

# *Vote Regulation*

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APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Regulation (M112)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry for Regulation (A41)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY FOR REGULATION: Minister for Regulation

## *Overview of the Vote*

The Minister for Regulation is responsible for appropriations in Vote Regulation for the 2025/26 financial year covering:

- a total of \$18 million to:
  - support regulatory system reform
  - ensure the quality of new regulation
  - improve the functioning of the existing regulatory systems
  - raise capability of design and operation of regulatory systems, and
  - promote enduring improvement of the regulatory management system
- a total of \$200,000 for departmental capital expenditure.

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	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Leadership of the Regulatory Quality System (M112) (A41)</b> This appropriation is limited to advice and services to support a regulatory quality system with focused leadership and ensure that regulations are well designed and implemented.	16,936	16,936	<b>18,000</b>
<b>Total Departmental Output Expenses</b>	16,936	16,936	18,000
<b>Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Ministry for Regulation - Capital Expenditure PLA (M112) (A41)</b> This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for Regulation; as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	356	356	200
<b>Total Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>	356	356	200
<b>Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations</b>	17,292	17,292	18,200

## Capital Injection Authorisations

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Ministry for Regulation - Capital Injection (M112) (A41)	-	-	-

# *Supporting Information*

## Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

This part provides trend information for the vote.

## 1.2 - Trends in the Vote

### Summary of Financial Activity

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25		2025/26			2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
	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
<b>Appropriations</b>												
Output Expenses	-	-	-	2,334	16,936	16,936	18,000	-	18,000	19,800	21,700	22,000
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	356	356	200	-	200	100	100	100
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)												
<i>Output Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	-	-	-	2,334	17,292	17,292	18,200	-	18,200	19,900	21,800	22,100
<b>Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>												
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	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

Details of significant movements within each appropriation type are detailed below:

#### *Output Expenses*

The Ministry for Regulation is forecasting an increasing level of spending over the forecast period, as its work programme picks up over time in line with an increased number of reviews being undertaken.

## Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

### 2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

#### Leadership of the Regulatory Quality System (M112) (A41)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to advice and services to support a regulatory quality system with focused leadership and ensure that regulations are well designed and implemented.

##### *Expenses and Revenue*

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	16,936	16,936	18,000
Revenue from the Crown	16,936	16,936	18,000
Revenue from Others	-	-	-

##### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the work of the Ministry for Regulation to support regulatory system reform; to ensure the quality of new regulation, to improve the functioning of the existing regulatory systems, to raise capability of design and operation of regulatory systems, and enduring improvement of the regulatory management system.

##### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
The satisfaction of the Minister for Regulation with the policy advice service: Average score as per the common satisfaction survey	Average score of 4 out of 5 or better	Achieved	4 or above
The quality of policy advice papers, using an appropriately robust assessment process, meets a standard of 'acceptable' as defined by quality advice standards: Average score of papers assessed	At least 3.3/5.0	Achieved	3.3
Papers assessed with a score 3 or above	New measure	New measure	80%
Papers assessed with a score of 4 or above	New measure	New measure	20%
The Ministry initiates at least four regulatory reviews (see Note 1)	New measure	New measure	Achieved
Issue updated requirements for regulatory impact analysis and quality assurance (see Note 2)	New measure	New measure	-
Attendees at Ministry-run events are satisfied with the events (see Note 2)	75% satisfied	New measure	-
The satisfaction of the Minister for Regulation with the policy advice service, as per the common satisfaction survey (see Note 2)	Average score of 4 out of 5 or better	Achieved	-

	2024/25		2025/26
Assessment of Performance	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
The recommendations from regulatory reviews result in regulation change: Cabinet accepts regulatory review recommendations	New measure	New measure	80%
There is transparency of each ministerial portfolio's compliance with regulatory impact analysis requirements: the Ministry for Regulation publishes a report on compliance with regulatory impact analysis requirements	New measure	New measure	2 reports published

Note 1 - This performance measure was changed from "three" to "four" regulatory reviews.

Note 2 - This performance measure was removed for 2025/26 and replaced with a new performance measure.

### *End of Year Performance Reporting*

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Regulation in the 2025/26 Annual Report.

### *Current and Past Policy Initiatives*

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2024/25 Final Budgeted \$000	2025/26 Budget \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000
<b>Current Government</b>						
Ministry for Regulation - Establishment and ongoing funding	2024/25	8,306	10,306	12,306	14,306	14,306
Transfer of funding from Productivity Commission to Vote Regulation	2023/24	5,930	5,930	5,930	5,930	5,930
Transfer of funding from Vote Finance to Vote Regulation	2023/24	1,764	1,764	1,764	1,764	1,764

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The increase in this appropriation for 2025/26 is mainly due to:

- \$2 million reflecting budget decisions to fund the establishment and ongoing operation of the Ministry for Regulation and an increasing number of reviews being undertaken over time.



## 2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

### Ministry for Regulation - Capital Expenditure PLA (M112) (A41)

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

#### *Capital Expenditure*

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	156	156	-
Intangibles	200	200	200
Other	-	-	-
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>200</b>

#### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the renewal and replacement of life-expired assets in support of the delivery of the Ministry for Regulation's services.

#### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

Expenditure will be in accordance with the Ministry for Regulation's capital asset management policy.

#### *End of Year Performance Reporting*

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Regulation in the 2025/26 Annual Report.

#### *Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets*

#### **Ministry for Regulation**

	2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000	2025/26 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2025/26
Details of Net Asset Schedule			
Opening Balance	2,145	2,145	
Capital Injections	-	-	
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>2,145</b>	