

Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister of Local Government (M49), Minister Responsible for RMA Reform (M108)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport (A44)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY FOR CITIES, ENVIRONMENT, REGIONS, AND TRANSPORT: Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Overview of the Vote

The Minister Responsible for RMA Reform is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2026/27 financial year covering the following:

- a total of \$339.786 million for the purchase of policy advice, ministerial servicing, monitoring of Crown entities and related services
- a total of \$30.625 million for services to administer and deliver housing programmes
- a total of \$8.025 million for Local Government activities primarily associated with the Chatham Islands and Lake Taupō
- a total of \$7.604 million for other services associated with supporting the Climate Change Chief Executives Board, the operation of the Milford Sound/Piopirotahi aerodrome, administration of Fuel Excise duty refunds, and support for the Local Government Commission
- a total of \$4.800 million for the coordination of search and rescue and associated training
- a total of \$3.755 million for administering the Local Government related legislations and regulations, and
- a total of \$2.450 million capital investment for the ongoing renewal of departmental assets.

The Minister of Local Government is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2026/27 financial year covering the following:

- a total of \$82 million for assistance with rates for low-income residential ratepayers
- a total of \$30.379 million to support increased investment in water services infrastructure and other obligations under Better-Off initiatives
- a total of \$10.369 million for regulation of development levies and water services
- a total of \$1.556 million to provide for continued public access to Lake Taupō, and
- a total of \$1.800 million for the Crown's response to the 2023 North Island severe weather events.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-4.

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Climate Change Chief Executives Board (M108) (A44) This appropriation is limited to policy and implementation advice to support the Climate Change Chief Executives Board to carry out its functions.	-	-	3,446
Fuel Excise Duty Refunds (M108) (A44) This appropriation is limited to administration of Fuel Excise Duty refunds.	-	-	1,300
Local Government Services (M108) (A44) This appropriation is limited to administering the Local Government related legislations and regulations, including the Rates Rebate Scheme, providing regulatory and boating services for Lake Taupō (including providing the Harbourmaster and managing the Lake Taupō Landing Reserve), Chatham Islands wharves and governance and management of the National Dog Control Information Database.	-	-	3,755
Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi Aerodrome (M108) (A44) This appropriation is limited to operation of Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi aerodrome.	-	-	1,600
Search and Rescue Activity Coordination PLA (M108) (A44) The estimated amount to be spent on the coordination of search and rescue activities as authorised by section 9(1) of Land Transport Management Act 2003.	-	-	4,046
Search and Rescue Training and Training Coordination (M108) (A44) This appropriation is limited to search and rescue training and training coordination.	-	-	754
Statutory Body Support - Local Government Commission (M108) (A44) This appropriation is limited to the provision of advisory and support services to the Local Government Commission in respect of its statutory functions.	-	-	1,258
Total Departmental Output Expenses	-	-	16,159
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport - Capital Expenditure PLA (M108) (A44) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport; as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	-	-	2,450
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	-	-	2,450
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Regulatory Oversight of Development Levies (M49) (A44) This appropriation is limited to the regulation of development levies.	-	-	5,727
Water Services Regulator (M49) (A44) This appropriation is limited to supporting the water services regulator in meeting its statutory responsibilities.	-	-	4,642
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	-	-	10,369

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Benefits or Related Expenses			
Rates Rebate Scheme (M49) (A44) This appropriation is limited to assistance with rates for low-income residential ratepayers, as authorised by the Rates Rebate Act 1973.	-	-	82,000
Total Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	82,000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board PLA (M49) (A44) This appropriation is limited to payment to Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board to provide for continued public access to Lake Taupō, based upon a 2007 agreement between the Crown and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and in accordance with section 10(2) of the Māori Trust Boards Act 1955.	-	-	1,556
Water Services Reform: Better Off Support Package (M49) (A44) This appropriation is limited to grants to support investment into community wellbeing, placemaking, housing, and climate related initiatives.	-	-	30,379
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	-	-	31,935
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Administration and Delivery of Housing Programmes and Funds MCA (M108) (A44) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to improve the functioning of the housing sector through oversight of investments in the housing system.	-	-	30,625
<i>Departmental Output Expenses</i>			
<i>Facilitating the Purchase and Redevelopment of Land for Housing Purposes</i> This category is limited to the activities associated with the facilitation of the purchase and redevelopment of land for housing purposes.	-	-	2,796
<i>Management of Housing Provision and Services</i> This category is limited to managing and regulating housing and housing support providers (including Kāinga Ora) through negotiation, managing and paying contracts.	-	-	27,829
Local Government Administration MCA (M108) (A44) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to administer Local Government legislation and relevant regulations and assets.	-	-	8,025
<i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i>			
<i>Chatham Islands Council</i> This category is limited to contribution to the cost of the Chatham Islands Council meeting its statutory responsibilities.	-	-	4,203
<i>Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs</i> This category is limited to the costs of operation, maintenance and depreciation associated with the Chatham Islands wharves.	-	-	2,630
<i>Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance Costs</i> This category is limited to depreciation and maintenance costs associated with Crown-owned assets at Lake Taupō.	-	-	771
<i>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</i>			
<i>Capital Investments - Chatham Islands Wharves</i> This category is limited to upgrading of Crown owned wharf facilities associated with the Chatham Islands.	-	-	200
<i>Capital Investments - Lake Taupō</i> This category is limited to upgrading of boating facilities at Lake Taupō.	-	-	221

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Policy Advice and Related Services MCA (M108) (A44)	-	-	339,786
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to lift prosperity for communities across New Zealand by providing good quality advice and other support to Ministers.			
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Climate Change - Policy and Related Services</i>	-	-	50,440
This category is limited to the development and provision of policy advice, implementation and other support to Ministers on climate change matters; monitoring of and advice on the governance, performance and capability of Crown entities.			
<i>Environment - Policy and Related Services</i>	-	-	189,153
This category is limited to the development and provision of policy advice, implementation and other support to Ministers on environmental matters; monitoring of and advice on the governance, performance and capability of Crown entities.			
<i>Housing and Urban Development - Policy and Related Services</i>	-	-	31,923
This category is limited to the development and provision of policy advice, implementation and other support to Ministers on housing and urban development matters; monitoring of and advice on the governance, performance and capability of Crown entities.			
<i>Local Government - Policy and Related Services</i>	-	-	15,721
This category is limited to the development and provision of policy advice, implementation and other support to Ministers on Local Government; monitoring of and advice on the governance, performance and capability of Crown entities.			
<i>Transport - Policy and Related Services</i>	-	-	52,549
This category is limited to the development and provision of policy advice, implementation and other support to Ministers on transport; monitoring of and advice on the governance, performance and capability of Crown entities.			
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	378,436
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	-	-	521,349

Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Non-Departmental Output Expenses		
North Island Severe Weather Events - Administrative Services (M49) (A44)	Original Appropriation	6,802
This appropriation is limited to the purchase of administrative services associated with delivery of the Crown's response to the 2023 North Island severe weather events.	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	(2,377)
Commences: 01 July 2025	Adjusted Appropriation	4,425
Expires: 30 June 2030	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	-
	Estimate for 2026/27	1,800
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	2,625

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses		
North Island Severe Weather Events (M49) (A44)	Original Appropriation	1,000
This appropriation is limited to payments of grants and other payments associated with the Crown's response to the impacts of the 2023 North Island severe weather events. Commences: 01 July 2025 Expires: 30 June 2030	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	85,254
	Adjusted Appropriation	86,254
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	86,254
	Estimate for 2026/27	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	-	-	521,349
Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Output Expenses	-	-	1,800
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations	-	-	523,149

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport - Capital Injection (M108) (A44)	-	-	-

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.1 - New Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Baseline Savings - Environment	Climate Change Chief Executives Board	-	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)
	Departmental Output Expense					
	Policy Advice and Related Services MCA					
	Climate Change - Policy and Related Services category	-	(863)	(788)	(788)	(813)
Baseline Savings - Housing	Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
	Environment - Policy and Related Services category	-	(2,337)	(2,115)	(2,115)	(2,189)
	Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
	Policy Advice and Related Services MCA					
Baseline Savings - Local Government	Housing and Urban Development - Policy and Related Services category	-	(1,200)	(1,200)	(1,200)	(1,200)
	Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
	Administration and Delivery of Housing Programmes and Funds MCA					
	Management of Housing Provision and Services category	-	(400)	(400)	(400)	(400)
Baseline Savings - Local Government	Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
	Policy Advice and Related Services MCA					
	Local Government - Policy and Related Services category	-	(323)	(323)	(323)	(323)
	Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure					
Baseline Savings - Local Government	Local Government Services	-	(53)	(53)	(53)	(53)
	Departmental Output Expense					
	Statutory Body Support - Local Government Commission	-	(28)	(28)	(28)	(28)
	Departmental Output Expense					

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Going for Housing Growth - Pillar 2: Regulatory Oversight of Development Levies	Regulatory Oversight of Development Levies Non-Departmental Output Expense	-	5,727	7,681	7,894	8,436
Resource Management Reform - Planning System Implementation	Policy Advice and Related Services MCA Climate Change - Policy and Related Services category Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure Environment - Policy and Related Services category Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	7,425	-	-	-
		-	77,674	94,839	50,159	31,050
Stewardship of Underground Assets in Infrastructure Corridors	Policy Advice and Related Services MCA Transport - Policy and Related Services category Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	500	1,000	1,000	-
Simplifying Local Government to Support a Simplified Planning System	Policy Advice and Related Services MCA Local Government - Policy and Related Services category Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	3,500	-	-	-	-
Total Initiatives		3,500	85,622	98,113	53,646	33,980

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26		2026/27			2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000
Appropriations												
Output Expenses	33,236	46,954	40,358	37,208	25,152	24,682	16,159	12,169	28,328	30,347	27,570	28,160
Benefits or Related Expenses	55,340	65,333	71,348	75,137	114,000	114,000	N/A	82,000	82,000	82,000	82,000	82,000
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	245,080	166,463	168,667	74,127	231,024	231,024	-	31,935	31,935	1,556	1,556	1,556
Capital Expenditure	2,633	7,257	1,673	486	4,751	4,751	2,450	-	2,450	2,450	2,450	2,450
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)												
<i>Output Expenses</i>	330,300	531,659	569,465	283,688	343,162	335,356	370,411	-	370,411	344,275	302,751	294,817
<i>Other Expenses</i>	7,007	197,515	150,260	42,536	9,002	8,678	-	7,604	7,604	7,604	7,604	7,604
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	124	48	44	77	280	280	N/A	421	421	429	541	327
Total Appropriations	673,720	1,015,229	1,001,815	513,259	727,371	718,771	389,020	134,129	523,149	468,661	424,472	416,914
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts												
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-

Note - where restructuring of the vote has occurred then, to the extent practicable, prior years information has been restated as if the restructuring had occurred before the beginning of the period covered. In this instance Total Appropriations for the Budgeted and Estimated Actual year may not equal Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations in the Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections.

Adjustments to the Summary of Financial Activity Table Due to Vote Restructuring

	2021/22 Adjustments \$000	2022/23 Adjustments \$000	2023/24 Adjustments \$000	2024/25 Adjustments \$000	2025/26 Final Budgeted Adjustments \$000	2025/26 Estimated Actual Adjustments \$000
Appropriations						
Output Expenses	(233,005)	(335,001)	(314,874)	(192,189)	(266,507)	(259,171)
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	(1,864)	(1,732)	(1,701)	(1,982)	-	-
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)						
<i>Output Expenses</i>	233,005	335,001	314,874	192,189	266,507	259,171
<i>Other Expenses</i>	1,864	1,732	1,701	1,982	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts						
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-

The prior year information in the Summary of Financial Activity table has been restated to reflect the current Vote structure.

The table above represents the impact of consolidating prior year appropriations from the Ministry for the Environment, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, the Ministry of Transport and the Local Government functions within the Department of Internal Affairs, restated to align with the appropriations structure of the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport.

1.3 - Analysis of Significant Trends

Table 1 Trends in Actual Expenses and Capital Appropriations by Agencies within the Vote

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000
Environment	154,213	207,939	222,273	150,385	184,361	243,039	220,463	181,893	174,674
Housing and Urban Development	75,323	81,580	76,435	64,861	68,898	68,275	70,923	69,321	70,229
Internal Affairs - Local Government	384,056	650,874	643,235	246,743	411,145	149,136	114,628	113,329	113,082
Transport	60,128	74,836	59,872	51,270	62,967	62,699	61,399	59,929	58,929
Total	673,720	1,015,229	1,001,815	513,259	727,371	523,149	467,413	424,472	416,914

The funding in Table 1 reflects:

- the actual departmental appropriations reported by the Ministry for the Environment, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, and the Ministry of Transport from 2021/22 to 2024/25, along with the 2025/26 estimated actual
- the actual departmental and non-departmental appropriations reported for the Local Government functions within the Department of Internal Affairs, and
- the departmental appropriations within the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport, as well as the non-departmental appropriations for the Local Government functions, from 2026/27.

Environment

The movement in Environment appropriations is mainly due to:

- increased funding in relation to Climate Change activities including the creation of the Climate Change Chief Executives Board in 2022, as well as funding to deliver adaptation and New Zealand's low-carbon future, and funding for Māori Climate Action and Climate Data Infrastructure from 2022/23
- increased funding for resource management and water management reforms, cost pressures, and reducing emissions from waste from 2022/23
- reductions after the mini-Budget, and Budget 2024-2026 savings due to the implementation of the Fiscal Sustainability Programme from 2024/25
- increased funding for Resource Management Reforms - Replacement in 2024/25, and for the Resource Management Act Reform Phase 3 Implementation from 2025/26, and
- funding to implement the new planning system which peaks in 2026/27 and 2027/28 before decreasing from 2028/29.

Housing and Urban Development

The movement in Housing and Urban Development appropriations is mainly due:

- the implementation of the Housing Acceleration Fund from 2021/22 to 2024/25
- funding for volume pressures arising from increasing resourcing demands from 2023/24, and
- the implementation of the Fiscal Sustainability Programme from 2024/25.

Internal Affairs - Local Government

The movement in Local Government appropriations is mainly due to funding for:

- the now repealed Three Waters Reform programme from 2021/22 to 2023/24, and the Local Water Done Well initiative from 2023/24 to 2026/27
- assisting local authorities to respond to adverse weather events and build flood resilience from 2021/22 to 2025/26
- supporting regulatory processes required of all local authorities in New Zealand from 2021/22
- supporting investment in community wellbeing, placemaking, housing and climate related initiatives from 2022/23 to 2026/27
- the North Island Weather Severe Weather Events response from 2025/26 to 2026/27
- the Regional Deals Programme from 2024/25, and
- expanding the eligibility of the Rates Rebate Scheme to SuperGold Cardholders from 2025/26, with funding held in a tagged contingency for 2026/27 and outyears.

Transport

The movement in Transport appropriations is mainly due to:

- increased funding for the Public Sector Pay Adjustment from 2022/23
- funding for the Enabling the Timely Delivery of City Rail Link initiative from 2024/25 to 2025/26, and
- the implementation of the Fiscal Sustainability Programme from 2024/25.

1.4 - Reconciliation of Changes in Appropriation Structure

2025/26 Appropriations in the 2025/26 Structure	2025/26 (Current) \$000	Old Structure		New Structure		
		Appropriations to which Expenses (or Capital Expenditure) have been Moved from or to	Amount Moved \$000	2025/26 Appropriations in the 2026/27 Structure	2025/26 (Restated) \$000	2026/27 \$000
Vote Environment				Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport		
Departmental Output Expenses				Departmental Output Expenses		
Climate Change Chief Executives Board	3,242	Climate Change Chief Executives Board	-	Climate Change Chief Executives Board	3,242	3,446
Improving New Zealand's Environment	137,420	Transferred from: Improving New Zealand's Environment	(137,420)			
Managing Climate Change in New Zealand	42,899	Transferred from: Managing Climate Change in New Zealand	(42,899)			
				Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure		
				Policy Advice and Related Services MCA		
				Departmental Output Expenses		
		Transferred to: Environment - Policy and Related Services	137,420	Environment - Policy and Related Services	137,420	189,153
		Transferred to: Climate Change - Policy and Related Services	42,899	Climate Change - Policy and Related Services	42,899	50,440
Departmental Capital Expenditure				Departmental Capital Expenditure		
Ministry for the Environment - Capital Expenditure PLA	800	Transferred from: Ministry for the Environment - Capital Expenditure PLA	(800)			
		Transferred to: Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport - Capital Expenditure PLA	800	Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport - Capital Expenditure PLA	800	800

		Old Structure		New Structure		
2025/26 Appropriations in the 2025/26 Structure	2025/26 (Current) \$000	Appropriations to which Expenses (or Capital Expenditure) have been Moved from or to	Amount Moved \$000	2025/26 Appropriations in the 2026/27 Structure	2025/26 (Restated) \$000	2026/27 \$000
Vote Housing and Urban Development				Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport		
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure						
Managing the Housing and Urban Development Portfolio MCA						
Departmental Output Expenses						
Facilitating the Purchase and redevelopment of land for housing purposes	2,925	Transferred from: Facilitating the Purchase and redevelopment of land for housing purposes	(2,925)			
Management of Housing Provision and Services	28,963	Transferred from: Management of Housing Provision and Services	(28,963)			
Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	34,459	Transferred from: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	(34,459)			
				Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure		
				Administration and Delivery of Housing Programmes and Funds MCA		
				Departmental Output Expenses		
		Transferred to: Facilitating the Purchase and Redevelopment of Land for Housing Purposes	2,925	Facilitating the Purchase and Redevelopment of Land for Housing Purposes	2,925	2,796
		Transferred to: Management of Housing Provision and Services	28,963	Management of Housing Provision and Services	28,963	27,829
				Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure		
				Policy Advice and Related Services MCA		
				Departmental Output Expenses		
		Transferred to: Housing and Urban Development - Policy and Related Services	34,459	Housing and Urban Development - Policy and Related Services	34,459	31,923

		Old Structure		New Structure		
2025/26 Appropriations in the 2025/26 Structure	2025/26 (Current) \$000	Appropriations to which Expenses (or Capital Expenditure) have been Moved from or to	Amount Moved \$000	2025/26 Appropriations in the 2026/27 Structure	2025/26 (Restated) \$000	2026/27 \$000
Departmental Capital Expenditure				Departmental Capital Expenditure		
Ministry of Housing and Urban Development - Capital Expenditure PLA	1,400	Transferred from: Ministry of Housing and Urban Development - Capital Expenditure PLA	(1,400)			
		Transferred to: Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport - Capital Expenditure PLA	1,400	Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport - Capital Expenditure PLA	1,400	1,400
Vote Internal Affairs				Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport		
Departmental Output Expenses						
Local Government Policy and Related Services	42,106	Transferred from: Local Government Policy and Related Services	(42,106)			
				Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure		
				Policy Advice and Related Services MCA		
				Departmental Output Expenses		
		Transferred to: Local Government - Policy and Related Services	42,106	Local Government - Policy and Related Services	42,106	15,721
Non-Departmental Output Expense				Non-Departmental Output Expense		
North Island Severe Weather Events - Administrative Services MYA	4,425	North Island Severe Weather Events - Administrative Services MYA	-	North Island Severe Weather Events - Administrative Services MYA	4,425	1,800
Benefits or Related Expenses				Benefits or Related Expenses		
Rates Rebate Scheme	114,000	Rates Rebate Scheme	-	Rates Rebate Scheme	114,000	82,000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses				Non-Departmental Other Expenses		
Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board PLA	1,556	Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board PLA	-	Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board PLA	1,556	1,556
Water Services Reform: Better Off Support Package MYA	127,336	Transferred from: Water Services Reform: Better Off Support Package MYA	(127,336)			
		Transferred to: Water Services Reform: Better Off Support Package	127,336	Water Services Reform: Better Off Support Package	127,336	30,379

		Old Structure		New Structure		
2025/26 Appropriations in the 2025/26 Structure	2025/26 (Current) \$000	Appropriations to which Expenses (or Capital Expenditure) have been Moved from or to	Amount Moved \$000	2025/26 Appropriations in the 2026/27 Structure	2025/26 (Restated) \$000	2026/27 \$000
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure						
Support for Statutory and Other Bodies MCA						
Departmental Output Expenses				Departmental Output Expense		
Statutory Body Support - Local Government Commission	1,440	Statutory Body Support - Local Government Commission	-	Statutory Body Support - Local Government Commission	1,440	1,258
		Transferred to: Local Government Services	4,226	Local Government Services	4,226	3,755
				Non-Departmental Output Expense		
		Transferred to: Water Services Regulator	4,642	Water Services Regulator	4,642	4,642
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure				Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure		
Local Government Administration MCA				Local Government Administration MCA		
Departmental Output Expenses				Departmental Output Expenses		
Local Government Services	4,176	Transferred from: Local Government Services	(4,176)			
Non-Departmental Output Expenses				Non-Departmental Output Expenses		
Water Services Regulator	4,642	Transferred from: Water Services Regulator	(4,642)			
Non-Departmental Other Expenses				Non-Departmental Other Expenses		
Chatham Islands Council	4,203	Chatham Islands Council	-	Chatham Islands Council	4,203	4,203
		Transferred to: Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs	3,278	Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs	3,278	2,630
Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance	1,521	Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance	-	Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance	1,521	771
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure				Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure		
		Transferred to: Capital Investments - Chatham Islands Wharves	200	Capital Investments - Chatham Islands Wharves	200	200
Capital Investments - Lake Taupō	80	Capital Investments - Lake Taupō	-	Capital Investments - Lake Taupō	80	221

		Old Structure		New Structure		
2025/26 Appropriations in the 2025/26 Structure	2025/26 (Current) \$000	Appropriations to which Expenses (or Capital Expenditure) have been Moved from or to	Amount Moved \$000	2025/26 Appropriations in the 2026/27 Structure	2025/26 (Restated) \$000	2026/27 \$000
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure						
Chatham Islands Wharves MCA						
Departmental Output Expenses						
Chatham Islands Wharves - Administration Costs	50	Transferred from: Chatham Islands Wharves - Administration Costs	(50)			
Non-Departmental Other Expense						
Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs	3,278	Transferred from: Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs	(3,278)			
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure						
Capital Investments - Chatham Islands Wharves	200	Transferred from: Capital Investments - Chatham Islands Wharves	(200)			
Vote Transport				Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport		
Departmental Output Expenses				Departmental Output Expenses		
Search and Rescue Activity Coordination PLA	3,046	Search and Rescue Activity Coordination PLA		- Search and Rescue Activity Coordination PLA	3,046	4,046
Search and Rescue Training and Training Coordination	1,753	Search and Rescue Training and Training Coordination		- Search and Rescue Training and Training Coordination	1,753	754
Transport - Policy advice, ministerial servicing, governance, and other functions	56,768	Transferred from: Transport - Policy advice, ministerial servicing, governance, and other functions	(56,768)			
		Transferred to: Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi Aerodrome	1,128	Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi Aerodrome	1,128	1,600
		Transferred to: Fuel Excise Duty Refunds	1,300	Fuel Excise Duty Refunds	1,300	1,300
				Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure		
				Policy Advice and Related Services MCA		
				Departmental Output Expenses		
		Transferred to: Transport - Policy and Related Services	54,340	Transport - Policy and Related Services	54,340	52,549

2025/26 Appropriations in the 2025/26 Structure	2025/26 (Current) \$000	Old Structure		New Structure		
		Appropriations to which Expenses (or Capital Expenditure) have been Moved from or to	Amount Moved \$000	2025/26 Appropriations in the 2026/27 Structure	2025/26 (Restated) \$000	2026/27 \$000
Departmental Capital Expenditure				Departmental Capital Expenditure		
Ministry of Transport - Capital Expenditure PLA	250	Transferred from: Ministry of Transport - Capital Expenditure PLA	(250)			
		Transferred to: Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport - Capital Expenditure PLA	250	Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport - Capital Expenditure PLA	250	250
Total Changes in Appropriation	622,958		-		622,958	517,422

Explanations of the reasons for changing the appropriation structure are noted in the details of each appropriation in Parts 2-4.

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Climate Change Chief Executives Board (M108) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to policy and implementation advice to support the Climate Change Chief Executives Board to carry out its functions.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	3,446
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	3,446
Revenue from Others	-	-	-

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Environment			
Departmental Output Expense			
Climate Change Chief Executives Board	3,242	3,242	-
Total	3,242	3,242	3,446

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to support the Climate Change Chief Executives Board to provide strategic climate advice to Ministers; monitor and report on progress against the Government's climate change goals and targets, including advice on any course correction required; and provide advice on the direction, effectiveness, and successful implementation of New Zealand's emissions reduction and national adaptation plans.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Progress reporting on the delivery of the Government's climate change goals and targets is delivered on time	New measure	New measure	100%

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport in its annual report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Baseline Savings - Environment	2026/27	-	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)
Environment: Salaries/Wages tagged contingency funding	2025/26	128	197	178	231	286
Environment: Return of funding for Climate Change	2024/25	(698)	-	-	-	-
Previous Government						
Environment: Emissions Reductions Plan Performance Monitoring	2022/23	4,132	4,132	4,132	4,132	4,132

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

Fuel Excise Duty Refunds (M108) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to administration of Fuel Excise Duty refunds.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	1,300
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	1,180
Revenue from Others	-	-	120

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Transport			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Transport - Policy advice, ministerial servicing, governance, and other functions	1,300	1,300	-
Total	1,300	1,300	1,300

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to provide effective administrative services to support a transport system that connects New Zealand.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Average number of days taken to process refunds of fuel excise duty	New measure	New measure	20 working days or less

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport in its annual report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

Local Government Services (M108) (A44)*Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to administering the Local Government related legislations and regulations, including the Rates Rebate Scheme, providing regulatory and boating services for Lake Taupō (including providing the Harbourmaster and managing the Lake Taupō Landing Reserve), Chatham Islands wharves and governance and management of the National Dog Control Information Database.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	3,755
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	2,450
Revenue from Others	-	-	1,380

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Internal Affairs			
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Local Government Administration MCA			
Departmental Output Expense			
Local Government Services	4,176	3,708	-
Chatham Islands Wharves MCA			
Departmental Output Expense			
Chatham Islands Wharves - Administration Costs	50	50	-
Total	4,226	3,758	3,755

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve support for effective local government services within New Zealand.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Percentage of claims from Territorial Authorities for reimbursement of rates rebates processed within agreed timeframe	New measure	New measure	At least 98%
Percentage of services and functions delivered within statutory or agreed timeframes	New measure	New measure	At least 98%
The time the harbourmaster takes to resolve reported or discovered missing or damaged navigational aids is within 20 working days	New measure	New measure	At least 95%
Boating facilities and navigational safety equipment inspected in accordance with an annual compliance programme	New measure	New measure	100%
Customer satisfaction with the quality of Lake Taupō navigational safety services assessed as average or above, when surveyed every 2 years (see Note 1)	New measure	New measure	At least 85%

Note 1 - Satisfaction is determined on a five-point scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest rating. Ratings of 3, 4 or 5 are "assessed as average or above".

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport in its annual report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Baseline Savings - Local Government	2026/27	-	(53)	(53)	(53)	(53)
Internal Affairs: Expanding the Eligibility for the Rates Rebate Scheme to Include SuperGold Cardholders	2024/25	875	-	-	-	-
Internal Affairs: Workforce and Other Cost Reductions in Shared Services Functions - Department of Internal Affairs	2024/25	(44)	(46)	(48)	(48)	(48)
Previous Government						
Internal Affairs: Non-Remuneration Inflationary Related Cost Pressures - Vote Internal Affairs	2023/24	8	8	8	8	8
Internal Affairs: Public Sector Pay Adjustment - Vote Internal Affairs Remuneration Cost Pressure	2022/23	95	95	95	95	95

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

The decrease compared with the equivalent 2025/26 appropriations is mainly due to funding to support expanding the eligibility for the Rates Rebate Scheme to include SuperGold Cardholders. This was partially offset by a transfer of funding to the Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance Costs category within the Local Government Administration Multi-Category Appropriation in Vote Internal Affairs to support urgent maintenance at Lake Taupō in 2025/26 only.

Memorandum Account

	2025/26		2026/27
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Use of Facilities and Access to Lake Taupō by Boat Users			
Opening Balance at 1 July	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	980
Expenses	-	-	980
Transfers and Adjustments	-	-	(785)
Closing Balance at 30 June	-	-	(785)

This memorandum account transferred from the Department of Internal Affairs with effect from 1 July 2026. A fee review is underway as revenue has been lower than expenses. Costs are being managed to limit accumulation of further deficits.

	2025/26		2026/27
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
National Dog Control Information Database			
Opening Balance at 1 July	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	400
Expenses	-	-	325
Transfers and Adjustments	-	-	1,172
Closing Balance at 30 June	-	-	1,247

This memorandum account transferred from the Department of Internal Affairs with effect from 1 July 2026. The surplus will be used for ICT maintenance and security upgrades prior to the system replacement.

Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi Aerodrome (M108) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to operation of Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi aerodrome.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	1,600
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	-
Revenue from Others	-	-	1,600

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Transport			
Departmental Output Expense			
Transport - Policy advice, ministerial servicing, governance, and other functions	1,128	1,128	-
Total	1,128	1,128	1,600

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the safe and sustainable operation of the Crown owned aerodrome at Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
The Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi aerodrome operation will conform with appropriate Civil Aviation Authority safety requirements	New measure	New measure	100%
The operating costs for the Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi aerodrome are within third-party revenue	New measure	New measure	Achieved

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport in its annual report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

The increase compared with the equivalent 2025/26 appropriations is mainly due to another full year of higher landing fees and the introduction of 24-hour monitoring of landings at the aerodrome.

Memorandum Account

	2025/26		2026/27
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Milford Aerodrome Activities			
Opening Balance at 1 July	-	-	-
Revenue	1,128	1,128	1,600
Expenses	(1,128)	(1,128)	(1,600)
Transfers and Adjustments	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June	-	-	-

Search and Rescue Activity Coordination PLA (M108) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation

The estimated amount to be spent on the coordination of search and rescue activities as authorised by section 9(1) of Land Transport Management Act 2003.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	4,046
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	4,046
Revenue from Others	-	-	-

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Transport			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Search and Rescue Activity Coordination	3,046	3,046	-
Total	3,046	3,046	4,046

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the delivery of effective, well-coordinated Search and Rescue capability.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Delivery of the New Zealand Search and Rescue Council's work programme, which supports the Council's Strategic Plan	New measure	New measure	90% or higher

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport in its annual report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

The increase in this appropriation compared with the equivalent 2025/26 appropriations is mainly due to a one-off return of uncommitted funding relating to planned activities for implementing the New Zealand Search and Rescue Council strategic plan and other reviews in 2025/26.

Search and Rescue Training and Training Coordination (M108) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to search and rescue training and training coordination.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	754
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	-
Revenue from Others	-	-	754

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Transport			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Search and Rescue Training and Training Coordination	1,458	1,458	-
Total	1,458	1,458	754

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve effective management and purchase of the delivery of search and rescue skill acquisition training for people operating in the search and rescue sector.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Percentage of planned search and rescue training courses that are delivered	New measure	New measure	80% or higher

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Cities, the Environment, Regions, and Transport in its annual report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

The decrease from the equivalent 2025/26 appropriation is because the funding covers less than a full financial year, as the agreement ends in December 2026. In addition, a further \$295,000 was allocated by the Tertiary Education Commission in 2025/26 to support increased training activity during that year.

Statutory Body Support - Local Government Commission (M108) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the provision of advisory and support services to the Local Government Commission in respect of its statutory functions.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	1,258
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	1,258
Revenue from Others	-	-	-

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Internal Affairs			
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Support for Statutory and Other Bodies MCA			
Departmental Output Expense			
Statutory Body Support - Local Government Commission	1,440	1,438	-
Total	1,440	1,438	1,258

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve provision of support services for Local Government Commission to support effective constitutional arrangements within the community.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Local Government Commission's satisfaction with the quality of advice and support services (see Note 1)	New measure	New measure	At least 4

Note 1 - Satisfaction is determined on a five-point scale, either numerical (1-5, with '5' being the highest rating) or qualitative (Very Good, Good, Satisfied, Poor, Very Poor).

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport in its annual report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Baseline Savings - Local Government	2026/27	-	(28)	(28)	(28)	(28)
Internal Affairs: Workforce and Other Cost Reductions in Shared Services Functions - Department of Internal Affairs	2024/25	(36)	(37)	(39)	(39)	(39)
Previous Government						
Internal Affairs: Non-Remuneration Inflationary Related Cost Pressures - Vote Internal Affairs	2023/24	6	6	6	6	6
Internal Affairs: Public Sector Pay Adjustment - Vote Internal Affairs Remuneration Cost Pressure	2022/23	62	62	62	62	62

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

The decrease compared with the equivalent 2025/26 appropriation is mainly due to a retention of funding by the Department of Internal Affairs to meet the transition and change management costs associated with the transfer of the Local Government functions to Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport.

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport - Capital Expenditure PLA (M108) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport; as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-	2,450
Intangibles	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	-	-	2,450

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve investment in the renewal, upgrade and development of assets that support the delivery of the Ministry's products and services.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Expenditure is in accordance with the Ministry's capital asset management plan	New measure	New measure	Achieved

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport in its annual report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport.

Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2025/26 Estimated Actual \$000	2026/27 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2026/27
Opening Balance	-	-	
Capital Injections	-	-	
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	-	-	

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

North Island Severe Weather Events - Administrative Services (M49) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
North Island Severe Weather Events - Administrative Services (M49) (A44) This appropriation is limited to the purchase of administrative services associated with delivery of the Crown's response to the 2023 North Island severe weather events. Commences: 01 July 2025 Expires: 30 June 2030	Original Appropriation	6,802
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	(2,377)
	Adjusted Appropriation	4,425
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	-
	Estimate for 2026/27	1,800
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	2,626

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Internal Affairs			
Multi-Year Appropriation			
Non-Departmental Output Expense			
North Island Severe Weather Events - Administrative Services MYA	4,425	4,425	-
Total	4,425	4,425	1,800

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve effective purchase of administrative services associated with delivery of the Crown's response to the 2023 North Island severe weather events.

End of Year Performance Reporting

An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental output expense is less than \$5 million.

Regulatory Oversight of Development Levies (M49) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the regulation of development levies.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	5,727

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the transition to, and preparation for, the implementation and future operations of a regulation regime for development levies to build towards an effective and efficient regulation of development levies, ensuring they are set and applied in a transparent, predictable, and consistent manner, and supporting trust and confidence among territorial authorities and water organisations, developers, and communities.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Establishing and implementing new regulatory requirements for information disclosure	New measure	New measure	Achieved

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Commerce Commission in its annual report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Regulatory Oversight of Development Levies	2026/27	-	5,727	7,681	7,894	8,436

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation was established with effect from 1 July 2026 for the purpose of enabling the Commerce Commission to set up a regulatory oversight function in 2026/27.

Water Services Regulator (M49) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to supporting the water services regulator in meeting its statutory responsibilities.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	4,642

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Internal Affairs			
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Local Government Administration MCA			
Non-Departmental Output Expense			
Water Services Regulator	4,642	4,642	-
Total	4,642	4,642	4,642

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve support for the water services regulator to ensure safe drinking water and improve the regulation and performance of the wastewater and stormwater networks for New Zealand.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Advice on accountability and performance documents delivered within statutory or agreed timeframes (based on delivery of documents to the Minister by the Water Services Authority)	New measure	New measure	100%

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport in its annual report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Previous Government						
Internal Affairs: Public Sector Pay Adjustment - Taumata Arowai Remuneration Cost Pressure	2022/23	642	642	642	642	642

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

3.2 - Non-Departmental Benefits or Related Expenses

Rates Rebate Scheme (M49) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to assistance with rates for low-income residential ratepayers, as authorised by the Rates Rebate Act 1973.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	82,000

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Internal Affairs			
Benefits or Related Expenses			
Rates Rebate Scheme	114,000	114,000	-
Total	114,000	114,000	82,000

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve appropriate financial assistance for homeownership within New Zealand.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity under section 15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for assistance with rates for low-income residential ratepayers under the Rates Rebate Act 1973. Performance information relating to the administration of payments associated with the Rates Rebate Scheme is provided under the Local Government Services appropriation.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Internal Affairs: Expanding the Eligibility for the Rates Rebate Scheme to Include SuperGold Cardholders	2025/26	32,000	-	-	-	-

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

The decrease compared with the equivalent 2025/26 appropriation is mainly due to the pending drawdown of a Budget 2025 tagged contingency associated with an increase in eligibility for the Rates Rebates Scheme for SuperGold Cardholders.

Conditions on Use of Appropriation

Reference	Conditions
Rates Rebates Act 1973, section 3	Rebates are granted on the basis of a formula taking into account income, the number of dependants, the amount of rates owing, and whether the applicant is a SuperGold Cardholder.

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board PLA (M49) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to payment to Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board to provide for continued public access to Lake Taupō, based upon a 2007 agreement between the Crown and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and in accordance with section 10(2) of the Māori Trust Boards Act 1955.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	1,556

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Internal Affairs			
Non-Departmental Other Expense			
Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board PLA	1,556	1,556	-
Total	1,556	1,556	1,556

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve continued public access to Lake Taupō.

End of Year Performance Reporting

An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport.

Conditions on Use of Appropriation

Reference	Conditions
Māori Trust Board Act 1955	Section 10 sets out the boundaries for Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board to receive payments as determined by the Crown and the Board.

Water Services Reform: Better Off Support Package (M49) (A44)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to grants to support investment into community wellbeing, placemaking, housing, and climate related initiatives.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	30,379

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Internal Affairs			
Multi-Year Appropriation			
Non-Departmental Other Expense			
Water Services Reform: Better Off Support Package MYA	127,336	127,336	-
Total	127,336	127,336	30,379

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to support communities to transition to a sustainable and low-emissions economy, or deliver infrastructure and services that enable housing development and growth, support local placemaking or improvements in community wellbeing.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Percentage of eligible councils that have entered into a funding agreement to receive Better Off funding	New measure	New measure	100%
Percentage of funds paid to councils within agreed criteria	New measure	New measure	100%

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform in a report appended to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport annual report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Previous Government						
Internal Affairs: Three Waters Reform: Better Off Package Second Drawdown	2022/23	21,297	9,839	-	-	-

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

The decrease compared with the equivalent 2025/26 appropriation is mainly due to a lower level of funding for the Better Off package in 2026/27.

Part 4 - Details of Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Administration and Delivery of Housing Programmes and Funds (M108) (A44)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to improve the functioning of the housing sector through oversight of investments in the housing system.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Facilitating the Purchase and Redevelopment of Land for Housing Purposes

This category is limited to the activities associated with the facilitation of the purchase and redevelopment of land for housing purposes.

Management of Housing Provision and Services

This category is limited to managing and regulating housing and housing support providers (including Kāinga Ora) through negotiation, managing and paying contracts.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	30,625
Departmental Output Expenses			
Facilitating the Purchase and Redevelopment of Land for Housing Purposes	-	-	2,796
Management of Housing Provision and Services	-	-	27,829
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	30,625
Facilitating the Purchase and Redevelopment of Land for Housing Purposes	-	-	2,796
Management of Housing Provision and Services	-	-	27,829

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Housing and Urban Development			
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Managing the Housing and Urban Development Portfolio MCA			
Departmental Other Expenses			
Facilitating the Purchase and Redevelopment of Land for Housing Purposes	2,925	2,925	-
Management of Housing Provision and Services	28,963	28,963	-
Total	31,888	31,888	30,625

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve an improvement to the functioning of the housing sector through effective departmental operations.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
The satisfaction rating (see Note 1) given by the Minister for overall satisfaction annually	New measure	New measure	Reach or exceed 70%

Note 1 - The satisfaction survey rating measures Ministers' overall satisfaction with the management of the Housing and Urban Development Portfolio on a scale of 1-10; where 1 means unsatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied.

What is Intended to be Achieved with each Category and How Performance will be Assessed

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Departmental Output Expenses			
Facilitating the Purchase and Redevelopment of Land for Housing Purposes			
This category is intended to achieve the activities associated with the facilitation of the purchase and redevelopment of land for housing purposes.			
The percentage of completed underwritten KiwiBuild homes acquired by the Crown as part of the Buying Off the Plans Programme since the start of the programme	New measure	New measure	<25%
Number of settled land acquisitions (see Note 2)	New measure	New measure	0
Number of signed Development Agreements	New measure	New measure	5

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Management of Housing Provision and Services			
This category is intended to achieve effective management and regulation of housing and housing support providers (including Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities) through negotiating, managing and paying contracts			
An annual monitoring report will be provided within 120 working days of receiving a Community Housing Provider annual return	New measure	New measure	80%
Percentage of payments to contracted housing and support providers processed within 10 working days	New measure	New measure	95%

Note 2 - The approach to future acquisitions is being considered as part of work on how best to use the programme within the housing and urban development system. As a result, land acquisitions remain paused.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport in its annual report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Baseline Savings - Housing	2026/27	-	(400)	(400)	(400)	(400)
Housing: Property Provider Management System (PPM)	2024/25	656	656	656	656	656
Housing: Establishing a General Underwrite to Maintain Housing Construction	2024/25	1,518	445	344	253	-
Housing: Contract Management Team Funding Transfer	2024/25	1,410	1,610	1,610	1,610	1,610
Housing: Shared Approach to Back-office Transformation	2024/25	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)
Previous Government						
Housing: Ministry of Housing and Urban Development - Responding to Volume Pressures	2023/24	1,485	1,485	1,485	1,485	1,485
Housing: Enabling Organisational Support Services	2023/24	410	410	410	410	410

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

The decrease compared with the equivalent 2025/26 appropriations is mainly due to the expiration of time-limited funding for Budget 2024 initiative Establishing a General Underwrite to Maintain Housing Construction, and the implementation of a baseline reduction initiative.

Local Government Administration (M108) (A44)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to administer Local Government legislation and relevant regulations and assets.

Scope of Appropriation

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Chatham Islands Council

This category is limited to contribution to the cost of the Chatham Islands Council meeting its statutory responsibilities.

Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs

This category is limited to the costs of operation, maintenance and depreciation associated with the Chatham Islands wharves.

Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance Costs

This category is limited to depreciation and maintenance costs associated with Crown-owned assets at Lake Taupō.

Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

Capital Investments - Chatham Islands Wharves

This category is limited to upgrading of Crown owned wharf facilities associated with the Chatham Islands.

Capital Investments - Lake Taupō

This category is limited to upgrading of boating facilities at Lake Taupō.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	8,025
Departmental Output Expenses			
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Chatham Islands Council	-	-	4,203
Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs	-	-	2,630
Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance Costs	-	-	771
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Capital Investments - Chatham Islands Wharves	-	-	200
Capital Investments - Lake Taupō	-	-	221

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Internal Affairs			
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Local Government Administration MCA			
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Chatham Islands Council	4,203	4,203	-
Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance Costs	1,521	1,499	-
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Capital Investments - Lake Taupō	80	80	-
Chatham Islands Wharves MCA			
Non-Departmental Other Expense			
Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs	3,278	2,976	-
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Capital Investments - Chatham Islands Wharves	200	200	-
Total	9,282	8,958	8,025

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to support the Chatham Islands Council in meeting its statutory responsibilities, and to achieve effective administration of the Crown-owned assets at Lake Taupō and in the Chatham Islands.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Percentage of Crown-funded major maintenance and capital improvement projects in the Chatham Islands Wharves Annual Business Plan completed	New measure	New measure	Baseline to be established

What is Intended to be Achieved with each Category and How Performance will be Assessed

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Chatham Islands Council			
This category is intended to achieve support for effective local government services for residents of the Chatham Islands.			
An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million	New measure	New measure	Exempted
Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs			
This category is intended to achieve delivery of operations and maintenance for the Chatham Islands wharves.			
An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million	New measure	New measure	Exempted
Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance Costs			
This category is intended to achieve maintenance of Crown-owned assets at Lake Taupō so that they can be used by the public.			
An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million	New measure	New measure	Exempted

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Capital Investments - Chatham Islands Wharves			
This category is intended to achieve the upgrade of Crown-owned wharf facilities associated with the Chatham Islands.			
An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental capital expenditure is less than \$15 million	New measure	New measure	Exempted
Capital Investments - Lake Taupō			
This category is intended to achieve the upgrade of boating facilities including the renewal and refurbishment of navigational and safety infrastructure at Lake Taupō.			
An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental capital expenditure is less than \$15 million	New measure	New measure	Exempted

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport in its annual report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Internal Affairs: Return of Excess Funds for the Operation and Maintenance of Chatham Islands Wharves	2024/25	(1,540)	(1,540)	(1,540)	(1,540)	(1,540)

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

The decrease compared with the equivalent 2025/26 appropriations is mainly due to a transfer of funding from the Local Government Services category within the Local Government Administration Multi-Category Appropriation in Vote Internal Affairs to support urgent maintenance at Lake Taupō in 2025/26 only.

Policy Advice and Related Services (M108) (A44)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to lift prosperity for communities across New Zealand by providing good quality advice and other support to Ministers.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Climate Change - Policy and Related Services

This category is limited to the development and provision of policy advice, implementation and other support to Ministers on climate change matters; monitoring of and advice on the governance, performance and capability of Crown entities.

Environment - Policy and Related Services

This category is limited to the development and provision of policy advice, implementation and other support to Ministers on environmental matters; monitoring of and advice on the governance, performance and capability of Crown entities.

Housing and Urban Development - Policy and Related Services

This category is limited to the development and provision of policy advice, implementation and other support to Ministers on housing and urban development matters; monitoring of and advice on the governance, performance and capability of Crown entities.

Local Government - Policy and Related Services

This category is limited to the development and provision of policy advice, implementation and other support to Ministers on Local Government; monitoring of and advice on the governance, performance and capability of Crown entities.

Transport - Policy and Related Services

This category is limited to the development and provision of policy advice, implementation and other support to Ministers on transport; monitoring of and advice on the governance, performance and capability of Crown entities.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	339,786
Departmental Output Expenses			
Climate Change - Policy and Related Services	-	-	50,440
Environment - Policy and Related Services	-	-	189,153
Housing and Urban Development - Policy and Related Services	-	-	31,923
Local Government - Policy and Related Services	-	-	15,721
Transport - Policy and Related Services	-	-	52,549

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	337,066
Climate Change - Policy and Related Services	-	-	50,292
Environment - Policy and Related Services	-	-	188,346
Housing and Urban Development - Policy and Related Services	-	-	31,923
Local Government - Policy and Related Services	-	-	14,286
Transport - Policy and Related Services	-	-	52,219
Revenue from Others	-	-	2,720
Climate Change - Policy and Related Services	-	-	148
Environment - Policy and Related Services	-	-	807
Local Government - Policy and Related Services	-	-	1,435
Transport - Policy and Related Services	-	-	330

Components of the Appropriation

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Climate Change - Policy and Related Services			
Climate Change Mitigation work programme	-	-	30,607
Climate Change Adaptation work programme	-	-	17,862
Supporting Other Climate Policies and Programmes	-	-	1,971
Environment - Policy and Related Services			
Resource management	-	-	169,419
Waste & resource efficiency	-	-	4,059
Supporting Other Environment Policies and Programmes	-	-	15,675
Housing - Policy and Related Services			
Operating Funding for Housing and Urban Development	-	-	28,623
Progressive Home Ownership Implementation: Delivering on the Government Build Programme	-	-	3,000
Emergency Housing Programme	-	-	300
Local Government - Policy and Related Services			
Policy Advice, System Stewardship and Leadership	-	-	15,721
Transport - Policy and Related Services			
Policy Advice, Governance and Ministerial Services	-	-	52,549

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Environment			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Managing Climate Change in New Zealand	42,899	42,899	-
Improving New Zealand's Environment	137,420	137,420	-
Vote Housing and Urban Development			
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Managing the Housing and Urban Development Portfolio MCA			
Departmental Output Expense			
Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	34,459	34,459	-
Vote Internal Affairs			
Departmental Output Expense			
Local Government Policy and Related Services	42,106	34,300	-
Vote Transport			
Departmental Output Expense			
Policy Advice, Ministerial Servicing, Governance, and Other Functions	54,340	54,340	-
Total	311,224	303,418	339,786

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to unlock economic potential and streamline infrastructure development by merging the ministries of Environment, Housing and Urban Development, Transport, and the local government functions from the Department of Internal Affairs.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Overall technical quality of advice papers assessed according to DPMC Policy Quality Framework	New measure	New measure	70% of papers score at least 3.5 out of 5
	New measure	New measure	80% of papers score at least 3 out of 5

What is Intended to be Achieved with each Category and How Performance will be Assessed

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Departmental Output Expenses			
Climate Change - Policy and Related Services			
This category is intended to achieve quality policy advice to Ministers and solutions focused on domestic and international climate change issues.			
Advice and Support			
Technical quality of advice papers (assessed by Ministry's Quality Advice Assessment Panel)	New measure	New measure	Primary: 70% of papers score at least 3.5 out of 5
	New measure	New measure	Secondary: 80% of papers score at least 3 out of 5
All Emission Trading Unit auctions are held in accordance with published calendar	New measure	New measure	100%
Administer the funding for the ongoing costs of collecting the Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levy by New Zealand Transport Agency and New Zealand Customs Service in accordance with respective Memoranda of Understanding	New measure	New measure	Achieved
Land Use and Carbon Analysis System (LUCAS)			
Percentage of business hours (excluding agreed maintenance outages) web services of national imagery data sets and land use mapping published by the Ministry are available to key stakeholders	New measure	New measure	98%
Environmental monitoring and reporting (see Note 1)			
All reports required under the Climate Change Response Act 2002 and international reporting on greenhouse gas emissions and progress towards the targets are delivered on time	New measure	New measure	Achieved
Māori Climate Action			
Collaborate with pan-Māori groups to ensure delivery of climate and planning system work programmes as per contracted milestones (see Note 2)	New measure	New measure	Achieved
Environment - Policy and Related Services			
This category is intended to achieve quality advice and solutions with a focus on improving environmental management frameworks.			
Advice and Support			
Percentage of all Regulatory Impact Statements that partially or fully meet quality assurance criteria	New measure	New measure	Primary: At least 90% partially or fully achieve
	New measure	New measure	Secondary: At least 70% fully achieve
The satisfaction of the Ministers provided with environment policy and related services, as per the common satisfaction survey	New measure	New measure	At least 4 out of 5
Technical quality of advice papers (assessed by Ministry's Quality Advice Assessment Panel)	New measure	New measure	Primary: 70% of papers score at least 3.5 out of 5
	New measure	New measure	Secondary: 80% of papers score at least 3 out of 5

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Ministerial Services			
Percentage of Ministerial Official Information Act requests submitted within the timeframes agreed with the Minister's office	New measure	New measure	95%
Percentage of responses to Departmental Official Information Act requests sent within statutory deadlines	New measure	New measure	95%
Percentage of ministerial correspondence replies completed within the timeframes agreed between the Ministry and the office of the Minister	New measure	New measure	95%
Percentage of Departmental correspondence replies completed within 20 working days	New measure	New measure	95%
Percentage of written parliamentary questions completed within the timeframes agreed between the Ministry and the office of the Minister	New measure	New measure	95%
Environmental monitoring and reporting (see Note 3)			
Number of months the Ministry will publish the National Monitoring Systems data after receiving the complete data set from local authorities	New measure	New measure	No more than 6 months
Produce environmental reports required by the Environmental Reporting Act 2015	New measure	New measure	Achieved
Freshwater Farm Plans			
Number of certified freshwater farm plans (see Note 4)	New measure	New measure	Year on year increase
Housing and Urban Development - Policy and Related Services			
This category is intended to provide advice to support decision making by Ministers on government policy matters relating to housing and urban development, and Ministerial servicing and performance monitoring.			
The satisfaction rating given by the Minister for overall satisfaction annually	New measure	New measure	Reach or exceed 70%
Technical quality of policy advice papers will be assessed against the policy quality framework	New measure	New measure	Achieve an average score of at least 3/5
Percentage of requests completed within either specified or statutory timeframes:			
Ministerial correspondence	New measure	New measure	95% or above
Ministerial Official Information Act 1982 requests	New measure	New measure	95% or above
Parliamentary Questions	New measure	New measure	95% or above
Departmental Official Information Act 1982 requests	New measure	New measure	95% or above
Local Government - Policy and Related Services			
This category is intended to achieve well-informed decision making by Ministers through the provision of support, system stewardship and leadership and high-quality advice on local government matters.			
Minister's satisfaction with the quality of policy advice (see Note 5)	New measure	New measure	4 out of 5
Required timeframes are met: Parliamentary Questions (written) - within 3 days of notification or as agreed with the Minister (see Note 6)	New measure	New measure	At least 95%

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Required timeframes are met: Ministerial correspondence (draft responses) - within 15 days of receipt or as specifically agreed (see Note 6)	New measure	New measure	At least 95%
Required timeframes are met: Ministerial Official Information Act requests - at least 5 days prior to statutory timeframes (see Note 6)	New measure	New measure	At least 95%
Percentage of policy briefings independently assessed according to DPMC Policy Quality Framework as 3 or higher	New measure	New measure	90%
Average Score of policy briefings independently assessed according to DPMC Policy Quality Framework	New measure	New measure	3.5 out of 5
Transport - Policy and Related Services			
Satisfaction of the Minister(s) with the policy advice service	New measure	New measure	Average score between 3 and 4 or higher
Milestones contained in the output plan are completed as agreed, or as subsequently amended by the agreement between the Minister and the Chief Executive	New measure	New measure	90% or higher
Satisfaction of the Minister(s) with the governance advice service	New measure	New measure	Average score between 3 and 4 or higher
Satisfaction of the Minister(s) with board appointments' advice	New measure	New measure	Average score between 3 and 4 or higher
Percentage of Official Information Act requests to the Ministry replied to within statutory timeframes	New measure	New measure	100%
Ministerial correspondence replies and Ministerial Official Information Act replies completed within the timeframes agreed between the Ministry and the Office of the Minister	New measure	New measure	90% or higher
Percentage of policy papers that score 4.0 or higher	New measure	New measure	40% or higher
Percentage of policy papers that score 3.0 or higher	New measure	New measure	90% or higher
Percentage of governance papers that score 4.0 or higher	New measure	New measure	40% or higher
Percentage of governance papers that score 3.0 or higher	New measure	New measure	90% or higher
Percentage of Regulatory Impact Statements that receive a quality assurance rating of either meets or partially meets	New measure	New measure	100%

Note 1 - Performance measures for the New Zealand Flood Map are being developed and will be included as part of the Supplementary Estimates 2026/27.

Note 2 - Performance measure will be reviewed as part of the Māori Climate Action work programme and may be updated as part of the Supplementary Estimates 2026/27.

Note 3 - Performance measures for the Planning System and Digital Transformation roadmap are being reviewed and developed and will be included as part of the Supplementary Estimates 2026/27

Note 4 - Performance measure will be reviewed as part of the Freshwater Farm Plans work programme and may be updated as part of the Supplementary Estimates 2026/27.

Note 5 - Satisfaction measures are the average score provided for four areas of satisfaction: General satisfaction, Quality of policy advice, Confidence in policy advice, and Trust in officials. Each rating uses the scale: 1 - Never, 2 - Some of the time, 3 - About half the time, 4 - Most of the time, 5 - Always.

Note 6 - All timeliness measures using 'days' are references to 'working days'.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport in its annual report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Baseline Savings - Environment: Climate Change - Policy and Related Services	2026/27	-	(863)	(788)	(788)	(813)
Baseline Savings - Environment: Policy and Related Services	2026/27	-	(2,337)	(2,115)	(2,115)	(2,189)
Baseline Savings - Housing	2026/27	-	(1,200)	(1,200)	(1,200)	(1,200)
Baseline Savings - Local Government	2026/27	-	(323)	(323)	(323)	(323)
Resource Management Reform: Planning System Implementation -Climate Change - Policy and Related Services	2026/27	-	7,425	-	-	-
Resource Management Reform: Planning System Implementation - Environment - Policy and Related Services	2026/27	-	77,674	94,839	50,159	31,050
Stewardship of Underground Assets in Infrastructure Corridors	2026/27	-	500	1,000	1,000	-
Housing: Emergency Housing Social Outcomes Contracting Trial	2026/27	-	200	-	-	-
Internal Affairs: Simplifying Local Government to Support a Simplified Planning System	2025/26	3,500	-	-	-	-
Internal Affairs: Regional Deals Programme Implementation and Support	2025/26	2,958	2,958	2,958	2,958	2,958
Internal Affairs: Transfer of Residual North Island Weather Event Recovery Activities from 1 July 2025	2025/26	1,000	500	-	-	-
Internal Affairs: Implementing Local Water Done Well	2024/25	12,322	-	-	-	-
Internal Affairs: Workforce and Other Cost Reductions in Policy and Regulatory Functions	2024/25	(88)	(88)	(88)	(88)	(88)
Internal Affairs: Workforce and Other Cost Reductions in Shared Services Functions - Department of Internal Affairs	2024/25	(312)	(328)	(338)	(338)	(338)
Transport: Efficiency Returns - Policy and Back-office	2024/25	(3,520)	(3,415)	(3,415)	(3,415)	(3,415)
Housing: Ministerial and Management Services Reduction	2024/25	(2,710)	(2,730)	(2,910)	(2,910)	(2,910)
Transport: Shared Approach to Back-office Transformation - Ministry of Transport Contribution	2024/25	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)
Housing: Shared Approach to Back-office Transformation - Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Contribution	2024/25	(14)	(14)	(14)	(14)	(14)

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Previous Government						
Transport: Enabling the Timely Delivery of City Rail Link	2024/25	1,250	-	-	-	-
Housing: Delivering the Emergency Housing Reset and Redesign	2024/25	75	100	275	-	-
Internal Affairs: Non-Remuneration Inflationary Related Cost Pressures - Vote Internal Affairs	2023/24	56	56	56	56	56
Transport: Additional Resource to Support Transport Issues in the Pacific	2023/24	442	442	442	442	442
Transport: Civil Aviation Bill: Implementation	2023/24	1,910	1,910	1,910	1,910	1,910
Transport: Community Connect - Free Fares for Children and Half-Price Fares for Under 25-Year-Olds and Total Mobility Passengers	2023/24	1,042	613	613	613	613
Transport: Increasing Sector Capability to Respond to Growing Maritime Security Pressures	2023/24	681	681	681	681	681
Transport: Supporting the Ministry of Transport to Deliver the Emissions Reduction Plan Transport Chapter	2023/24	2,380	2,451	2,451	2,451	2,451
Housing: Ministry of Housing and Urban Development - Responding to Volume Pressures	2023/24	2,210	2,210	2,210	2,210	2,210
Internal Affairs: Public Sector Pay Adjustment - Vote Internal Affairs Remuneration Cost Pressure	2022/23	564	564	564	564	564
Internal Affairs: Central-Local Government Partnership Function	2022/23	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Transport: Public Sector Pay Adjustment - Ministry of Transport Remuneration Cost Pressure	2022/23	3,122	3,122	3,122	3,122	3,122

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation resulting from functions transferred to the newly established Vote Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport.

The increase compared with the equivalent 2025/26 appropriations is mainly due to a net increase of \$56 million in environmental policy, primarily driven by new funding for resource management reform, partially offset by budget savings initiatives and the expiry of time-limited funding, the largest component being the implementation of Local Water Done Well.