would support 65 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff as shown in the bottom row below. This is the total resourcing that would be available if no new funding was provided in Budget 2024.

Table 3 \$m	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 and outyears
B22 departmental and spatial planning (withdrawn)	63.852	67.466	65.095	65.095
B24 preferred initiative	45.150	46.887	46.887	41.934
B24 scaled initiative	38.525	38.911	38.911	35.888
Baseline only	15.000	15.000	15.000	15.000

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