

Vote Foreign Affairs

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister of Foreign Affairs (M34)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (A20)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE: Minister of Foreign Affairs

Overview of the Vote

The Minister of Foreign Affairs is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2026/27 financial year covering a total of \$1,983 million for the following:

- a total of \$1,111 million to provide development cooperation and humanitarian assistance that support the sustainable development and welfare of Pacific Island and developing countries
- a total of \$314 million for the provision of international representation, advocacy, and negotiation on New Zealand's foreign policy
- a total of \$143 million for the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989
- a total of \$106 million for the provision of analysis, advice, Ministerial services, and undertaking related domestic engagement with stakeholders on New Zealand's foreign policy
- a total of \$100 million for the management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation
- a total of \$95 million for the delivery of consular services to New Zealanders overseas, assisting New Zealand businesses in overseas markets, corporate and other support services to New Zealand government agencies overseas, and services to the foreign diplomatic corps in New Zealand
- a total of \$69 million for non-discretionary payments required as formal obligations arising from New Zealand's membership of international organisations, and as a signatory to international treaties and conventions
- a total of \$21 million to support New Zealand's activities, and cooperation with other programmes in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean
- a total of \$5 million for the provision of services that build and sustain New Zealanders' knowledge and understanding of and relationships with Asia
- a total of \$5 million for the refund of New Zealand local body rates for offices and residential premises of overseas diplomatic missions and consular posts pursuant to section 21 of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act
- a total of \$107,000 to meet the costs, as set out in section 11 of the Foreign Affairs Act 1988, of superannuation for local staff employed by overseas posts to help with the management of New Zealand's foreign and trade relations with other countries
- a total of \$100,000 for recoverable financial assistance provided to New Zealanders in distress overseas to help them meet essential and immediate needs, including the costs of repatriation, and
- a total of \$50,000 to cover any concessional terms and conditions that may apply to recoverable consular loans.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs is also responsible for capital injections of \$14 million to support the upgrade of Pacific Post infrastructure.

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			
Policy Advice and Representation - Other Countries PLA (M34) (A20) This appropriation is limited to meeting the costs, as set out in section 11 of the Foreign Affairs Act 1988, of superannuation for local staff employed by overseas posts to help with the management of New Zealand's foreign and trade relations with other countries.	105	105	107
Total Departmental Output Expenses	105	105	107
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Capital Expenditure PLA (M34) (A20) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	116,703	116,703	142,979
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	116,703	116,703	142,979
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Antarctic Research, Operations and Cooperation (M34) (A20) This appropriation is limited to New Zealand's activities and cooperation with other programmes in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean.	24,436	24,436	20,936
Promotion of Asian Skills and Relationships (M34) (A20) This appropriation is limited to the provision of services that build and sustain New Zealanders' knowledge and understanding of and relationships with Asia.	5,145	5,145	5,145
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	29,581	29,581	26,081
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Consular Loan Expenses (M34) (A20) This appropriation is limited to unrecoverable financial assistance provided to New Zealanders in distress overseas and expenses arising from any concessional terms and conditions that apply to recoverable financial assistance provided.	50	50	50
Disbursements Made and Exemptions from Taxation PLA (M34) (A20) This appropriation is limited to the refund of New Zealand local body rates for offices and residential premises of overseas diplomatic missions and consular posts pursuant to section 21 of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act.	4,800	4,800	4,800
Subscriptions to International Organisations (M34) (A20) This appropriation is limited to non-discretionary payments required as formal obligations arising from New Zealand's membership of international organisations, and as a signatory to international treaties and conventions.	68,976	68,976	68,976
Support for Ukraine (M34) (A20) This appropriation is limited to the provision of support to Ukraine not within the scope of other appropriations.	15,000	15,000	-
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	88,826	88,826	73,826

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Consular Loans (M34) (A20) This appropriation is limited to recoverable financial assistance provided to New Zealanders in distress overseas to help them meet essential and immediate needs, including the costs of repatriation.	100	100	100
New Zealand Antarctic Institute (M34) (A20) This appropriation is limited to the development of and investment in Scott Base.	22,580	22,580	-
Total Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure	22,680	22,680	100
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders MCA (M34) (A20) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to promote and protect New Zealand's interests and values in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders.	583,624	570,182	614,378
<i>Departmental Output Expenses</i>			
<i>Analysis and advice to inform New Zealand's foreign policy</i> This category is limited to providing analysis, advice, Ministerial services, and undertaking related domestic engagement with stakeholders on New Zealand's foreign policy.	103,157	100,838	105,654
<i>Deliver consular, business and diplomatic support services</i> This category is limited to the delivery of consular services to New Zealanders overseas, assisting New Zealand businesses in overseas markets, corporate and other support services to New Zealand government agencies overseas, and services to the foreign diplomatic corps in New Zealand.	88,095	86,103	94,771
<i>Management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation</i> This category is limited to the management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation.	101,105	98,765	99,919
<i>Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy</i> This category is limited to international representation, advocacy, and negotiation on New Zealand's foreign policy.	291,267	284,476	314,034
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	583,624	570,182	614,378
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	841,519	828,077	857,471

Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses		
International Development Cooperation (M34) (A20) This appropriation is limited to providing development cooperation and humanitarian assistance that support the sustainable development and welfare of Pacific Island and developing countries.	Original Appropriation	2,910,020
	Adjustments to 2024/25	153,518
	Adjustments for 2025/26	(3,000)
Commences: 01 July 2024	Adjusted Appropriation	3,060,538
Expires: 30 June 2027	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	953,134
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	996,045
	Estimate for 2026/27	1,111,359
	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	841,519	828,077	857,471
Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Other Expenses	996,045	996,045	1,111,359
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations	1,837,564	1,824,122	1,968,830

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Capital Injection (M34) (A20)	28,406	28,406	13,729

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
Protecting a Resilient, Safe, and Secure Offshore Diplomatic Network for New Zealand	Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders MCA Analysis and advice to inform New Zealand's foreign policy	-	2,600	5,300	8,000	9,700
	Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders MCA Deliver consular, business and diplomatic support services	-	2,100	4,400	6,600	8,000
	Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders MCA Management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation	-	2,500	5,200	7,800	9,500
	Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders MCA Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy	-	7,370	15,390	22,810	27,980
International Development Cooperation to Support the Resilience of the Indo-Pacific Region in a Changing Global Context	International Development Cooperation Non-Departmental Other Expense	-	-	33,340	33,330	33,330
	Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders MCA Management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation	-	-	3,250	3,250	3,250
Pacific Initiative	Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders MCA Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy	7,025	7,094	7,158	7,132	7,132
Pacific Property Strategy	Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders MCA Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy	3,381	6,416	7,646	3,317	5,560

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
New Zealand House, London - New lease arrangements	Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders MCA Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy	-	5,159	5,128	5,128	5,128
Pacific Island Forum - Hosting Costs	Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders MCA Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy	-	5,000	15,000	-	-
Redevelopment of Scott Base - Drawdown of tagged contingency	Antarctic Research, Operations and Cooperation Non-Departmental Output Expenses	3,500	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Support for Ukraine	International Development Cooperation (MYA) Non-Departmental Other Expense	(3,000)	-	-	-	-
	Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders MCA Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy	(2,000)	-	-	-	-
Total Initiatives		8,906	38,239	101,812	97,367	109,670

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	63,261	36,438	42,743	32,175	29,686	29,686	107	26,081	26,188	26,191	26,193	26,195
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	891,319	1,032,383	1,276,170	1,034,134	1,084,871	1,084,871	-	1,185,185	1,185,185	1,055,981	1,055,971	1,055,971
Capital Expenditure	61,700	87,840	182,197	81,115	139,383	139,383	142,979	100	143,079	108,300	65,182	67,305
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)												
<i>Output Expenses</i>	485,568	523,458	527,051	541,448	583,624	570,182	614,378	-	614,378	642,966	634,348	644,499
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	1,501,848	1,680,119	2,028,161	1,688,872	1,837,564	1,824,122	757,464	1,211,366	1,968,830	1,833,438	1,781,694	1,793,970
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts												
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	828	1,262	80	334	400	400	N/A	400	400	400	400	400
Capital Receipts	558	232	140	97	100	100	N/A	100	100	100	100	100
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	1,386	1,494	220	431	500	500	N/A	500	500	500	500	500

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

There have been no restructuring adjustments to prior year information in the Summary of Financial Activity table.

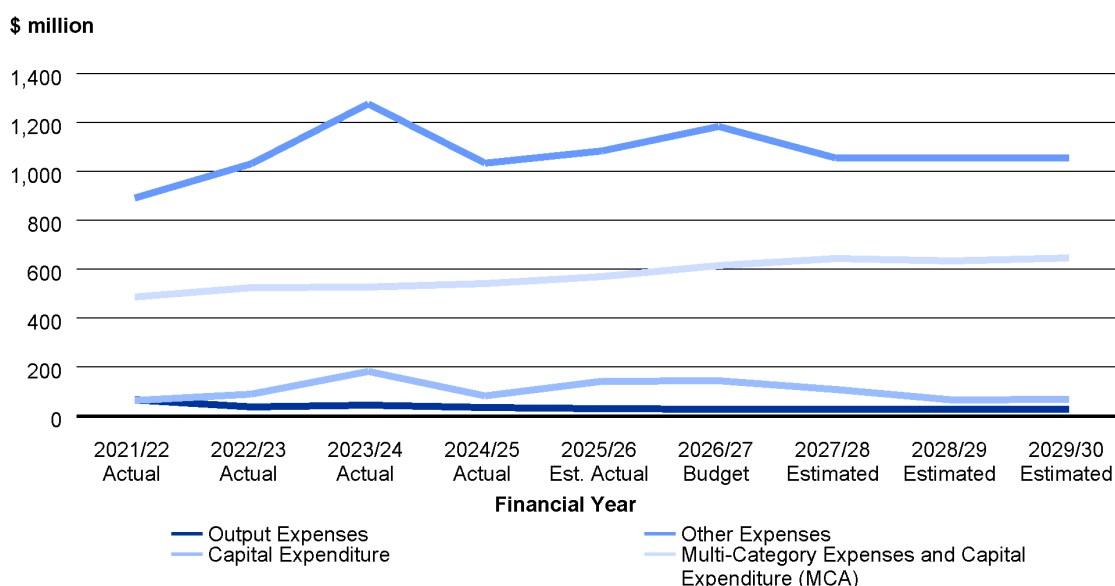
1.3 - Analysis of Significant Trends

Total Vote: All Appropriations

Figure 1 below shows the trends in Departmental actual expenditure since 2021/22, estimated expenditure for 2025/26 and the trajectory of expenditure appropriations out to 2029/30.

Estimated expenditure for 2025/26 for both the department's Multi-Category Appropriation and the department's capital expenditure is expected to be close to the final Supplementary Estimates appropriations.

Figure 1 - Vote trends in actual expenses and capital expenditure by appropriation type



Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Output Expenses

This category comprises one departmental output expense and two non-departmental output expenses at the end of 2025/26.

Expenditure decreased from 2021/22 due to the expiry of funding for Expo 2020 Dubai.

The most significant remaining appropriation is Antarctic Research, Operations and Cooperation (\$26.936 million in 2024/25), which decreases to \$20.936 million from 2026/27 as costs reduce to exclude the activity related to the redevelopment of New Zealand's existing infrastructure in Antarctica which has been moved to a tagged contingency pending the approval of a revised business case by Cabinet.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

The Ministry's non-departmental other expenses comprised five appropriations at the end of 2025/26, the largest of which is International Development Cooperation followed by Subscriptions to International Organisations.

2023/24 was the final year of the triennium for the International Development Cooperation MYA (Multi-Year Appropriation) approved for the three-year period with an initial appropriation of \$2,538.709 million. The appropriation increased to \$3,012.464 million in 2023/24 mainly due to a new policy initiative approved in October 2021 for New Zealand's international climate finance commitment totalling \$800 million over four years from 2022/23 to 2025/26. This appropriation has increased to \$3,060.538 million across the new triennium commencing in 2024/25 mainly due to an increase of \$150 million for International Development Cooperation funding to purchase development outcomes in developing countries, particularly in the Pacific.

Estimated actual expenditure on Subscriptions to International Organisations for 2025/26 is \$68.976 million and remains unchanged for 2026/27 and each of the out-years. Costs have increased from \$59 million in 2021/22 due to changes in both the cost of contributions and movements in the associated foreign currency exchange rates. These non-discretionary payments result from formal obligations arising from New Zealand's membership of international organisations, and as a signatory to international treaties and conventions.

Departmental Capital Expenditure

The trend of capital expenditure reflects the timing and level of expenditure for the replacement and renewal of existing assets and additional capital investments, as reflected in the Ministry's Investment Plan.

Departmental capital expenditure is expected to increase to \$142.979 million in 2026/27 mainly reflecting the scheduling of building construction and refurbishment work within the Ministry's capital programme (funded from the Ministry's capital reserves together with capital injections) to provide the physical infrastructure needed, including to support the desired policy direction of the Pacific Reset.

Costs are expected to decrease in the out-years with the completion of the Pacific Property Systems Project and the New Zealand House, London upgrade project.

Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

Non-Departmental capital expenditure comprises two appropriations.

Capital funding for the New Zealand Antarctic Institute for the redevelopment of Scott Base has been transferred to a tagged contingency with future drawdown subject to Cabinet approval.

Consular Loans are for the provision of recoverable financial assistance to New Zealanders in distress overseas to help them meet essential and immediate needs, including the costs of repatriation. Funding was increased in 2023/24 to enable the Ministry to respond to the Israel/Gaza conflict which included support for New Zealanders and Pacific Island nationals to depart Israel. From 2025/26 the appropriation has reverted to \$100,000 in each year.

Multi-Category Output Expenses

The Multi Category Appropriation (MCA) Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders includes:

- *analysis and advice to inform New Zealand's foreign policy* - providing analysis, advice, Ministerial services, and undertaking related domestic engagement with stakeholders on New Zealand's foreign policy
- *delivery of consular, business and diplomatic support services* - the delivery of consular services to New Zealanders overseas, assisting New Zealand businesses in overseas markets, corporate and other support services to New Zealand government agencies overseas, and services to the foreign diplomatic corps in New Zealand
- *management of New Zealand's international development cooperation, and*
- *representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy* - international representation, advocacy and negotiation on New Zealand's foreign policy.

The year-on-year trend in this appropriation through to 2026/27 (inclusive of expense transfers and technical budget initiatives funded by savings) includes annual funding increases from new initiative packages approved in successive budgets.

While actual expenditure in 2021/22 was below appropriation due to the impact of COVID-19, the trends in the appropriation through the out-years of the planning horizon reflect changes in funding for New Zealand's climate financing commitment along with a roll off of time-limited funding.

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Policy Advice and Representation - Other Countries PLA (M34) (A20)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to meeting the costs, as set out in section 11 of the Foreign Affairs Act 1988, of superannuation for local staff employed by overseas posts to help with the management of New Zealand's foreign and trade relations with other countries.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	105	105	107
Revenue from the Crown	105	105	107
Revenue from Others	-	-	-

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the Ministry's obligation, as set out in section 11 of the Foreign Affairs Act 1988, of superannuation for local staff employed by overseas posts.

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			
New Zealand Government Superannuation Scheme for locally recruited staff in the United States of America continues to be funded to the required level by the Crown	Met	Met	Met

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in its Annual Report to be tabled in the House.

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Capital Expenditure PLA (M34) (A20)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 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	116,377	116,377	142,727
Intangibles	326	326	252
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	116,703	116,703	142,979

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of modern, secure and effective premises for accommodating New Zealand's requirements offshore and modernising the Ministry's information technology systems.

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			
Percentage of chanceries with a Fit-for-Purpose performance gap of <=20% (see Note 1)	80%	80%	80%
Percentage of official residences with a Fit-for-Purpose performance gap of <=20% (see Note 1)	90%	90%	90%
The average score for assessment of sustainability of on-premise virtualisation environment, comprised of: Carbon footprint, Power consumption, Environmental impact, Clean demand, Lean operation (see Note 2)	70% or above	70% or above	70% or above
The average score measuring cloud workloads alignment to best practices from the following perspectives: Cost, Security, Reliability, Operational excellence, Performance (see Note 2)	70% or above	70% or above	70% or above

Note 1 - The performance gap in both measures has been revised. The Ministry recognised the way we measure fit for purpose is by assessing the gap between ideal performance for that location and assessed performance, and where the gap is greater than 20% it triggers the need for further investigation. The move to a percentage gap provides relativity, and a more accurate reflection of performance.

Original measures: "Percentage of chanceries with a Fit-for-Purpose performance gap of ≤ 2 " / "Percentage of official residences with a Fit-for-Purpose performance gap of ≤ 2 ".

The Ministry uses a Fit-for-Purpose framework that rates every Chancery (office) and Official Residence property against five asset management criteria of location, building and infrastructure quality, brand, functionality, and flexibility. Weighted sub-criteria are used to reflect the criticality of each asset management criteria relative to specific locations. The current performance of each property asset in the above-mentioned class is scored against pre-determined business defined target scores. The target scores reflect the relative importance of each of the five asset criteria as an enabler supporting the specific objectives and business model in each location.

Note 2 - MFAT uses a mix of cloud and on-premise systems to get the benefits like flexibility and scalability, while keeping control and security of its own infrastructure.

The first measure is focused on making the on-premise virtualisation system more sustainable. This involves running virtual machines (VMs) on physical servers in our data centres. By using fewer servers for multiple tasks, we save on hardware, energy, and costs. The Ministry tracks sustainability by using appropriate tools, which also gives us a sustainability score to measure our progress towards a greener data centre.

In line with New Zealand's government policy to prioritise cloud services, the Ministry is moving more of its services to the cloud to stay up-to-date and fully supported.

The second measure is about improving cloud performance, reliability, cost, and security. We use a Cloud Adviser score to follow best practices, which helps the Ministry optimise cloud workloads and track progress by prioritising actions that will give the best results.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in its Annual Report to be tabled in the House.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$26.276 million, primarily reflecting the timing of the delivery phase of the Pacific Property Systems project (an increase of \$22.400 million) and the New Zealand House project in London (an increase of \$37.300 million), partially offset by a decrease of \$35 million following the completion of the Wellington Head Office Accommodation project.

Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2025/26 Estimated Actual \$000	2026/27 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2026/27
Opening Balance	850,798	879,204	
Capital Injections	28,406	13,729	Support for Pacific Post infrastructure
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	879,204	892,933	

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Antarctic Research, Operations and Cooperation (M34) (A20)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to New Zealand's activities and cooperation with other programmes in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	24,436	24,436	20,936

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the delivery of safe and effective support for New Zealand's Antarctic related activities and interests.

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			
<i>Maintain New Zealand's continuous and effective presence in Antarctica</i>			
Logistics Planning and Delivery - Antarctic programme participant's rating of how well their logistics support objectives were achieved against the agreed plan - for both science and non-science projects (including any impacts outside of Antarctica New Zealand's control eg, weather)	85%	85%	85% or greater (see Note 1)
<i>Enhance New Zealand's Antarctic and Southern Ocean science</i>			
Host the Antarctic Science Platform and support it to be successful - to ensure annual key performance measures as agreed with MBIE are delivered in full (see Note 2) as follows: Impact studies demonstrate the Platform is delivering on its research priorities. The quantity and quality of research produced by the Platform is measured. The Platform supports the development of New Zealand's emerging Antarctic research talent	Achieved	Achieved	100% of metrics achieved (see Note 1)

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
<i>Strengthen leadership and cooperation</i>			
International cooperation and collaboration - to ensure that New Zealand has at least two significant collaborations with the United States in the Ross Sea region underway during the year	Achieved	Achieved	2 or more (see Note 3)
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) indicates satisfaction with leadership on environmental policy in Antarctica through the Antarctic Treaty System - Committee on Environmental Protection (CEP)	Achieved	Achieved	Pass (see Note 4)
<i>Protect Antarctic Environments</i>			
Environmental compliance - ensure Antarctica New Zealand fully complies with the terms of its own Environmental Impact Assessments and permits issued under the Antarctica (Environmental Protection) Act 1994 (see Note 5)	Achieved	Achieved	Quantified (see Note 5)

Note 1 - The budget standard has been revised to improve clarity.

Note 2 - This major New Zealand Government-funded research project supports a range of physical and biological science to understand Antarctica's impact on the global earth system and New Zealand, and how this might change in a warming world. For further information see <https://www.antarcticsscienceplatform.org.nz/>.

Note 3 - The budget standard has been revised to match the performance measure.

Note 4 - The budget standard has been chosen as achieving a pass with the MFAT satisfaction survey reflects the performance of Antarctica New Zealand's leadership on environmental policy in Antarctica through the Antarctic Treaty System - Committee on Environmental Protection.

Note 5 - The performance measure contains two quantifying descriptors: 1) The number of events on ice that have been provided a permit through MFAT with advice from Antarctica New Zealand (with the standard of 100%); 2) The number of non-compliance incidents that occur during a permitted event reported by Antarctica New Zealand to MFAT (with the standard of 100%). The budget standard of quantified has been chosen to reflect that both quantifying descriptors have been achieved.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the New Zealand Antarctic Institute in its Annual Report to be tabled in the House.

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						
Redevelopment of Scott Base - Drawdown of tagged contingency	2025/26	3,500	-	-	-	-
Savings initiative	2024/25	(630)	(630)	(630)	(630)	(630)
Redevelopment of Scott Base - Transfer to tagged contingency	2024/25	(21,000)	(24,000)	(40,000)	(23,000)	(22,000)

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						
Our Place in Antarctica - Redevelopment of Scott Base	2024/25	1,000	(2,000)	24,000	10,000	9,000
Wage cost pressures	2023/24	546	546	546	546	546
Operating costs pressures	2023/24	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in his appropriation for 2026/27 is due to the drawdown from the tagged contingency of \$3.500 million in 2025/26 to cover the capital charge for the period ending 31 December 2025.

Promotion of Asian Skills and Relationships (M34) (A20)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the provision of services that build and sustain New Zealanders' knowledge and understanding of and relationships with Asia.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	5,145	5,145	5,145

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve improving knowledge among New Zealanders about the Asia region and Asia as a part of the wider Indo-Pacific, and to help them develop the necessary skills required to engage successfully in and with Asia.

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
Strategic Goal 1 - Insights			
Percentage of the New Zealand public who express awareness of the importance of Asia to New Zealand, based on annual longitudinal research results	NEW: 75% or above (see Note 1)	75% or above	Maintain
Number of in-depth track 1.5/2 dialogues with leading Asia experts conducted	NEW: 10 (see Note 1)	10	12 (see Note 2)
Number of articles and research reports published on the Asia New Zealand Foundation and Asia Media Centre websites	NEW: 250 (see Note 1)	250	300 (see Note 3)
Number of site visits to the Asia New Zealand Foundation and Asia Media Centre websites	NEW: 100,000 (see Note 1)	100,000	120,000 (see Note 4)

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Strategic Goal 2 - Connections			
Number of targeted networking events are delivered to help New Zealanders grow valuable Asia connections	NEW: 30 (see Note 1)	30	30
Approval ratings from networks of advisers, future leaders, and entrepreneurs confirm that the Foundation has helped build knowledge, connections, and propelled careers, business, or other areas of Asia-related focus	NEW: 80% (see Note 1)	80%	Maintain
Strategic Goal 3 - Experiences			
Number of high-quality outbound in-Asia experiences are delivered for individual New Zealanders, including through internships and targeted delegations, to help grow their capability in and across Asia	NEW: 50 (see Note 1)	50	75 (see Note 5)
Approval ratings from stakeholders returning from in-Asia experiences confirm that opportunities offered have helped build knowledge, connections, and propelled careers, business, or other areas of Asia-related focus	NEW: 80% (see Note 1)	80%	Maintain
Strategic Goal 4 - Organisational performance			
Percentage of stakeholders who are satisfied that the Foundation is delivering on its strategic objectives, based on results from a biennial survey	NEW: 89% or above (Next survey 2026-2027) (see Note 1)	Not measured	85% or above (see Note 6)

Note 1 - The budget standards reflect a new strategic plan with updated goals. As part of this, performance measures have been updated. These standards are based on past performance and the goals set out in the strategic plan for 2025-2028.

Note 2 - Revised to more accurately reflect the range and number of dialogues being held, including visiting senior fellows from Asia (a new programme that commenced in 2025).

Note 3 - Updated to reflect new 2025-2028 strategy and anticipated growth in and demand for articles and research reports in the two websites.

Note 4 - Revised upward to account for growing demand for the Foundation's activities and insights, including readership of the annual Perceptions of Asia longitudinal report.

Note 5 - Updated to reflect new 2025-2028 strategic goals, with growth driven by strong participant demand and interest in Asia.

Note 6 - Revised to reflect the new Strategy 2025-2028 and revisions to the biennial survey to align with the Strategy.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Asia New Zealand Foundation in its Annual Report to be tabled in the House.

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						
Savings initiative	2024/25	(355)	(355)	(355)	(355)	(355)

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Consular Loan Expenses (M34) (A20)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to unrecoverable financial assistance provided to New Zealanders in distress overseas and expenses arising from any concessional terms and conditions that apply to recoverable financial assistance provided.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	50	50	50

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the coverage of unrecoverable financial assistance provided to New Zealanders in distress overseas and expenses arising from any concessional terms and conditions that apply to recoverable financial assistance provided.

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			
Under 10% of the opening loans balance is written off in the year	Met	Met	<=10% (see Note 1)

Note 1 - The budget standard has been updated from "Met" to <=10% to match the performance measure.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in a report to be appended to the Annual Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to be tabled in the House.

Disbursements Made and Exemptions from Taxation PLA (M34) (A20)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the refund of New Zealand local body rates for offices and residential premises of overseas diplomatic missions and consular posts pursuant to section 21 of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	4,800	4,800	4,800

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the fulfilment of New Zealand's obligations pursuant to section 21 of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.

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			
Number of diplomatic/consular properties reimbursed council rates payments	120-150	120-150	120-150

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in a report to be appended to the Annual Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to be tabled in the House.

Conditions on Use of Appropriation

Reference	Conditions
Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968	Approval of the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade

International Development Cooperation (M34) (A20)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
International Development Cooperation (M34) (A20) This appropriation is limited to providing development cooperation and humanitarian assistance that support the sustainable development and welfare of Pacific Island and developing countries. Commences: 01 July 2024 Expires: 30 June 2027	Original Appropriation	2,910,020
	Adjustments to 2024/25	153,518
	Adjustments for 2025/26	(3,000)
	Adjusted Appropriation	3,060,538
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	953,134
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	996,045
	Estimate for 2026/27	1,111,359
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

Components of the Appropriation

The components of this appropriation include the design, management, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of activities intended to achieve sustainable development objectives. This can include capacity building initiatives, coordination support to partners, research on development issues and development education and awareness in New Zealand. Activities approved under the appropriation will reflect the Official Development Assistance definition and reporting directives of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development along with the provision of assistance to Pacific Island countries irrespective of their eligibility for Official Development Assistance. There may also be a small amount of expenditure that does not meet either criterion. This may be due to definitional changes after a contract is signed or for other usually administrative reasons.

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This Appropriation is intended to achieve progress by Pacific Island and developing countries against their sustainable development priorities and against the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.

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
International Development Cooperation Results (more directly attributable to New Zealand support)			
Number of Pacific Island countries that remain on track on their economic and public sector reform programme	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend (see Note 1)
Number of people participating in a labour mobility initiative (No, Male/Female)	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend (see Note 2)
Number of people directly benefitting from activities which aim to increase resilience to climate change and environmental degradation (No, Male/Female) (see Note 3)	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need (see Note 4)
Number of people supported to improve their livelihoods (No, Male/Female)	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need (see Note 5)
Number of people directly benefitting from improved infrastructure and services (No, Male/Female)	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need (see Note 6)

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Number of people benefitting from sexual and reproductive health services (No, Male/Female)	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need (see Note 7)
Number of people benefitting from enhanced learning through ICT (No, Male/Female)	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need (see Note 8)
Number of people receiving training or capability-building support in priority sectors (No, Male/Female) (see Note 9)	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need (see Note 10)
Number and percentage of people, who have been awarded scholarships, that complete tertiary or vocational/professional scholarships (No, Male/Female) (see Note 11)	>90% of people who were awarded scholarships	>90% of people who were awarded scholarships	>90% of people who were awarded scholarships
Number of affected people provided with essential and useful assistance following a natural or human induced disaster (No, Male/Female) (see Note 12)	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need	Standard dependent on need (see Note 13)
Number of hectares of natural resources and natural ecosystems strengthened by New Zealand supported activities	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend (see Note 14)
Number of countries New Zealand is supporting to deliver on, and accelerate the delivery of, their National Adaption Plan or equivalent	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend (see Note 15)
Tonnes of CO2 emissions reduced as a result of Activities	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend (see Note 16)
Quality			
Percentage of Activities with effectiveness rated as good or better (based on MFAT Activity Completion Assessments)	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend (see Note 17)

Note 1 - This standard "Maintain or improve trend" has been selected for this measure, because in each case the result is currently at a level we consider a success. Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last three financial years:

- 2022/23 - 5/6 countries assessed as "on track" (Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands)
- 2023/24 - 8/8 countries assessed as "on track" (Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu)
- 2024/25 - 7/7 countries assessed as "on track" (Kiribati, Nauru, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu).

Note 2 - This standard "Maintain or improve trend" has been selected for this measure, because in each case the result is currently at a level we consider a success. Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last three financial years:

- 2022/23 - 15,792 people (M: 14,357, F: 1,418, Not specified: 17)
- 2023/24 - 17,911 people (M: 16,214, F: 1,697)
- 2024/25 - 17,348 people (M: 15,872, F: 1,476).

Note 3 - The Ministry does not apply a directional standard or target to this or similar measures. This is because they are an aggregation of dozens of individual projects (each at a different phase in their lifecycle), and the amount each programme is budgeted to deliver changes year-to-year depending on where in the lifecycle they are. As such, there may not always be an upward trend from year-to-year.

Notes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13 - Performance measures which include the budget standard "standard dependent on need" are output measures designed to quantify and aggregate the number of beneficiaries reached through a collection of IDC-funded initiatives every year. In general, where our funding increases, we would expect the number of beneficiaries reached to slowly increase. However, this varies from year-to-year depending on the stage of delivery of individual initiatives. As such it is not appropriate to assign a specific overall target of "increasing trend" standard to these aggregated measures, and this could in fact lead to perverse incentives around volume of delivery.

The actual standards for measures with "standard dependent on need", from the last three financial years for Note 4 are as follows:

- 2022/23 - 5,947 people (M: 2,344, F: 2,216, Not specified: 1,387)
- 2023/24 - 79,994 people (M: 37,290, F: 38,276, Not specified: 4,428)
- 2024/25 - 2,999,155 people (M: 747,102, F: 723,185, Gender diverse - 84,152, Not specified: 1,444,716).

Note 5 - Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last three financial years:

- 2022/23 - 184,255 people (M: 72,459, F: 92,763, Not specified: 19,033)
- 2023/24 - 480,518 people (M: 246,297, F: 203,453, Gender diverse: 71, Not specified: 28,528)
- 2024/25 - 9,829,596 people (M: 4,721,871, F: 4,694,797, Not specified: 412,928).

Note 6 - Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last three financial years:

- 2022/23 - 64,145 people (M: 9,453, F: 9,491, Not specified: 45,201)
- 2023/24 - 136,272 people (M: 48,164, F: 47,910, Not specified: 39,526)
- 2024/25 - 2,192,954 people (M: 395,735, F: 400,177, Not specified: 1,397,042).

Note 7 - Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last three financial years:

- 2022/23 - 172,123 people (M: 56,339, F: 115,784)
- 2023/24 - 192,424 people (M: 713, F: 96,732, Not specified: 94,979)
- 2024/25 - 163,842 people (M: 18,701, F: 136,727, Not specified: 8,414).

Note 8 - Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last three financial years:

- 2022/23 - 12,598 people (M: 5,030, F: 5,434, Gender diverse: 39, Not specified: 2,095)
- 2023/24 - 8,347 people (M: 3,325, F: 4,371, Not specified: 651)
- 2024/25 - 3,394 people (M: 94, Not specified: 3,297).

Note 9 - Priority sectors are "peace and security", "governance", "health", "education", "equity and inclusion", "infrastructure", "fisheries" and "oceans".

Note 10 - Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last three financial years:

- 2022/23 - 101,536 people (M: 26,480, F: 26,828, Gender diverse: 5, Not specified: 48,222)
- 2023/24 - 92,325 people (M: 44,404, F: 37,714, Gender diverse: 519, Not specified: 9,452)
- 2024/25 - 140,068 people (M: 40,945, F: 47,120, Not specified: 52,010).

Note 11 - Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last three financial years:

- 2022/23 - Vocational scholarships: 332/332 or 100% completed (M: 145, F: 185, unspecified: 2) / Tertiary scholarships: 164/201 or 82% completed their scholarships (M: 75, F: 89)
- 2023/24 - Vocational / professional scholarships: 702/702 or 100% completed (M: 368, F: 330, unspecified: 4) / Tertiary scholarships: 174/174 or 100% completed (M: 69, F: 105)
- 2024/25 - Vocational / professional scholarships: 758/758 or 100% completed (M: 372, F: 384, Not specified: 2) / Tertiary: 209/209 or 100% completed their scholarships (Male: 95, F: 113, Not specified: 1).

Note 12 - This is a Sustainable Development Goal Indicator. Detailed guidance can be found at <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata>.

Note 13 - Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last three financial years:

- 2022/23 - 251,633 people (M: 75,934, F: 87,091, Not specified: 88,608)
- 2023/24 - 159,652 people (M: 15,360, F: 18,828, Not specified: 125,464)
- 2024/25 - 360,136 people (M: 95,234, F: 110,281, Not specified: 154,621).

Note 14 - This standard "Maintain or improve trend" has been selected for this measure, because in each case the result is currently at a level we consider a success. Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last financial year:

- 2024/25 - 1,430.4 hectares.

Note 15 - This standard "Maintain or improve trend" has been selected for this measure, because in each case the result is currently at a level we consider a success. Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last financial year:

- 2024/25 - 17 countries.

Note 16 - This standard "Maintain or improve trend" has been selected for this measure, because in each case the result is currently at a level we consider a success. Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last financial year:

- 2024/25 - 47.81 tonnes.

Note 17 - This standard "Maintain or improve trend" has been selected for this measure, because in each case the result is currently at a level we consider a success. Below are the actual standards for this measure from the last three financial years:

- 2022/23 - 73%
- 2023/24 - 70%
- 2024/25 - 72.5%.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in a report to be appended to the Annual Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to be presented to the House.

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						
International Development Cooperation to Support the Resilience of the Indo-Pacific Region in a Changing Global Context	2027/28	-	-	33,340	33,330	33,330
Transfer to Support for Ukraine	2025/26	(3,000)	-	-	-	-
International Development Cooperation	2025/26	50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Funding for immigration fee	2025/26	(4,295)	(4,496)	(4,525)	(4,525)	(4,525)
Savings initiative	2024/25	(7,615)	(7,615)	(7,615)	(7,615)	(7,615)
Previous Government						
New Zealand's international climate finance commitment	2022/23	100,000	-	-	-	-

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$3 million due to a transfer to Non-Department Other Expense - Support for Ukraine for the provision of support to Ukraine.

Subscriptions to International Organisations (M34) (A20)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to non-discretionary payments required as formal obligations arising from New Zealand's membership of international organisations, and as a signatory to international treaties and conventions.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	68,976	68,976	68,976

Components of the Appropriation

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Arms Trade Treaty	20	20	20
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Advisory Council	20	20	20
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Pacific Economic Cooperation Council	67	67	67
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat	438	438	438
Biological Weapons Convention	8	8	8
Chemical Weapons Convention	496	496	496
Commonwealth Foundation	226	226	226
Commonwealth Secretariat	785	785	785
Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty	792	792	792
Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources	187	187	187
Convention on Cluster Munitions	16	16	16
Convention on International Exhibitions	39	39	39
Convention to Combat Desertification	51	51	51
Export Controls for Arms and Ammunition	29	29	29
Global Environment Facility	2,000	2,000	2,000
Inhumane Weapons Convention	7	7	7
International Atomic Energy Agency	2,515	2,515	2,515
International Criminal Court	2,574	2,574	2,574
International Humanitarian Fact Finding Mission	3	3	3
International Organization of Wine and Vine	30	30	30
International Renewable Energy Agency	111	111	111
International Seabed Authority	72	72	72
International Whaling Commission	60	60	60
Law of Sea Conference	109	109	109
NZ/US Education Foundation	1,172	1,172	1,172
Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development	5,811	5,811	5,811
Ottawa Mine Bank Convention	6	6	6
Permanent Court of Arbitration	21	21	21
Secretariat for the Antarctic Treaty	200	200	200
SPREP Noumea Convention	6	6	6
Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	19	19	19
Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons	5	5	5
United Nations Peace Keeping Operations	34,866	34,866	34,866
United Nations Subscription	15,236	15,236	15,236
World Trade Organisation	979	979	979
Total	68,976	68,976	68,976

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the funding of the non-discretionary payments required as formal obligations arising from New Zealand's membership of international organisations, and as a signatory to international treaties and conventions.

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 s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act. The Ministry is exempt from reporting performance information for the Subscription to International Organisations appropriation. Expenditure within the appropriation is required by formal obligations arising from membership of international organisations approved by Cabinet, and as signatory to international treaties and conventions. For example, funding for United Nations peacekeeping operations. As such, expenditure is non-discretionary and provision of performance information would be uninformative.

3.5 - Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

Consular Loans (M34) (A20)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to recoverable financial assistance provided to New Zealanders in distress overseas to help them meet essential and immediate needs, including the costs of repatriation.

Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	100	100	100

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of recoverable financial assistance to New Zealanders in distress overseas to help them meet essential and immediate needs, including the costs of repatriation.

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			
Number of new consular loans, approved in accordance with policy, issued to support New Zealanders in emergency situations overseas (see Note 1)	30-40	30-40	30-40

Note 1 - Approved in accordance with policy: the Ministry can provide short term financial assistance through a consular loan to New Zealanders and permanent residents in financial difficulty overseas to ensure their immediate safety and wellbeing or return to New Zealand. The loan must be necessary and in the public interest, no more generous than is necessary, and the New Zealander must have no other financial options available to them, and a plan and commitment to repay the loan.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in a report to be appended to the Annual Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to be tabled in the House.

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Act in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders (M34) (A20)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to promote and protect New Zealand's interests and values in the world to build a safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Analysis and advice to inform New Zealand's foreign policy

This category is limited to providing analysis, advice, Ministerial services, and undertaking related domestic engagement with stakeholders on New Zealand's foreign policy.

Deliver consular, business and diplomatic support services

This category is limited to the delivery of consular services to New Zealanders overseas, assisting New Zealand businesses in overseas markets, corporate and other support services to New Zealand government agencies overseas, and services to the foreign diplomatic corps in New Zealand.

Management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation

This category is limited to the management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation.

Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy

This category is limited to international representation, advocacy, and negotiation on New Zealand's foreign policy.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	583,624	570,182	614,378
Departmental Output Expenses			
Analysis and advice to inform New Zealand's foreign policy	103,157	100,838	105,654
Deliver consular, business and diplomatic support services	88,095	86,103	94,771
Management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation	101,105	98,765	99,919
Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy	291,267	284,476	314,034

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	571,456	558,014	602,660
Analysis and advice to inform New Zealand's foreign policy	102,476	100,157	104,973
Deliver consular, business and diplomatic support services	76,608	74,616	83,734
Management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation	101,105	98,765	99,919
Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy	291,267	284,476	314,034
Revenue from Others	12,168	12,168	11,718
Analysis and advice to inform New Zealand's foreign policy	681	681	681
Deliver consular, business and diplomatic support services	11,487	11,487	11,037

Components of the Appropriation

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expense			
Analysis and advice to inform New Zealand's foreign policy			
Policy Advice	75,071	73,383	76,888
New Zealand Domestic Engagement	14,864	14,530	15,224
Ministerial Services	12,600	12,317	12,905
Monitor Crown Entities	622	608	637
Total Analysis and advice to inform New Zealand's foreign policy	103,157	100,838	105,654
Departmental Output Expense			
Deliver consular, business and diplomatic support services			
Consular services to keep New Zealanders safer abroad	39,309	38,420	42,288
Services to New Zealand exporters and businesses to help them succeed overseas	28,915	28,261	31,106
Services for other New Zealand agencies overseas	18,223	17,811	19,604
Host government services to the diplomatic and consular corps in New Zealand	1,648	1,611	1,773
Total Deliver consular, business and diplomatic support services	88,095	86,103	94,771
Departmental Output Expense			
Management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation			
Delivery of the New Zealand aid programme	101,105	98,765	99,919
Total Management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation	101,105	98,765	99,919

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expense			
Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy			
Representation and advocacy	291,267	284,476	314,034
Total Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy	291,267	284,476	314,034
Total Multi-Category Appropriation	583,624	570,182	614,378

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of analysis and advice, and delivery of New Zealand's foreign policy through representation, advocacy and negotiation; the delivery of services to support New Zealand individuals, businesses and agencies overseas, and host government services to the diplomatic and consular corps in New Zealand; and management of New Zealand's international development cooperation.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Percentage of stakeholders who are satisfied with MFAT's effectiveness at representing New Zealand interests (see Note 1)	80%	80%	Not measured (conducted biennially)

Note 1 - The Ministry conducts the Partners and Stakeholder Engagement Survey biennially. As the majority of the Ministry's work is longitudinal and often takes a few years before impact or results become available, surveying annually is unlikely to see major changes in trends. Looking back at the survey data since 2017, the Ministry's stakeholder perceptions and satisfaction are largely consistent. The 2021/22 result was 85% and 2023/24 result was 83%. The 2025/26 Partners and Stakeholder Engagement Survey results will be reported in the Ministry's 2025/26 Annual Report.

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

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Analysis and advice to inform New Zealand's foreign policy			
This category is limited to providing analysis, advice, Ministerial services, and undertaking related domestic engagement with stakeholders on New Zealand's foreign policy.			
Policy Advice			
Assessment of performance of the quality of the Ministry's policy advice papers (see Note 1)	3.5	3.5	3.5
In relation to the quality of policy advice, the distribution of scores for policy papers assessed using the common Policy Quality Framework:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> score of 4.5 or higher will be no less than 	25%	25%	25%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> score of 3 or higher will be no less than 	100%	100%	100%
Satisfaction of the portfolio Minister with the policy advice service (see Note 2)	4 or above	4 or above	4 or above
Ministerial Services			
Percentage of Ministry OIA requests responded to within statutory timeframe	95%	95%	95% (see Note 3)
Satisfaction of the portfolio Minister with the Ministerial service (see Note 4)	New measure: 4 or above	4 or above	4 or above
Monitor Crown entities			
Ministerial satisfaction with the Ministry's Crown entity monitoring (see Note 5)	4	4	4
New Zealand domestic engagement			
Percentage of domestic stakeholders who are satisfied with their engagement with MFAT (see Note 6)	80%	80%	Not measured (conducted biennially)
Deliver consular, business and diplomatic support services			
This category is limited to the delivery of consular services to New Zealanders overseas, assisting New Zealand businesses in overseas markets, corporate and other support services to New Zealand government agencies overseas, and services to the foreign diplomatic corps in New Zealand.			
Services to New Zealand exporters and businesses to help them succeed overseas			
Percentage of exporters who are satisfied that MFAT solved their queries	85%	85%	85%
Number of unique visits on Tradebarriers.govt.nz and Tariff finder online services	175,000-200,000	175,000	175,000-200,000
Number of "market insight" reports on the conditions in offshore countries published by the Ministry for exporters	100-120	100	100-120
Number of unique visits on "market insight" report pages on the Ministry website	120,000-140,000	120,000	120,000-140,000

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
<i>Consular services to keep New Zealanders safer abroad</i>			
Number of distressed New Zealanders overseas who received consular services (demand driven)	3,000-4,000	3,500	RETIRED (see Note 7)
Number of general consular advice enquiries responded to (demand driven)	40,000-55,000	40,000	40,000-55,000
Number of notarial services provided (demand driven) (see Note 14)	7,000-10,000	7,000	7,000-10,000
Number of consular emergencies responded to (demand driven)	25-40	25	RETIRED (see Note 8)
Percentage of respondents satisfied with the quality of consular services	80%	80%	70% (see Note 9)
Percentage of respondents who report that the SafeTravel website contains the information they need (see Note 10)	80%	80%	80%
<i>Host government services to the diplomatic and consular corps in New Zealand</i>			
Percentage of relevant formal New Zealand appointment documentation prepared in compliance with the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968 and Consular Privileges and Immunities Act 1971 and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of arrival and departure documentation for foreign diplomatic and consular staff resident in New Zealand completed within 10 working days	80-100%	90%	80-100%
<i>Services for other New Zealand agencies overseas</i>			
Percentage of fee schedules (based on the agreed level of Ministry's services provided to other New Zealand agencies) accepted without amendment (see Note 11)	95%	95%	95%
Management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation			
This category is limited to the management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation.			
<i>Management of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation</i>			
Participation in governance mechanisms of targeted multilateral institutions which New Zealand core funds (% of institutions)	100%	100%	100%
Participation in governance mechanisms of targeted Pacific regional institutions which New Zealand core funds (% of institutions)	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of Crown IDC for the partner government sector disbursed in year for which it was scheduled (Bilateral programmes only)	90%	90%	90%
Percentage of Activity Monitoring Assessments (AMAs) and Activity Completion Assessments (ACAs) rated as robust (as assessed annually by the independent Annual Assessment of Results)	Increasing trend	Increasing trend	Increasing trend (see Note 12)
Percentage of evaluations (or summaries) that are published to MFAT website within 3 months of approval of management report	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of Activities rated 4 or higher on a scale of 1-5 by review against the Ministry's quality standard for activity management (see Note 14)	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend (see Note 13)

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Percentage of climate finance Activities rated 4 or higher on a scale of 1-5 by review against the Ministry's quality standard for activity management (see Note 14)	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend (see Note 13)
NZ score in Aid Transparency Index	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend	Index is run every 2 years
Proportion of IDC activities where climate objectives are mainstreamed	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend (see Note 13 and 15)
Proportion of IDC activities where gender objectives are mainstreamed	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend	Maintain or improve trend (see Note 13 and 16)
Proportion of funding to the Pacific channelled through Pacific partner governments	New measure - Establish baseline	New measure - Establish baseline	Maintain or improve trend (see Note 13 and 17)
Representation and advocacy on New Zealand's foreign policy			
This category is limited to international representation, advocacy, and negotiation on New Zealand's foreign policy.			
<i>Representation and advocacy</i>			
Number of statements delivered in UN multilateral meetings on disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation in line with New Zealand's disarmament strategy (see Note 18)	110	110	110
Proportion of issues raised by New Zealand in WTO committees resolved to the satisfaction of exporters (see Note 19)	10%	10%	10% (see Note 20)
Percentage of WTO notification obligations that New Zealand has complied with in a timely manner	90%	90%	90%
Number of trade negotiations (including accession negotiation) concluded in line with Cabinet mandate and signed	2	2	2
Number of trade negotiations (including accession negotiation) in progress	5	5	5
Number of Non-Tariff Barriers resolved for exporters	15	15	15
Number of bilateral diplomatic dialogues held with India, Southeast Asia, and ASEAN at the Leader, Ministerial and MFAT's senior officials' level (see Note 21)	New measure - Establish baseline	New measure - Establish baseline	Baseline to be set
Number of policy statements and initiatives led or co-sponsored by New Zealand in Indo-Pacific regional forums	18-28	18-28	18-28
Percentage of New Zealand's commitments in the ASEAN Plan of Action assessed as on track or completed at the end of the financial year	2-5%	2-5%	2-5% (see Note 22)
Number of inwards Guests of Government visits supported by the Ministry	30-45	30	30-45
Number of outward visits (bilateral, multilateral, plurilateral) on which New Zealand Ministers are supported by the Ministry	50-70	50	50-70
Percentage of visits rated as 4 or better on a scale of 1-5 by internal review against the Ministry's quality standard for visits management	80%	80%	80%
Percentage of implemented Pacific Security Fund projects which meet stated objectives	100%	100%	100%

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Percentage of implemented Pacific Enabling Fund projects which meet stated objectives	100%	100%	100%
Number of people trained to lift security and disarmament capability from MFAT's Combined Security and Disarmament Fund (see Note 23)	120-180	120	120-180
Number of export control permits assessed	900-1,200	900	900-1,200

Note 1 - The budget standard is on a scale of 1 to 5 and is based on using DPMC's Policy Quality Framework to assess the quality of policy advice papers. An average score will be reported from the independent assessment of policy advice papers.

Scale for scoring the quality of policy advice:

- 1 - Unacceptable: Does not meet the relevant quality standards in fundamental ways
- 2 - Poor: Does not meet the relevant quality standards in material ways
- 3 - Acceptable: Meets the relevant quality standards overall, but with some shortfalls
- 4 - Good: Meets all the relevant quality standards
- 5 - Outstanding: Meets all the relevant quality standards and adds something extra.

Note 2 - The Standard is on a scale of 1 to 5 and is based on DPMC's Ministerial Satisfaction Survey to assess ministerial satisfaction with the policy service.

Scale for scoring Ministerial Satisfaction Survey:

- 1 - Never
- 2 - Sometimes
- 3 - About half the time
- 4 - Usually
- 5 - Always.

Note 3 - The Ministry always strive for 100% to align with the statutory obligations of making and communicating a decision to the requester "as soon as reasonable practicable" and no later than 20 working days after the day on which the request was received, unless an extension is required (refer to Section 15A - Extensions and the Official Information Act - http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1982/0156/latest/DLM65394.html?search=sw_096be8ed81c873fd_15A_25_se&p=1&sr=1_096be8ed81c873fd_15A_25_se&p=1&sr=1). Given the volume of OIA requests in a period, this can result in a decrease in the budget actual. Therefore, the budget standard is set at 95% to allow some room to account for any unforeseen circumstances.

Note 4 - The Ministerial satisfaction score will reflect the Ministry's performance on providing ministerial services. The same scale as stated in Note 2 will be used.

Note 5 - The Ministerial satisfaction score will reflect the Ministry's performance on monitoring. The same scale as stated in Note 2 will be used.

Note 6 - The Ministry conducts the Partners and Stakeholder Engagement Survey biennially. As the majority of the Ministry's work is longitudinal and often takes a few years before impact or results become available, surveying annually is unlikely to see major changes in trends. Looking back at the survey data since 2017, the Ministry's stakeholder perceptions and satisfaction are largely consistent. The 2021/22 was 86% and 2023/24 result was 86% (there was a transposing error of result where 100% was stated in 2023/24 Annual Report - that result was for Management of International Development Cooperation domestic stakeholder satisfaction). The 2025/26 Partners and Stakeholder Engagement Survey results will be reported in the Ministry's 2025/26 Annual Report.

Note 7 - The volume of consular services provided and requests for advice each year varies depending on international events and conditions. The Ministry has no control over the volume of requests received, and actual results can therefore fluctuate from year to year. As such, the Ministry has decided to retire this measure.

Note 8 - The number of consular emergencies the Ministry responds to each year varies depending on international events and conditions, which are outside the Ministry's control. The actual results for the number of consular emergencies responded to can therefore fluctuate from year to year. As such, the Ministry has decided to retire this measure.

Note 9 - Looking back at past six years' performance, The Ministry has never achieved the budget standards (2019/20: 75%, 2020/21: 68%, 2021/22: N/A due to Covid, 2022/23: 75%, 2023/24: 75%, 2024/25: 72%). Although it is important to set a budget standard that is challenging, revising the budget standard is a more realistic approach.

Note 10 - The SafeTravel website is a key information tool for the Ministry. The Ministry recommends New Zealanders register their travel details on SafeTravel. Registering means we can send important travel information and provide updates about emergencies, natural disasters, or terrorist attacks. The measure was proposed to help the Ministry to understand whether the SafeTravel website is meeting their need and helps towards continuous improvement and keeping New Zealanders safe abroad.

Note 11 - The fee schedules are issued annually to NZ agencies overseas for the service the Ministry provides to them based on the level of support required. Services may include: co-location, shared infrastructure, residential accommodation, resource support, diplomatic facilitation, and any other specified additional services. Acceptance of fee schedules without amendment or queries is a reflection of satisfactory service provided by the Ministry.

Note 12 - The "increasing trend" budget standard has been selected because we considered seeing an increased trend as success.

Note 13 - This standard "Maintain or improve trend" has been selected for this measure, because in each case the result is currently at a level we consider a success.

Note 14 - The scale for rating programmes and activities:

- 1 - Poor: None of the criteria have been met and are of an unacceptable standard. Significant improvements are required that need to be urgently addressed.
- 2 - Not adequate: Few criteria have been met or barely adequate. Improvements are required that need to be addressed at the earliest opportunity.
- 3 - Adequate: Some criteria have been met or adequately met. Improvements would be beneficial and are recommended to be addressed.
- 4 - Good: Most criteria have been met/well met. Minor improvements would be beneficial.
- 5 - Very Good: All criteria have been met/met very well. No improvements necessary.

Note 15 - A measure of New Zealand's effectiveness in integrating a climate perspective into the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of activities to support sustainable development.

Note 16 - A measure of New Zealand's effectiveness in integrating a gender perspective into the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of activities to promote equality and combating discrimination.

Note 17 - Using country financial management systems allows better integration of development programmes with countries' own expenditure. This reduces duplication of effort and increases the leveraging effect of development co-operation resources and the sustainability of activities and results.

Note 18 - Demonstrating the Ministry's effort and performance in disarmament non-proliferation and associated work in a multilateral setting is best captured as qualitative assessment. The new measure has been proposed to overlay a quantifiable aspect of our effort in the multilateral system.

The New Zealand Disarmament Strategy is available at: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/peace-rights-and-security/disarmament/>

- United Nations Multilateral Treaties cover a broad range of subject matters such as human rights, disarmament and protection of the environment.
- Multilateral treaties are between three or more countries, with an aim to promote integration and cooperation among the parties.

Note 19 - The term "domestic traders" has been replaced with "exporters" in the measure, as this wording is more accurate and better aligned with the issues New Zealand raises in World Trade Organisation (WTO) committees.

Original measure: Proportion of issues raised by New Zealand in WTO committees resolved to the satisfaction of our domestic trader.

Note 20 - The budget standard recognises that issues can span a number of years with few resolved in any one year through being raised in the WTO alone. However, New Zealand traders benefit significantly when issues are resolved.

Note 21 - "Deepening our relationships with India, Southeast Asia and ASEAN" is one of the focus areas from the Ministry's refreshed Strategic Framework, which also coincides with the government priority of "significantly increasing New Zealand's focus on and resources applied to Southeast Asia, South Asia and North Asia". The performance measure is intended to measure the volume of engagement through diplomatic dialogue with the stated countries and organisation as a way to quantify the effort towards this focus area.

Note 22 - ASEAN-NZ Plan of Action (2026-2030) implementation is underway during the second half of FY2025-26, with an implementation target of 2-5% by the end of FY2025-26. The budget standard has been rolled over for now to FY2026-27 and will be revised accordingly based on actual results achieved in FY2025-26.

Note 23 - The Combined Security and Disarmament Fund is a specialised fund that was created in 2024. Its objective is to support bilateral, regional, and global initiatives related to security, disarmament and non-proliferation.

Retired Measures

The following measures have been retired to improve meaningfulness of the overall performance. These measures relate to consular services.

- Number of distressed New Zealanders overseas who received consular services (demand driven).
- Number of consular emergencies responded to (demand driven).

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in its Annual Report to be tabled in the House.

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						
Protecting a Resilient, Safe, and Secure Offshore Diplomatic Network for New Zealand	2026/27	-	14,570	30,290	45,210	55,180
Pacific Island Forum - Hosting Costs	2026/27	-	5,000	15,000	-	-
International Development Cooperation to Support the Resilience of the Indo-Pacific Region in a Changing Global Context	2027/28	-	-	3,250	3,250	3,250
NZ House, London - New lease arrangements	2026/27	-	5,159	5,128	5,128	5,138
Pacific Property Strategy	2025/26	3,381	6,416	7,646	3,317	5,650
Pacific Initiative	2025/26	7,025	7,094	7,158	7,132	7,132
Transfer to Support for Ukraine	2025/26	(2,000)	-	-	-	-
International Development Cooperation	2025/26	2,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Doubling exports and Asia uplift	2025/26	20,937	20,937	20,938	20,938	20,938
Savings initiative	2024/25	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)
Previous Government						
Remuneration cost pressure: Public sector pay adjustment	2023/24	14,410	14,410	14,410	14,410	14,410
Price cost pressures	2023/24	10,250	10,250	10,250	10,250	10,250
New Zealand's international climate financing commitment	2022/23	5,000	-	-	-	-

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation for 2026/27 is due to:

- an increase of \$32.333 million from new initiatives (as detailed in the Current and Past Policy Initiatives table above)
- an increase of \$31.231 million due to expense transfers from 2025/26 to 2026/27, comprising carried-forward operating costs for Software-as-a-Service projects, the rephasing of depreciation to align with capital project delivery, and the rephasing of costs associated with the Doubling Exports and Asia Uplift initiatives
- an increase of \$8.439 million resulting from foreign exchange and overseas inflation movements, and
- an increase of \$400,000 due to a transfer in 2025/26 to the Ministry for Arts, Culture and Heritage to support the New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust to build awareness and sustainability of the New Zealand Liberation Museum - Te Arawhata in Le Quesnoy, France.

These increases are partially offset by:

- a decrease of \$32.311 million from a number of prior-year expense transfers approved to carry forward expenditure to 2025/26
- a decrease of \$8.886 million due to the expiry of time-limited funding for both New Zealand's international climate financing commitment and New Zealand House London
- a decrease of \$450,000 due to changes in the level of third-party funded activities, and
- a decrease of \$2,000 due to changes in the level of funding transfers to Policy Advice and Representation - Other Countries PLA to fund the Washington Embassy local staff superannuation fund.