

Vote Social Investment

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Social Investment (M94)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Social Investment Agency (A42)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL INVESTMENT AGENCY: Minister for Social Investment

Overview of the Vote

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

- a total of \$16 million for the Social Investment Fund invest in initiatives for priority cohorts using data and evidence
- a total of over \$14 million for the provision of strategic cross-system advice and support, creating insights, tools, and practices in order to implement a social investment approach
- a total of \$5 million for the advice on interventions, population cohorts, investment objectives and opportunities for the Social Investment Fund and other social sector investments, as well as the performance monitoring and reporting for the Fund
- a total of \$5 million to establish and operate the Social Investment Fund.

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
Departmental Output Expenses			
Identifying and Coordinating Social Investment Opportunities (M94) (A42) This appropriation is limited to advice on interventions, population cohorts, investment objectives and opportunities for the Social Investment Fund and other social sector investments, as well as the performance monitoring and reporting for the Fund.	-	-	5,000
Supporting Implementation of a Social Investment Approach (M94) (A42) This appropriation is limited to providing advice and creating insights, tools, and practices to support sector-wide implementation of a social investment approach.	14,168	14,168	14,652
Total Departmental Output Expenses	14,168	14,168	19,652
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Delivering Social Investment Outcomes MCA (M94) (A42) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation to achieve improved social outcomes for New Zealanders through social investment initiatives.	-	-	21,000
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Commissioning for Social Investment Outcomes</i> This category is limited to developing, implementing, administering, and evaluating initiatives within the Social Investment Fund.	-	-	5,000
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Delivering Social Investment Initiatives for Priority Cohorts</i> This category is limited to demonstration initiatives that aim to improve outcomes for priority cohorts, trialling the use of cross-sector and outcomes-focused commissioning.	-	-	16,000
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	21,000
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	14,168	14,168	40,652

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Social Investment Agency - Capital Injection (M94) (A42)	1,941	1,941	-

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.1 - New Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2024/25 Final Budgeted \$000	2025/26 Budget \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000
Social Investment Fund - Building Foundations to Drive Social Investment	Delivering Social Investment Outcomes - Delivering Social Investment Initiatives for Priority Cohorts	-	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
Social Investment Fund - Building Foundations to Drive Social Investment	Delivering Social Investment Outcomes - Commissioning for Social Investment Outcomes	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Social Investment Fund - Building Foundations to Drive Social Investment	Identifying and Coordinating Social Investment Opportunities	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Initiatives		-	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000

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
Appropriations												
Output Expenses	-	-	-	-	14,168	14,168	19,652	-	19,652	19,652	19,652	19,652
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)												
<i>Output Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	16,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	-	-	-	-	14,168	14,168	24,652	16,000	40,652	40,652	40,652	40,652
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 reported in last years' Summary of Financial Activity table.

1.3 - Analysis of Significant Trends

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

Appropriations

Output Expenses

Output expenses are increasing due to additional funding to establish and operate the Social Investment Fund and to coordinate social investment. This comprises a total of \$16 million per year for the Social Investment Fund, \$5 million per year to operate the fund and \$5 million per year to coordinate social investment activity.

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Identifying and Coordinating Social Investment Opportunities (M94) (A42)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to advice on interventions, population cohorts, investment objectives and opportunities for the Social Investment Fund and other social sector investments, as well as the performance monitoring and reporting for the Fund.

Expenses and Revenue

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	5,000
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	5,000
Revenue from Others	-	-	-

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to establish and operate the Social Investment Fund. The Fund will use data and evidence to identify priority cohorts, outcomes, and interventions, focusing especially on early intervention and support for those with high and complex needs. It will have a strong focus on commissioning for outcomes, as well as monitoring and evaluating whether those outcomes have been achieved.

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			
A systematic approach is used for agency expenditure reviews (see Note 1)	-	-	4 agency reviews commenced with clear methodology
Ministers are supported to identify funding and services for potential transfer	-	-	Process established and approved by Ministers
Investment decisions are guided by a comprehensive investment strategy	-	-	Investment Strategy provided to Ministers
The average overall satisfaction rating given by Social Investment Fund Ministers for the quality of advice on investment opportunities and outcomes (see Note 2)	-	-	Average score of 4 out of 5 or higher
Investment portfolio performance is measured against the Assessment Framework	-	-	Assessment Framework developed

Note 1 - The first 4 agency reviews cover the agencies and areas of spend referred to in Cabinet paper "Implementing Social Investment Commissioning".

Note 2 - Ministerial satisfaction is measured using a survey with a range based on a five-point scale: 1=never; 2=some of the time; 3=about half the time; 4=most of the time; 5=always. This is a standard survey which measures each Minister's satisfaction, trust, and confidence in the services provided by government departments. The Social Investment Agency will ask each of the Ministers in the Social Investment Fund Ministerial group to complete a survey at least once per annum. The measure will be the average score of those Ministers who complete the survey.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Social Investment Agency 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
Social Investment Fund - Building Foundations to Drive Social Investment	2025/26		5000	5000	5000	5000

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a newly established appropriation which has increased by \$5 million per annum to establish and operate a Social Investment Fund.

Supporting Implementation of a Social Investment Approach (M94) (A42)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to providing advice and creating insights, tools, and practices to support sector-wide implementation of a social investment approach.

Expenses and Revenue

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	14,168	14,168	14,652
Revenue from the Crown	13,752	13,752	14,652
Revenue from Others	416	416	-

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of strategic cross-system advice and support, and insights, tools, and practices in order to implement the social investment approach to support and further the long-term wellbeing of New Zealanders.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2024/25		2025/26
Assessment of Performance	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
The policy and analytical advice provided by the Social Investment Agency enables decision making informed by data and evidence	New measure	New measure	Quality of policy advice out of a possible 5 (see Note 1)
Social Investment Ministers have trust and confidence in the advice we provide	New measure	New measure	Overall satisfaction out of a possible 5 (see Note 1)
The Social Investment Agency invests to improve the volume and quality of data and evidence available to funders, providers, and decision makers to enable social investment (see Note 2)	New measure	New measure	New data will be added in the IDI

These are all new measures which were published in the 2024/25 Strategic Intentions.

Note 1 - Using the standard satisfaction survey and quality of advice guidance provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Note 2 - The new data will also be measured by the number of new datasets added, the number of updated datasets added and the number of cohorts of social investment interest added.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Social Investment Agency in the 2025/26 Annual Report.

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Social Investment Agency - Capital Expenditure PLA (M94) (A42)

Scope of Appropriation

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

Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Social Investment Agency

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000	2025/26 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2025/26
Opening Balance	-	1,941	
Capital Injections	1,941	-	
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	1,941	1,941	

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Delivering Social Investment Outcomes (M94) (A42)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation to achieve improved social outcomes for New Zealanders through social investment initiatives.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Commissioning for Social Investment Outcomes

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Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Delivering Social Investment Initiatives for Priority Cohorts

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Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	21,000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Commissioning for Social Investment Outcomes	-	-	5,000
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Delivering Social Investment Initiatives for Priority Cohorts	-	-	16,000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	5,000
Commissioning for Social Investment Outcomes	-	-	5,000

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How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Investments are allocated in accordance with the Investment Framework	-	-	Investment Framework developed
Funding is invested in priority cohorts (see Note 1)	-	-	Priority cohorts identified and approved
Investments are outcomes based	-	-	Outcomes Measurement Framework developed
The Social Investment Agency receives reports from funded providers, which includes emerging/early leading indicators of the impact of initiatives (see Note 2)	-	-	Approach to measuring lead indicators is developed

Note 1 - Priority cohorts are to be confirmed by Social Investment Fund Ministers based on advice from the Social Investment Agency on New Zealanders most at risk of poor outcomes. This performance measure demonstrates our ability to commission services for identified and agreed priority cohorts, however there will be a time delay to assess whether the commissioned service targets the priority cohort. In Year 1, SIA will establish a baseline performance; in subsequent years, increasing alignment is expected.

Note 2 - the information received from these reports in Years 1-3 will provide the Social Investment Agency with insight into the impact of initiatives, which will help us refine and clarify future investment decisions. This measure is assessed as achieved/not achieved.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Social Investment Agency in the 2025/26 Annual Report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a newly established appropriation which has increased by \$21 million per annum to establish and operate a Social Investment Fund.