

Vote Statistics

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister of Statistics (M67)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Statistics New Zealand (A38)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR STATISTICS NEW ZEALAND: Minister of Statistics

Overview of the Vote

Vote Statistics is a \$258 million investment to enable Statistics NZ, as New Zealand's national statistical organisation to:

- increase the efficiency of data collection to reduce the reliance on direct contact with individuals and increasingly utilise administrative data
- deliver data and statistical information, insights, and analysis to enable evidence-based decisions that improve the lives of current and future generations
- advance Māori data aspirations through the Mana Ōrite Relationship Agreement
- ensure enduring and resilient technology systems and capabilities
- prepare for and deliver the five-yearly census of population and dwellings.

The Vote also gives effect to the role as functional leader of the government data system, formalised through the Government Chief Data Steward mandate. Through this role Statistics NZ will lead the data system to achieve the following shifts:

- an inclusive and integrated data system that supports the safe and ethical use of data as a resource across government
- giving effect to the expectations of Te Tiriti o Waitangi through a reciprocal relationship between the Crown, Māori and iwi that supports and contributes to Māori and iwi data needs
- increased public trust and confidence in how government agencies collect, manage and use data.

The Minister for Statistics is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2024/25 financial year comprising:

- over \$65 million for the delivery of data and statistical information services relating to business and the economy
- just over \$74 million for delivery of data and statistical information services relating to the population, household economics, social conditions (including child poverty), the labour market, and the environment
- over \$36 million for the coordination of statistical and data services for government, through System Leadership of the Official Statistics System (OSS) and Stewardship of the Government Data System; statistical and data management advice; provision of access to official statistics; oversight of the IDI; and the provision of ministerial services
- over \$45 million for the delivery of population and social statistics in accordance with the requirement for the delivery of a census in line with New Zealand and international obligations
- a total of \$20 million for departmental capital expenditure, and
- over \$16 million for Services to Other Agencies including lead agency in shared accommodation with other Crown tenants in Wellington and Christchurch.

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	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Services to Other Agencies RDA (M67) (A38) This appropriation is limited to the provision of services by Stats NZ to other agencies, where those services are not within the scope of another departmental output expense appropriation in Vote Statistics.	14,489	14,489	16,235
Total Departmental Output Expenses	14,489	14,489	16,235
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Statistics New Zealand - Capital Expenditure PLA (M67) (A38) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of Statistics New Zealand, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	20,000	20,000	20,000
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Official Statistics MCA (M67) (A38) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to ensure availability, and promote the use, of the highest priority data and official statistical information to add value to decision making both in New Zealand and overseas jurisdictions.	192,026	192,026	176,453
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services</i> This category is limited to the delivery of data and statistical information services relating to business, the economy and overseas jurisdictions.	68,949	68,949	65,649
<i>Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services</i> This category is limited to delivery of data and statistical information services relating to the population, household economics, social conditions (including child poverty), the labour market, and the environment for New Zealand and overseas jurisdictions.	84,792	84,792	74,021
<i>Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership</i> This category is limited to coordination of statistical and data services for government, through System Leadership of the Official Statistics System (OSS) and Stewardship of the Government Data System; statistical and data management advice; provision of access to official statistics; oversight of the IDI; and the provision of ministerial services.	38,285	38,285	36,783
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	192,026	192,026	176,453
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	226,515	226,515	212,688

Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Departmental Output Expenses		
2023 Census of Population and Dwellings (M67) (A38) This appropriation is limited to completing the 2018 Census, conducting the 2023 Census, and the administration and management of the on-going census programme, as required under the Statistics Act 1975. Commences: 01 July 2019 Expires: 30 June 2024	Original Appropriation	16,120
	Adjustments to 2022/23	309,900
	Adjustments for 2023/24	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	326,020
	Actual to 2022/23 Year End	278,902
	Estimated Actual for 2023/24	47,118
	Estimate for 2024/25	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-
Delivery of population and social statistics (M67) (A38) This appropriation is limited to the delivery of population and social statistics in accordance with the requirement for the delivery of a census in line with New Zealand and international obligations. Commences: 01 July 2024 Expires: 30 June 2029	Original Appropriation	227,120
	Adjustments to 2022/23	-
	Adjustments for 2023/24	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	227,120
	Actual to 2022/23 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2023/24	-
	Estimate for 2024/25	45,424
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	181,696

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

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	226,515	226,515	212,688
Total Forecast MYA Departmental Output Expenses	47,118	47,118	45,424
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations	273,633	273,633	258,112

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Statistics New Zealand - Capital Injection (M67) (A38)	13,050	13,050	1,400

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.1 - New Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
Return of funding from discontinuation of the Living in Aotearoa Survey	Official Statistics (MCA) Departmental Output Expense	-	(4,000)	(4,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)
Reduction in office space operating and lease costs - Statistics New Zealand	Official Statistics (MCA) Departmental Output Expense	-	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Reduction in Back Office Functions (Administration and Contractors and Consultants) - Statistics New Zealand	Official Statistics (MCA) Departmental Output Expense	-	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)
	Delivery of population and social statistics (MYA) Departmental Output Expense	-	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)
Shared Approach to Back-office Transformation	Official Statistics (MCA) Departmental Output Expense	-	(130)	(130)	(130)	(130)
Total Initiatives		-	(15,430)	(15,430)	(17,430)	(17,430)

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24		2024/25			2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
	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	16,052	28,824	56,779	191,555	61,607	61,607	61,659	-	61,659	61,788	62,031	107,699
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	7,379	13,797	19,842	14,171	20,000	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)												
<i>Output Expenses</i>	134,784	146,334	171,474	190,349	192,026	192,026	176,453	-	176,453	179,585	178,288	178,288
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	158,215	188,955	248,095	396,075	273,633	273,633	258,112	-	258,112	261,373	260,319	305,987
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

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

1.3 - Analysis of Significant Trends

Output Expenses

Output expenses fluctuate over time in line with expenditure on censuses over the 10-year period. In 2022/23, the actual expenditure is higher than in other years because of an extended 2023 Census operation in response to the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle. The Delivery of population and social statistics MYA commences in 2024/25 to deliver the 2028 Census. Phasing of expenditure will be reviewed to deliver a successful 2028 Census, supported by streamlined and simplified back-office functions.

Capital Expenditure

Expenditure in 2020/21 and 2021/22 was mainly due to the completion of the 8 Willis Street office fit out. Capital expenditure in 2023/24 is largely related to planned investment in new tools to assist with data collection and is estimated to remain steady from 2024/25 as Stats NZ invests in modernising its core IT systems.

Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Output expenses have risen between 2019/20 and 2023/24, in line with new initiatives and cost pressure funding received to ensure that Stats NZ can continue to produce official statistics. Output expenses are forecast to decrease from 2024/25 as a result of producing the persistent child poverty statistic with administrative data.

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Delivery of population and social statistics (M67) (A38)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Delivery of population and social statistics (M67) (A38) This appropriation is limited to the delivery of population and social statistics in accordance with the requirement for the delivery of a census in line with New Zealand and international obligations. Commences: 01 July 2024 Expires: 30 June 2029	Original Appropriation	227,120
	Adjustments to 2022/23	-
	Adjustments for 2023/24	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	227,120
	Actual to 2022/23 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2023/24	-
	Estimate for 2024/25	45,424
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	181,696

Revenue

	Budget \$000
Revenue from the Crown to end of 2024/25	45,424
Revenue from Others to end of 2024/25	-
Total Revenue	45,424

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the management and conduct of New Zealand's Future Census of Population and Dwellings and the completion of the 2023 Census.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Post Census day measures			
National response rate total population (see Note 1)	90%+	result expected 2024/25	90%+
National response rate for people of Māori descent (see Note 1)	90%+	result expected 2024/25	90%+
National net coverage rate total population (see Note 1)	98%+	result expected 2024/25	98%+
National net coverage rate for people of Māori descent (see Note 1)	98%+	result expected 2024/25	98%+
Improve the quality of iwi affiliation data: iwi affiliation quality metric 1 score improves from 0.71 (very poor) to 0.90+ (moderate or above) (see Note 1)	0.90+	result expected 2024/25	0.90+
Improved trust and confidence of Tagata Moana in 2023 Census: National response rate for Pacific (see Note 1)	90%+	result expected 2024/25	90%+

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Data on Individuals and Dwellings is available from: date (see Note 2)	New measure	New measure	3 October 2024
Data on Families and Households is available from: date (see Note 2)	New measure	New measure	7 November 2024

Note 1 - National response rates and net coverage rates for total population, people of Māori and Pacific descent are measured post Census Day by the Post Enumeration Survey.

Note 2 - These are new performance indicators which were selected as they demonstrate adherence to the 2023 Census public release schedule. Customers rely on timely access to data to make informed decisions.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Stats NZ in the 2024/25 Annual Report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Reduction in Back Office Functions (Administration and Contractors and Consultants) - Statistics New Zealand	2024/25	-	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)

Services to Other Agencies RDA (M67) (A38)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the provision of services by Stats NZ to other agencies, where those services are not within the scope of another departmental output expense appropriation in Vote Statistics.

Expenses and Revenue

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	14,489	14,489	16,235
Revenue from Others	14,489	14,489	16,235

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of shared services with other government agencies for the efficient and effective management of the Crown estate, such as the provision of shared accommodation in Christchurch and Wellington.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
The provision of shared services with other government agencies	Provision of shared services to agreed standard	Achieved	Provision of shared services to agreed standard

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Stats NZ in the 2024/25 Annual Report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation for 2024/25 is mainly due to \$1.727 million in additional income from subletting part of the Wellington office to WorkSafe and part of the Christchurch office space to the Department of Internal Affairs.

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Statistics New Zealand - Capital Expenditure PLA (M67) (A38)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of Statistics New Zealand, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

Capital Expenditure

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	2,000	2,000	2,000
Intangibles	18,000	18,000	18,000
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	20,000	20,000	20,000

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the creation and replacement of assets to support the achievement of Stats NZ's strategy.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Stats NZ's capital investment will deliver technology to enable a transition to an administration data first organisation, upgrade and replace existing technology, fleet and hardware and improve our premises.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Contextual qualitative information that specifies how the funding is used to achieve Stats NZ's strategy provides a more meaningful performance picture than quantitative capital indicators for this appropriation and will be reported by Stats NZ in the 2024/25 Annual Report.

*Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets***Statistics New Zealand**

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2023/24 Estimated Actual \$000	2024/25 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2024/25
Opening Balance	84,044	77,094	
Capital Injections	13,050	1,400	The capital injection consists of \$500,000 to deliver New Zealand's next census of population and dwellings, and \$900,000 to improve the timeliness and relevance of child poverty statistics.
Capital Withdrawals	(20,000)	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	77,094	78,494	

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Official Statistics (M67) (A38)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to ensure availability, and promote the use, of the highest priority data and official statistical information to add value to decision making both in New Zealand and overseas jurisdictions.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services

This category is limited to the delivery of data and statistical information services relating to business, the economy and overseas jurisdictions.

Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services

This category is limited to delivery of data and statistical information services relating to the population, household economics, social conditions (including child poverty), the labour market, and the environment for New Zealand and overseas jurisdictions.

Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership

This category is limited to coordination of statistical and data services for government, through System Leadership of the Official Statistics System (OSS) and Stewardship of the Government Data System; statistical and data management advice; provision of access to official statistics; oversight of the IDI; and the provision of ministerial services.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	192,026	192,026	176,453
Departmental Output Expenses			
Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services	68,949	68,949	65,649
Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services	84,792	84,792	74,021
Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership	38,285	38,285	36,783
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	183,013	183,013	167,440
Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services	64,040	64,040	60,740
Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services	81,848	81,848	71,077
Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership	37,125	37,125	35,623

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Revenue from Others	9,013	9,013	9,013
Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services	4,909	4,909	4,909
Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services	2,944	2,944	2,944
Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership	1,160	1,160	1,160

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the outcome of ensuring decision makers have the right data to make the right decisions by adding value to New Zealand's most important data. Stats NZ will do this by engaging with our customers and developing partnerships with iwi to ensure we are meeting their data needs. We will also be working to build trust with New Zealanders through operating in an open and transparent manner.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Website accessibility and quality: The overall satisfaction with the experience on Stats.govt.nz (see Note 1)	60%	70% to 80%	60%
Percentage change in views of each Stats NZ data tool (see Note 2)	New measure	-37%	Increase from 2023/24 baseline
Percentage change in the total users of each data tool (see Note 2)	New measure	+13%	Increase from 2023/24 baseline
Number of promoters is high for services provided by Customised Data Requests and the Information Centre (see Note 3)	New measure	92%	75% or above
Number of detractors is low for services provided by Customised Data Requests and the Information Centre (see Note 3)	New measure	5%	15% or below

Note 1 - Purpose of the measure is to gauge accessibility of information and quality of user experience on stats.govt.nz.

Note 2 - These are new performance indicators which were selected to demonstrate a change in use of data and tools delivered by Stats NZ. Increased access supports customers to make more informed decisions. Data tools refer to Stats NZ's main data tools Infoshare, Stat.NZ and Aotearoa Data Explorer (ADE) to be released in 2024. As the number of tools will vary over the next few years, the methodology will be adjusted according to the implementation dates of the new tools.

Note 3 - These are new performance indicators which were selected to demonstrate customer satisfaction. Promoters are typically satisfied customers while detractors are unhappy customers. These measures replace 'Number of customised data requests delivered on or before customer agreed date' from the Stewardship of Government Data and Leadership category. Customised Data Requests and Information Centre provide services to customers where the self-service tools don't meet their needs.

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

Assessment of Performance	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Departmental Output Expenses			
Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services			
This category is intended to achieve the statistical releases that are free of high errors, meet release dates and enable New Zealand businesses to engage with Stats NZ utilising digital technologies.			
<i>How performance will be assessed:</i>			
Number of statistical releases (see Note 1)	198-242 releases	188	Replaced measure
Delivery of x topics relating to New Zealand's economy and business. These are informed by a) monthly, b) quarterly, c) annual and d) other frequency releases. This may include topics temporary in nature and releases that cut across the Official Statistics output categories (see Note 1)	New measure	New measure	Increase from 2022/23 baseline
Statistical releases are free from errors classified as high for Economic and Business Data	99%	100%	100%
Percentage of critical economic and business data releases published on the advertised date (see Note 2)	99%	100%	100%
Percentage of other economic and business data releases published on the advertised date (see Note 2)	95%	95%	95%
The percentage of business survey responses provided to Stats NZ in digital format (see Note 3)	60%	60%	60%
The percentage of Stats NZ business surveys that have digital questionnaires available (see Note 3)	30%	26%	30% or above
Improvement in overall customer satisfaction in Stats NZ's information releases and our data tools (see Note 4)	New measure	6.93	Increase from 5.70
Improvement in the customer experience of data findability (see Note 4)	New measure	6.64	Increase from 5.30
Increase in the total users of Stats NZ information releases (see Note 5)	New measure	186,000 to 196,000	Increase from 186,261
Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services			
This category is intended to achieve the non-census related population, social, labour market and environmental data statistical releases that are free of high errors and meet release dates.			
<i>How performance will be assessed:</i>			
Number of statistical releases - Population, Social, Labour Market and Environment Data (see Note 6)	60-72 releases	73	Replaced measure
Delivery of x topics relating to New Zealand's population, social and labour market data. These are informed by a) monthly, b) quarterly, c) annual and d) other frequency releases. This may include topics temporary in nature and releases that cut across the Official Statistics output categories (see Note 6)	New measure	New measure	Increase from 2022/23 baseline
Statistical releases free from errors classified as high for population, social and labour market and environment data	99%	100%	100%

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Percentage of critical population, social and labour market releases published on the advertised date (see Note 2)	99%	100%	100%
Percentage of other population, social and labour market releases published on the advertised date (see Note 2)	95%	95%	95%
Timely delivery of all child poverty measures required under the Child Poverty Reduction Act 2018 (see Note 7)	New measure	100%	100%
Improvement in overall customer satisfaction in Stats NZ's information releases and our data tools (see Note 8)	New measure	6.78	Increase from 5.78
Improvement in the customer experience of data findability (see Note 8)	New measure	5.99	Increase from 5.17
Increase in the total users of Stats NZ information releases (see Note 9)	New measure	202,000 to 212,000	Increase from 201,480
Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership			
This category is intended to achieve leadership of the New Zealand data ecosystem, facilitation of awareness and use of statistical information and the provision of effective and efficient ministerial services to enable Ministers to discharge their statistics portfolio responsibilities.			
<i>How performance will be assessed:</i>			
Number of Data Lab project applications completed within 6 working weeks of receipt	80%	85%	80%
Number of simple or medium complexity Data Lab output checks completed within 5 working days	75%	95%	Replaced measure
High priority simple or medium complexity Data Lab output checks completed within 5 working days	New measure	95%	75%
Percentage of IDI releases published by the target date	100%	100%	100%
Build visibility of the Government Chief Data Steward (GCDS): pageviews to data.govt.nz (see Note 10)	Increase from 820,000	800,000 to 1 million views	Increase from 820,000
Number of customised data requests delivered on or before customer agreed date	90%	92%	Replaced measure
<i>Percentage of requests completed within either specified or statutory timeframes</i>			
Percentage of draft written Parliamentary questions, Ministerial briefings, and Officials Information Act replies provided to Ministers that meet agreed quality and timeliness standards be no less than 95% (see Note 11)	95%	100%	95%

Note 1 - This is a new performance indicator and was selected as it demonstrates delivery of products and services that customers have identified as being of high value or demand. It replaces 'Number of statistical releases'. An increase in the number of topics and/or number of data series at different frequencies is an improvement because it increases the richness or amount of information available to support decision makers.

- x is the number of topics. Each topic has data series of various frequencies that relate to it, for example, the topic 'manufacturing' may have a weekly, monthly and a quarterly series.
- 2022/23 baseline: a) 19 topics, b) 9 monthly, c) 19 quarterly, d) 21 annual and e) 2 other frequency releases. A monthly release is counted as one release, even though it is released four times a year. A quarterly release is counted as one release, even though it is released four times a year.

Note 2 - A data release is timely if it is available to customers within the period in which it remains useful. Planned timeliness is a design decision, based on trade-offs with accuracy, response rates and cost. The calendar of release dates for periodical statistical releases is published on the Stats NZ website at least six months in advance, and the achievement of the planned release dates is monitored as a timeliness performance measure. Timeliness releases have been split into critical and other releases to reflect the performance of each release priority.

Note 3 - These measures relate to the number of responses from businesses, households and individuals as a signal of digital inclusion and wellbeing as per the Digital Inclusion 2019 Action Plan - Government Chief Digital Officer. Measure includes all forms of online engagements - electronic, digital, online and virtual interviewing.

Note 4 - These are new performance indicators which were selected to demonstrate satisfaction and experience of Economic and Business data and Statistical Information Services customers who use our self-service offerings ie, information releases and data tools which are Infoshare, NZ.Stat and Aotearoa Data Explorer (due for release in 2024). The standard is based on the 2022/23 baseline.

Note 5 - This is a new performance indicator and was selected as it demonstrates a change in use of Economic and Business data and tools delivered by Stats NZ. Increased access supports customers to make more informed decisions. The standard is based on the 2022/23 baseline.

Note 6 - This is a new performance indicator and was selected as it demonstrates delivery of products and services that customers have identified as being of high value or demand. It replaces 'Number of statistical releases'. An increase in the number of topics and/or number of data series at different frequencies is an improvement because it increases the richness or amount of information available to support decision makers.

- x is the number of topics. Each topic has data series of various frequencies that relate to it, for example, the topic 'employment and unemployment' may have a weekly, monthly and a quarterly series. A monthly release is counted as one release, even though it is released four times a year. A quarterly release is counted as one release, even though it is released four times a year.
- 2022/23 baseline: a) 33 topics, b) 4 monthly, c) 12 quarterly, d) 20 annual and e) 12 other frequency releases.

Note 7 - This is a new performance indicator and was selected as it demonstrates timely and complete delivery of the child poverty measures that the Government Statistician is required to produce under The Child Poverty Reduction Act 2018 each financial year as soon as is reasonably practicable, and in any case within the next financial year.

Note 8 - New measures which indicate satisfaction and experience of Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services customers who use our self-service offerings ie, information releases and data tools which include Infoshare, NZ.Stat and Aotearoa Data Explorer (due for release in 2024). The standard is based on the 2022/23 baseline.

Note 9 - New measure which is indicative of a change in use of Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services data and tools delivered by Stats NZ. Increased access supports customers to make more informed decisions. The standard is based on the 2022/23 baseline.

Note 10 - The data.govt.nz website, administered by the Government Chief Data Steward (GCDS), is the primary information portal across the data system and provides other agencies and the public the latest information and tools as well as visibility for the role of the GCDS. The number of page-views demonstrate information is being sought and used across the system, as well as providing a vehicle for agencies to interact with the system and upload their data sets. The standard is based on the 2021/22, 2022/23 baseline and 2023/24 estimated result.

Note 11 - Overall performance of Ministerial Services provided including OIA requests to the Minister of Statistics for which Stats NZ provides information.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Final performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Stats NZ in the 2024/25 Annual Report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Return of funding from discontinuation of the Living in Aotearoa Survey	2024/25	-	(4,000)	(4,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)
Reduction in office space operating and lease costs - Statistics New Zealand	2024/25	-	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Reduction in Back Office Functions (Administration and Contractors and Consultants) - Statistics New Zealand	2024/25	-	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)
Shared Approach to Back-office Transformation	2024/25	-	(130)	(130)	(130)	(130)
Previous Government						
Data Collection for Key Surveys - Cost Pressures	2024/25	-	2,232	4,232	4,232	4,232
Public Sector Pay Adjustment - Statistics Remuneration Cost Pressure	2023/24	8,093	8,973	8,973	8,973	8,973
Stats NZ Infrastructure and Systems to Deliver Core Data and Statistics	2023/24	1,623	2,932	4,517	5,220	5,220
Delivering for, and with, iwi, hapū and Māori	2022/23	1,250	-	-	-	-
Methodological changes to the longitudinal Living in Aotearoa survey to improve timeliness and relevance of child poverty statistics	2022/23	4,859	3,810	4,883	4,883	4,883
Providing sustainable, quality data for generations to come	2021/22	11,143	5,980	5,954	5,954	5,954
Securing the immediate and long term sustainability of New Zealand's Official Statistics	2021/22	8,170	-	-	-	-
Persistent Child Poverty Measure	2020/21	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in this appropriation for 2024/25 is mainly due to:

- a decrease of \$11 million for cost saving initiatives such as the discontinuation of the Living in Aotearoa Survey, reductions in back-office functions, and reduction in office space costs
- a decrease of \$5.170 million for securing the immediate and long-term sustainability of New Zealand's official statistics
- a decrease of \$1.390 million to provide sustainable, quality data for generations to come
- a decrease of \$1.250 million for the delivery for, and with, iwi, hapū and Māori
- a decrease of \$1.049 million for improving the timeliness and relevance of child poverty statistics
- a decrease of \$130,000 to fund the Department of Internal Affairs' shared approach to back-office transformation
- the overall decreases are offset by an increase of \$4.421 million for 2024/25 to fund cost increases such as remuneration and data collection.