

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 \$268 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 2025/26 financial year comprising:

- over \$72 million for the delivery of data and statistical information services relating to business and the economy
- over \$75 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
- nearly \$37 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 \$22 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 | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| | 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. | 16,235 | 16,235 | 16,364 |
| Total Departmental Output Expenses | 16,235 | 16,235 | 16,364 |
| 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. | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 |
| Total Departmental Capital Expenditure | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 |
| 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. | 178,453 | 178,453 | 184,656 |
| 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. | 63,517 | 63,517 | 72,586 |
| 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. | 74,551 | 74,551 | 75,111 |
| 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. | 40,385 | 40,385 | 36,959 |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure | 178,453 | 178,453 | 184,656 |
| Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations | 216,688 | 216,688 | 223,020 |

Multi-Year Appropriations

| Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations | Appropriations, Adjustments and Use | \$000 |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Departmental Output Expenses | | |
| 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 2023/24 | - |
| | Adjustments for 2024/25 | - |
| | Adjusted Appropriation | 227,120 |
| | Actual to 2023/24 Year End | - |
| | Estimated Actual for 2024/25 | 45,424 |
| | Estimate for 2025/26 | 45,424 |
| | Estimated Appropriation Remaining | 136,272 |

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

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations | 216,688 | 216,688 | 223,020 |
| Total Forecast MYA Departmental Output Expenses | 45,424 | 45,424 | 45,424 |
| Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations | 262,112 | 262,112 | 268,444 |

Capital Injection Authorisations

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Statistics New Zealand - Capital Injection (M67) (A38) | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,420 |

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 |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Return of Funding for Internal Learning and Capability | Official Statistics (MCA) Departmental Output Expense | - | (1,505) | (1,536) | (1,566) | (1,597) |
| Monthly Consumers Price Index (CPI) and More Regular Reporting of Inflation | Official Statistics (MCA) Departmental Output Expense | - | 6,576 | 5,246 | 2,610 | 2,100 |
| Total Initiatives | | - | 5,071 | 3,710 | 1,044 | 503 |

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 | 28,824 | 56,779 | 191,555 | 54,375 | 61,659 | 61,659 | 61,788 | - | 61,788 | 62,031 | 62,275 | 62,275 |
| Benefits or Related Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - | - |
| Borrowing Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Expenditure | 13,797 | 19,842 | 14,171 | 14,755 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 | - | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 |
| Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - |
| Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Output Expenses</i> | 146,334 | 171,474 | 190,349 | 190,866 | 178,453 | 178,453 | 184,656 | - | 184,656 | 181,998 | 179,332 | 178,791 |
| <i>Other Expenses</i> | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Capital Expenditure</i> | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Appropriations | 188,955 | 248,095 | 396,075 | 259,996 | 262,112 | 262,112 | 268,444 | - | 268,444 | 266,029 | 263,607 | 263,066 |
| 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 commenced in 2024/25 to deliver the Next Census. Phasing of expenditure will be reviewed to deliver the Next Census successfully.

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 2024/25 is largely related to digital projects and is estimated to remain steady from 2025/26 as Stats NZ invests in modernising its core IT systems.

Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Output expenses have risen between 2021/22 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 have decreased between 2023/24 and 2024/25 due to cost saving initiatives to help achieve a 7.5% reduction in baseline. Output expenses are forecast to increase from 2025/26 due to a shift from quarterly to monthly Consumers Price Index (CPI) reporting.

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 |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|
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| | Estimated Appropriation Remaining | 136,272 |

Revenue

| | Budget \$000 |
|--|-----------------|
| Revenue from the Crown to end of 2025/26 | 90,848 |
| Revenue from Others to end of 2025/26 | - |
| Total Revenue | 90,848 |

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 | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| <i>Post Census day measures</i> | | | |
| National response rate total population (see Note 1) | 90%+ | 87.6% | Completed measure |
| National response rate for people of Māori descent (see Note 1) | 90%+ | 77.6% | Completed measure |
| National net coverage rate total population (see Note 1) | 98%+ | 98.9% | Completed measure |
| National net coverage rate for people of Māori descent (see Note 1) | 98%+ | 98.5% | Completed measure |
| 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+ | 0.90 | Completed measure |
| Improved trust and confidence of Tagata Moana in 2023 Census: National response rate for Pacific (see Note 1) | 90%+ | 79.2% | Completed measure |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|---|
| Assessment of Performance | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Data on Individuals and Dwellings is available from: date (see Note 1) | 3 October 2024 | 3 October 2024 | Completed measure |
| Data on Families and Households is available from: date (see Note 1) | 7 November 2024 | 7 November 2024 | Completed measure |
| <i>2025-2026 Measures for Census</i> | | | |
| Summary of the final content for the first iteration of the Census Attribute Survey Report (see Note 2) | New 2025-2026 | New 2025-2026 | To be reported in 2025/26 Annual Report |
| Summary of the key elements of the high-level design for the next census (see Note 3) | New 2025-2026 | New 2025-2026 | To be reported in 2025/26 Annual Report |
| The Integrated Statistical Data System required for the 2026 operational readiness test for the next census is in an adequate state for the test (see Note 4) | New 2025-2026 | New 2025-2026 | To be reported in 2025/26 Annual Report |

Note 1 - All measures relating to 2023 Census were completed during 2024/25 and results to be published in the 2024/25 Annual Report.

Note 2 - New measure for 2025/26. This is a qualitative description which shows the output of the engagement that will be undertaken during the 2025/26 year to ascertain census variables and the rationale for these choices. It will reflect the balance between partner and customer need and what is feasible in the context of the tentative census model and outline future decisions on use of admin data and tailored/bespoke solutions. The performance information of this measure will be reported in the 2025/26 Annual Report.

Note 3 - New measure for 2025/26. This is a qualitative description which shows the key elements of the design, provides the direction to build and implement it, and shows the end-to-end integration context. The performance information of this measure will be reported in the 2025/26 Annual Report.

Note 4 - New measure for 2025/26. This is a qualitative indicator which shows if development of the Integrated Statistical Data System required to support the next census model has progressed to the state required to undertake readiness testing to support the Census Attribute Survey going live in 2027. The performance information of this measure will be reported in the 2025/26 Annual Report.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Stats NZ 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 |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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) | (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

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 16,235 | 16,235 | 16,364 |
| Revenue from Others | 16,235 | 16,235 | 16,364 |

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

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|---|---------------------|---|
| | 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 2025/26 Annual Report.

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

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Forests/Agricultural | - | - | - |
| Land | - | - | - |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | - | - | - |
| Intangibles | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 |
| Other | - | - | - |
| Total Appropriation | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 |

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 2025/26 Annual Report.

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

| Details of Net Asset Schedule | 2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000 | 2025/26 Projected \$000 | Explanation of Projected Movements in 2025/26 |
|---|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Opening Balance | 77,094 | 78,494 | |
| Capital Injections | 1,400 | 1,420 | The capital injection consists of \$920,000 to improve the timeliness and relevance of child poverty statistics and \$500,000 to deliver New Zealand's next census of population and dwellings. |
| Capital Withdrawals | - | - | |
| Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred) | - | - | |
| Other Movements | - | - | |
| Closing Balance | 78,494 | 79,914 | |

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

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 178,453 | 178,453 | 184,656 |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services | 63,517 | 63,517 | 72,586 |
| Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services | 74,551 | 74,551 | 75,111 |
| Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership | 40,385 | 40,385 | 36,959 |
| Funding for Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Revenue from the Crown | 169,440 | 169,440 | 175,643 |
| Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services | 60,740 | 60,740 | 67,677 |
| Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services | 71,077 | 71,077 | 72,167 |
| Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership | 37,623 | 37,623 | 35,799 |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | 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 | 2,777 | 2,777 | 4,909 |
| Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services | 3,474 | 3,474 | 2,944 |
| Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership | 2,762 | 2,762 | 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

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|--|--|--|
| | 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% |
| Increase the number of views of each Stats NZ data tool (as an average across each tool) (see Note 2) | Increase from baseline of 1.36 million | Increase from baseline of 1.36 million | Increase from baseline of 1.36 million |
| Increase the number of total users of each data tool (as an average across each tool) (see Note 2) | Increase from baseline of 260,000 | Increase from baseline of 260,000 | Increase from baseline of 260,000 |
| Number of promoters is high for services provided by Customised Data Requests and the Information Centre (see Note 3) | 75% or above | 92% | 75% or above |
| Number of detractors is low for services provided by Customised Data Requests and the Information Centre (see Note 3) | 15% or below | 5% | 15% or below |

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

Note 2 - The purpose of these measures is 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. 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 - The purpose of these measures is to demonstrate customer satisfaction. Promoters are typically satisfied customers while detractors are unhappy customers. 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

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Assessment of Performance | 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> | | | |
| Improve the relevance of economic and business official statistics by increasing the frequency, quality, accessibility, timeliness, and/or coverage of at least [X number] of releases (see Note 1) | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 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 to 99% | 95% |
| The percentage of business survey responses provided to Stats NZ in digital format (see Note 3) | 60% | 75% | 60% |
| The percentage of Stats NZ business surveys that have digital questionnaires available (see Note 3) | 30% | 22% | 30% or above |
| Improvement in overall customer satisfaction in Stats NZ's information releases and our data tools (see Note 4) | Increase from 5.70 | 6.0 to 6.8 | 5.70 or above |
| Improvement in the customer experience of data findability (see Note 4) | Increase from 5.3 | 5.3 to 5.8 | 5.30 or above |
| Increase in the total users of Stats NZ information releases (see Note 5) | Increase from 186,261 | Above 186,000 | 180,000 or above |
| 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> | | | |
| Improve the relevance of population, labour market, environment or society official statistics by increasing the frequency, quality, accessibility, timeliness, and/or coverage of at least [X number] of releases (see Note 1) | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Statistical releases free from errors classified as high for population, social and labour market and environment data | 99% | 100% | 100% |
| 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 to 97% | 95% |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|--|--|--|
| Assessment of Performance | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Timely delivery of all child poverty measures required under the Child Poverty Reduction Act 2018 (see Note 6) | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Improvement in overall customer satisfaction in Stats NZ's information releases and our data tools (see Note 4) | Increase from 5.78 | 5.78 or better | 5.78 or better |
| Improvement in the customer experience of data findability (see Note 4) | Increase from 5.17 | 5.0 or better | 5.17 or better |
| Increase in the total users of Stats NZ information releases (see Note 7) | Increase from 201,480 | 180,000 - 202,000 | 200,000 or better |
| 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% | 80% | 80% |
| High priority simple or medium complexity Data Lab output checks completed within 5 working days | 75% | 85% | 85% |
| Percentage of IDI releases published by the target date | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Enhancing the government data system by building and strengthening partnerships and relationships to foster improved stewardship, sharing, accessibility, and utilisation of government data (see Note 8) | Case studies reported in 2024/25 Annual Report | Case studies reported in 2024/25 Annual Report | Case studies reported in 2025/26 Annual Report |
| <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 9) | 95% | 100% | 95% |

Note 1 - These measures reflect the commitment to improve the relevance of official statistics by increasing the frequency, quality, accessibility, timeliness, and/or coverage of at least [x number] of releases.

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 received in a digital format as part of our commitment to a digitalised government. Measure includes all forms of online engagements - electronic, digital, online and virtual interviewing.

Note 4 - These measures demonstrate satisfaction and experience of customers who use our self-service offerings ie, information releases and data tools which are Infoshare, NZ.Stat and Aotearoa Data Explorer.

Note 5 - This measure 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.

Note 6 - This measure 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 7 - This 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.

Note 8 - This measure reflects the engagement focus undertaken by Stats NZ with our stakeholders in the government data system. We will produce case studies demonstrating strengthening of the government data system for 2025/26 year and summarise this in the 2025/26 Annual Report.

Note 9 - 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 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 |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Current Government | | | | | | |
| Return of Funding for Internal Learning and Capability | 2025/26 | - | (1,505) | (1,536) | (1,566) | (1,597) |
| Monthly Consumers Price Index (CPI) and More Regular Reporting of Inflation | 2025/26 | - | 6,576 | 5,246 | 2,610 | 2,100 |
| Return of funding from discontinuation of the Living in Aotearoa Survey | 2024/25 | (4,000) | (4,000) | (6,000) | (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) | (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) | (5,000) |
| Shared Approach to Back-office Transformation | 2024/25 | (130) | (130) | (130) | (130) | (130) |
| Previous Government | | | | | | |
| Data Collection for Key Surveys - Cost Pressures | 2024/25 | 2,232 | 4,232 | 4,232 | 4,232 | 4,232 |
| Public Sector Pay Adjustment - Statistics Remuneration Cost Pressure | 2023/24 | 8,973 | 8,973 | 8,973 | 8,973 | 8,973 |
| Stats NZ Infrastructure and Systems to Deliver Core Data and Statistics | 2023/24 | 2,932 | 4,517 | 5,220 | 5,220 | 5,220 |
| Methodological changes to the longitudinal Living in Aotearoa survey to improve timeliness and relevance of child poverty statistics | 2022/23 | 3,810 | 4,883 | 4,883 | 4,883 | 4,883 |
| Providing sustainable, quality data for generations to come | 2021/22 | 5,980 | 5,954 | 5,954 | 5,954 | 5,954 |

Reasons for Changes in Appropriation

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

- an increase of \$6.576 million to provide monthly Consumers Price Index (CPI) and more regular reporting of inflation
- an increase of \$3.585 million to fund cost increases such as remuneration and data collection
- an increase of \$1.073 million for improving the timeliness and relevance of child poverty statistics.

Partially offset by:

- a decrease of \$2 million due to one-off funding to support the better use of data for social investment
- a decrease of \$1.505 million for a cost saving initiative to stop an internal learning and capability programme
- a decrease of \$1.500 million for securing the immediate and long-term sustainability of New Zealand's official statistics.