

Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery (M11), Prime Minister (M52)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (A7)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET:
Prime Minister

Overview of the Vote

The Prime Minister is responsible for appropriations in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet for 2026/27, covering the following:

- a total of over \$58 million to support decision-making by the Prime Minister and Cabinet; to provide support services to the Prime Minister, Cabinet and its committees, the Executive Council, and the Governor-General; and to support the maintenance, and preservation of the functionality and value, of the Government House buildings, vehicles and other assets
- a total of over \$3 million under permanent legislative authority (Governor-General Act 2010) for payments for the salary, allowances, programme and travel expenses outside New Zealand of the Governor-General
- a total of over \$2 million for the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989, and
- a total of \$174,000 under the Intelligence and Security Act 2017 for the remuneration of the Commissioners of Intelligence Warrants.

The Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery was responsible for appropriations in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet until 25 September 2025 when the National Emergency Management Agency transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-4.

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - Capital Expenditure PLA (M52) (A7) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	1,519	1,519	2,850
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	1,519	1,519	2,850
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Governor-General's Programme PLA (M52) (A7) This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred on the Governor-General's Programme, as authorised by section 13 of the Governor-General Act 2010.	2,050	2,050	2,050
Governor-General's Salary and Allowance PLA (M52) (A7) This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred on the salary, allowance and other payments to the Governor-General, as authorised by section 12 of the Governor-General Act 2010.	500	500	1,000
Governor-General's Travel Outside New Zealand PLA (M52) (A7) This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred on the Governor-General's travel outside New Zealand, as authorised by section 14 of the Governor-General Act 2010.	407	407	407
Remuneration of Commissioners of Intelligence Warrants PLA (M52) (A7) This appropriation is limited to the salaries and allowances of Commissioners of Intelligence Warrants as authorised by clause 3(1) of Schedule 3 of the Intelligence and Security Act 2017.	174	174	174
Local Authority Emergency Expenses PLA (M11) (A7) This appropriation is limited to reimbursing a local authority for, or meeting, expenses incurred by a local authority in connection with an emergency as authorised by section 115A of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.	371	371	-
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	3,502	3,502	3,631
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Advice and Support Services MCA (M52) (A7) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support decision-making by the Prime Minister and the Cabinet, and to provide support services to the Prime Minister, Cabinet and its committees, and the Governor-General.	55,804	55,804	58,416
Departmental Output Expenses			
Advice and Support to Government and the Governor-General This category is limited to supporting decision-making by the Prime Minister and Cabinet and to providing support services to the Prime Minister, Cabinet and its committees, the Executive Council, and the Governor-General, and providing administrative support to maintain the Governor-General's residences.	53,022	53,022	55,634
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Depreciation and Maintenance of Government House Buildings and Related Assets This category is limited to depreciation and maintenance expenses on the Government House buildings and related assets, and the grounds on which they are located.	2,232	2,232	2,232

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
<i>Government House - Capital Expenditure</i> This category is limited to capital expenditure necessary to acquire and preserve the functionality and value of the Government House buildings, vehicles and other assets.	550	550	550
Emergency Management Leadership and Support MCA (M11) (A7) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support leadership of the all-hazards, all-risk emergency management system so that it reduces risk and is ready and able to provide an effective and integrated response to, and recovery from, emergencies.	11,335	11,335	-
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery</i> This category is limited to advice to Ministers and the emergency management sector on the design, operation and performance of the emergency management system; building the capability and capacity of the emergency management sector (including communities) to plan for, respond to and recover from emergencies; and leading and supporting response to and recovery from emergencies.	10,321	10,321	-
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery</i> This category is limited to grants, contributions and other payments to support communities and the emergency management sector in New Zealand and Pacific Realm countries on matters relating to emergency risk reduction, readiness, response and recovery.	1,014	1,014	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	67,139	67,139	58,416
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	72,160	72,160	64,897

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - Capital Injection (M52) (A7)	-	-	-

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.1 - New Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Core Central Agency Functions of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - Continuing Funding	Advice and Support Services (MCA)	(12,500)	17,366	17,047	17,725	18,414
Continuing Funding for DPMC's Central Agency and National Security, Risk and Resilience Functions	Advice and Support Services (MCA)	6,219				
Total Initiatives		(6,281)	17,366	17,047	17,725	18,414

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26		2026/27			2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000
Appropriations												
Output Expenses	84,961	20,790	11,731	10,422	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	11,380	51,750	829,468	985,628	3,502	3,502	-	3,631	3,631	3,231	3,231	3,231
Capital Expenditure	734	560	5,139	350	1,519	1,519	2,850	-	2,850	100	100	100
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)												
<i>Output Expenses</i>	81,066	101,387	98,747	99,197	63,343	63,343	55,634	-	55,634	54,565	55,043	55,732
<i>Other Expenses</i>	11,134	33,090	17,270	21,488	3,246	3,246	-	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	4,416	401	857	346	550	550	N/A	550	550	550	550	550
Total Appropriations	193,691	207,978	963,212	1,117,431	72,160	72,160	58,484	6,413	64,897	60,678	61,156	61,845
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts												
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	5,246	8,371	6,124	3,521	150	150	N/A	150	150	150	150	150
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	5,246	8,371	6,124	3,521	150	150	N/A	150	150	150	150	150

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 category are detailed below:

Output Expenses

The decrease in 2022/23 was due to the transfer of responsibilities from the Transition Unit to health agencies and the disestablishment of the unit during the year, consolidation of the former departmental output expenses appropriation Canterbury Earthquake Recovery into the Advice and Support Services MCA, and reduced COVID-19 public information expenditure and transfers to Vote Health for the disestablishment of the COVID-19 Response Group.

The decrease in 2023/24 was due to the cessation of the COVID-19 Response Group and Transition Unit, offset by increases in appropriations related to the 2023 North Island extreme weather events.

The decrease in 2024/25 was due to the transfer of appropriations to multi-category expenses. This was partially offset by increased funding for 2023 North Island severe weather events.

The decrease in 2025/26 and outyears is due to the end of the Cyclone Recovery Unit, which was established to support the recovery from the 2023 North Island extreme weather events, and as responsibility for hosting the National Emergency Management Agency having been transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs on 25 September 2025.

Other Expenses

The increase in 2022/23 was due to increased funding for the government's response to the 2023 North Island extreme weather events and to provide for reimbursements to local authorities for eligible response and recovery costs associated with these events.

The increase in 2023/24 and 2024/25 was due to increased funding to support the response to the 2023 North Island severe weather events.

The decrease in 2025/26 and the outyears is due to a return to baseline after funding for the 2023 North Island severe weather events ends and responsibility for ongoing administration of recovery costs was transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs; and as responsibility for hosting the National Emergency Management Agency having been transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs on 25 September 2025.

Capital Expenditure

The increase in 2023/24 was for additional funding to support a relocation from temporary office accommodation.

The decrease in 2024/25 was due to completion of the relocation from temporary office accommodation.

The increase in 2025/26 and 2026/27 is due to a software project. The decrease in subsequent years is due to a return to baseline after the completion of this project.

Multi-Category Output Expenses

The increase in 2022/23 was due to maintenance costs of the Tsunami Monitoring and Detection Network, the alternative National Crisis Management Centre (NCCMC) Project, National Security Response to RCOI, establishment of the Christchurch Call Research Partnership, COVID-19 Service Recognition and costs associated with the 2023 North Island extreme weather events.

The decrease in 2023/24 was due to lower immediate response costs for the 2023 North Island severe weather events; partially offset by increased expenditure for Emergency Mobile Alerting.

The decrease in 2025/26 is due to an expense transfer of \$12.500 million from 2025/26 to 2026/27 due to lower costs following an organisational change and efficiencies realised in 2025/26 and the responsibility for hosting the National Emergency Management Agency having been transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs on 25 September 2025.

The decrease in 2026/27 and outyears is due to the responsibility for hosting the National Emergency Management Agency having been transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs on 25 September 2025.

Multi-Category Other Expenses

The increase in 2022/23 was due to funding to support the Te Hiku Water Tanks Project, Disaster Relief Fund contributions, Buller District Council recovery and funding to support recovery from the 2023 North Island extreme weather events.

The decrease in 2023/24 was due to lower reimbursements of eligible costs to local authorities for the 2023 North Island severe weather events recovery.

The decrease in 2024/25 and the outyears is due to the responsibility for hosting the National Emergency Management Agency having been transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs on 25 September 2025.

Multi-Category Capital Expenditure

The decrease between 2022/23 was mainly due to the completion of the purchase of assets for a Tsunami Monitoring and Detection Network.

Non-Tax Revenue

The decrease in 2025/26 and outyears is due to the responsibility for hosting the National Emergency Management Agency having been transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs on 25 September 2025.

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - Capital Expenditure PLA (M52) (A7)

Scope of Appropriation

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

Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	166	166	100
Intangibles	1,353	1,353	2,750
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	1,519	1,519	2,850

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the renewal, upgrade or redesign of assets in support of the delivery of the Department's services.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Expenditure is in accordance with the Department's approved capital asset management plan.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in the 2026/27 Annual Report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation for 2026/27 is mainly due to a software project.

*Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets***Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2025/26 Estimated Actual \$000	2026/27 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2026/27
Opening Balance	14,708	10,643	
Capital Injections	-	-	
Capital Withdrawals	(4,065)	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	10,643	10,643	

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Governor-General's Programme PLA (M52) (A7)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred on the Governor-General's Programme, as authorised by section 13 of the Governor-General Act 2010.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	2,050	2,050	2,050

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve support for the constitutional role of the office of the Governor-General.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Officer of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million.

Governor-General's Salary and Allowance PLA (M52) (A7)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred on the salary, allowance and other payments to the Governor-General, as authorised by section 12 of the Governor-General Act 2010.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	500	500	1,000

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve remuneration of the Governor-General.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Officer of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under section 15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative, because this appropriation is solely for salary and allowance payments to the Governor-General.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation for 2026/27 is due to increased salary costs for the period of transition to a new Governor-General.

Governor-General's Travel Outside New Zealand PLA (M52) (A7)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred on the Governor-General's travel outside New Zealand, as authorised by section 14 of the Governor-General Act 2010.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	407	407	407

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve financial support to enable the Governor-General, in the head of state role, to represent New Zealand overseas.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Officer of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million.

Remuneration of Commissioners of Intelligence Warrants PLA (M52) (A7)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the salaries and allowances of Commissioners of Intelligence Warrants as authorised by clause 3(1) of Schedule 3 of the Intelligence and Security Act 2017.

Expenses

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	174	174	174

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This permanent appropriation provides for payment to Commissioners of Intelligence Warrants of salaries and allowances as determined by the Remuneration Authority.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Officer of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under section 15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative, because this appropriation is solely for payments of salaries, allowances and travel expenses to the Commissioners of Intelligence Warrants.

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Advice and Support Services (M52) (A7)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support decision-making by the Prime Minister and the Cabinet, and to provide support services to the Prime Minister, Cabinet and its committees, and the Governor-General.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Advice and Support to Government and the Governor-General

This category is limited to supporting decision-making by the Prime Minister and Cabinet and to providing support services to the Prime Minister, Cabinet and its committees, the Executive Council, and the Governor-General, and providing administrative support to maintain the Governor-General's residences.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Depreciation and Maintenance of Government House Buildings and Related Assets

This category is limited to depreciation and maintenance expenses on the Government House buildings and related assets, and the grounds on which they are located.

Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

Government House - Capital Expenditure

This category is limited to capital expenditure necessary to acquire and preserve the functionality and value of the Government House buildings, vehicles and other assets.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	55,804	55,804	58,416
Departmental Output Expenses			
Advice and Support to Government and the Governor-General	53,022	53,022	55,634
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Depreciation and Maintenance of Government House Buildings and Related Assets	2,232	2,232	2,232
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Government House - Capital Expenditure	550	550	550

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	51,118	51,118	55,272
Advice and Support to Government and the Governor-General	51,118	51,118	55,272
Revenue from Others	1,904	1,904	362
Advice and Support to Government and the Governor-General	1,904	1,904	362

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the enablement and facilitation of decision-making by executive government through the delivery of policy advice and support services to the Prime Minister, Ministers with responsibilities within the Vote, Cabinet and its committees, the Executive Council and the Governor-General.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
The Prime Minister is satisfied with the services and support provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (see Note 1)	4	4	4
The Governor-General is satisfied with the services and support provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (see Note 1)	4	4	4

Note 1 - The Governor-General/Prime Minister satisfaction is the aggregated result from all relevant satisfaction measures with the appropriation's categories, measured on a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means never met expectations and 5 means always met expectations.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Departmental Output Expenses			
Advice and Support to Government and the Governor-General			
This category is intended to provide policy advice to support decision-making by the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister and the Cabinet and provide support services to the Prime Minister, Cabinet and its committees, the Executive Council and the Governor-General.			
Advice to Government			
The Prime Minister is satisfied with the policy advice service including advice on delivery (see Note 1)	4	4	4
The portfolio ministers are satisfied with the policy advice service for national security, risk and resilience (see Notes 1 and 2)	4	4	4
Average score for assessed policy papers (see Note 3)	4	4	4
Quality of policy advice papers - 70% score 3 or higher, 30% score 4 or higher and no more than 10% score 2 or less (see Note 3)	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
Ministerial satisfaction with the leadership and stewardship of the National Resilience System (see Note 1)	4	4	4
Average score of a sample of intelligence assessments reviewed by an external reviewer (see Note 4)	4	4	4
Responses to ministerial Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) requests provided within agreed timeframes (see Note 5)	95%	95%	95%
Support to the Prime Minister, Cabinet and the Governor-General			
The Prime Minister is satisfied with the support, secretariat and coordination services provided (see Note 1)	4	4	4
Cabinet and Cabinet committee minutes requiring subsequent amendment (excluding amendments made as the result of Cabinet decisions)	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Policy papers for Cabinet and Cabinet committee meetings will be published on CabNet by the close of business, two days before the meeting (subject to on-time lodgement in CabNet)	90%	90%	90%
Cabinet minutes will be published on CabNet by the close of business, three days after the Cabinet meeting	95%	95%	95%
The Governor-General is satisfied with the advisory and constitutional services provided (see Note 1)	4	4	4
The Governor-General is satisfied with the programme and household services provided (see Note 1)	4	4	4

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Depreciation and Maintenance of Government House Buildings and Related Assets			
This category is intended to achieve the funding of depreciation and maintenance expenses for Government buildings and related assets.			
An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Officer of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under section 15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative, because this category is solely for the costs of depreciation and maintenance of Crown assets	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Government House - Capital Expenditure			
This category is intended to achieve preservation of the functionality and value of Government House buildings and assets.			
An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Officer of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as the amount for this Non-departmental capital expenditure category is less than \$15 million	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt

Note 1 - The Governor-General/Prime Minister/Minister's Satisfaction Survey measures satisfaction with the quality of advice and/or services on a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means never met expectations and 5 means always met expectations.

Note 2 - This measure includes all first-opinion policy advice provided to the Prime Minister in his Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence portfolios.

Note 3 - A sample of the Department's policy advice will be assessed by a panel using the Policy Quality Framework. There are two targets for reporting on overall policy advice: an average score and a distribution score. Policy advice will be scored on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means unacceptable and 5 means outstanding. All first opinion policy functions contribute to one score across the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Note 4 - Intelligence assessments will be scored on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means unacceptable and 5 means outstanding.

Note 5 - This measure reports on the timeliness of providing responses to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's portfolio Ministers on requests made to them under the OIA.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in the 2026/27 Annual Report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Core Central Agency Functions of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - Continuing Funding	2025/26	(12,500)	17,366	17,047	17,725	18,414
Continuing Funding for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Central Agency and National Security, Risk and Resilience Functions	2025/26	6,219	-	-	-	-
Baseline stabilisation of core functions	2024/25	4,713	825	825	825	825
Establishment of Delivery Unit function	2025/26	600	-	-	-	-
Rationalisation of property footprint	2024/25	(420)	(420)	(420)	(420)	(420)
Realisation of efficiencies and output reductions in operational budget	2024/25	(550)	(630)	(550)	(550)	(550)
Reduction in staffing levels	2024/25	(1,449)	(1,369)	(1,449)	(1,449)	(1,449)
Previous Government						
Increased Remuneration Costs	2023/24	1,281	1,281	1,281	1,281	1,281
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Relocation from Temporary Accommodation	2023/24	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680
Countering Foreign Interference - Enhancing infrastructure resilience	2023/24	883	883	883	883	883

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

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

- an increase of \$17.366 million for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's central agency functions including a \$12.500 million transfer from 2025/26 to 2026/27 for core central agency functions of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

This is partially offset by:

- a reduction of \$6.219 million for the end of time limited funding for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- a reduction of \$3.888 million for the baseline stabilisation of core functions, and
- a reduction of \$600,000 for the end of time limited funding for the Delivery Unit.