

Vote Regulation

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 2026/27 financial year covering:

- a total of nearly \$20 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
 - promote enduring improvement of the regulatory management system, and
 - support the Regulatory Standards Board
- a total of \$100,000 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	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Leadership of the Regulatory Quality System (M112) (A41) 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.	18,319	18,319	19,800
Total Departmental Output Expenses	18,319	18,319	19,800
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Ministry for Regulation - Capital Expenditure PLA (M112) (A41) 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.	200	200	100
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	200	200	100
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	18,519	18,519	19,900

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Ministry for Regulation - Capital Injection (M112) (A41)	-	-	-

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
Vote Regulation Departmental Cost Efficiencies	Leadership of the Regulatory Quality System Departmental Output Expenses	-	-	(600)	(600)	(400)
Total Initiatives		-	-	(600)	(600)	(400)

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	-	-	2,334	16,936	18,319	18,319	19,800	-	19,800	21,100	21,400	21,600
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	356	200	200	100	-	100	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	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	-	-	2,334	17,292	18,519	18,519	19,900	-	19,900	21,200	21,500	21,700
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

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.

Capital Expenditure

The Ministry for Regulation has phased a decreased level of capital expenditure over the forecast period from 2026/27 in line with expectations of the Ministry's maturing needs and a stable workforce.

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

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	18,319	18,319	19,800
Revenue from the Crown	18,319	18,319	19,800
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

	2025/26		2026/27
	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	Average score of 4 out of 5 or better	Average score of 4 out of 5 or better
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	At least 3.3/5.0	At least 3.3/5.0
Papers assessed with a score 3 or above	80%	80%	80%
Papers assessed with a score of 4 or above	20%	20%	20%
The Ministry initiates at least four regulatory reviews	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
The recommendations from regulatory reviews result in regulation change: Cabinet accepts regulatory review recommendations	80%	80%	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	2 reports published	2 reports published	2 reports published

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Regulation 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						
Ministry for Regulation - Establishment and ongoing funding	2024/25	10,306	12,306	14,306	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 2026/27 is mainly due to:

- An additional \$2 million in 2026/27 reflecting budget decisions to fund the establishment and ongoing operation of the Ministry for Regulation and the establishment of the Regulatory Standards Board.

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

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-	-
Intangibles	200	200	100
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	200	200	100

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 2026/27 Annual Report.

*Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets***Ministry for Regulation**

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2025/26 Estimated Actual \$000	2026/27 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2026/27
Opening Balance	2,145	2,145	
Capital Injections	-	-	
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	2,145	2,145	