

Vote Tari Whakatau

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations (M74), Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti (M98)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry of Justice (A23)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

Overview of the Vote

The Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations is responsible for appropriations in the Vote Tari Whakatau for the 2025/26 financial year covering the following:

- a multi-year appropriation of \$1,400 million for the four-year period from 2025/26 to 2028/29. This appropriation is for the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims and provides for the payment of redress through the transfer of assets (cash and property) from the Crown to claimant groups and for the payment of interest on the settlements
- over \$36 million for departmental expenses in settling historical Treaty of Waitangi claims and determining customary interests in the takutai moana (marine and coastal areas)
- over \$13 million for financial assistance to applicants to support determining customary interests in the takutai moana (marine and coastal areas)
- nearly \$6 million for claimant funding to support the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims
- nearly \$2 million for the operations of Ngāpuhi Investment Fund Limited, and
- \$250,000 for financial assistance to support finalising transfer of ancillary redress.

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			
Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area Customary Interests (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to departmental expenses incurred in settling historical Treaty of Waitangi claims and determining customary interests in marine and coastal areas including implementing settlements and providing advice and information to Ministers and others on these matters.	38,099	37,649	36,198
Total Departmental Output Expenses	38,099	37,649	36,198
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Operations of Ngāpuhi Investment Fund Limited (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to the administration and management of Ngāpuhi Investment Fund Limited.	1,900	1,777	1,900
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	1,900	1,777	1,900
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Ancillary Redress: Financial Assistance for Beneficiaries (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to providing Crown contributions to beneficiaries and their representatives towards the costs they incur on finalising the terms of transfer to them of ancillary redress.	1,250	200	250
Claimant Funding (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to payment of claimant funding related to the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.	5,639	5,639	5,709
Financial Assistance Toward Determining Customary Interests in the Marine and Coastal Area (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to providing financial assistance to applicant groups to investigate their customary interests in the marine and coastal area.	14,145	9,745	13,236
Post-Settlement Resolution for New Zealand Defence Force Redress at Royal New Zealand Air Force Base Woodbourne (M98) (A23) This appropriation is limited to a payment to address issues arising from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination at Royal New Zealand Air Force Base Woodbourne.	25,200	25,200	-
Reconciliation Initiatives Outside of Treaty Settlements (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to Crown contributions to support the delivery of Māori Crown initiatives outside of the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.	439	419	-
Waitangi Tribunal Claimant Participation Funding (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to Crown contributions to support claimant participation in Waitangi Tribunal inquiries that Te Tari Whakatau leads.	580	133	-
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	47,253	41,336	19,195

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Māori Crown Relations MCA (M98) (A23)	7,846	7,846	-
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support the strengthening of the relationship between Māori and the Crown.			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Strengthening Crown Capability	6,881	6,881	-
This category is limited to the provision of services to strengthen Crown capability in building sustainable and productive Māori Crown relationships; including providing advice and information to support Ministers on government policy matters relating to the Māori Crown Relationship.			
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Supporting Significant Māori Events	965	965	-
This category is limited to providing funding for events that strengthen and display a Māori Crown Relationship.			
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	7,846	7,846	-
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	95,098	88,608	57,293

Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Departmental Output Expenses		
Crown Response to Wakatū Litigation and Related Proceedings (M98) (A23)	Original Appropriation	3,600
This appropriation is limited to the development and delivery of a Crown response to the Wakatū litigation and any related proceedings.	Adjustments to 2023/24	-
	Adjustments for 2024/25	(2,960)
Commences: 01 July 2024	Adjusted Appropriation	640
Expires: 30 June 2028	Actual to 2023/24 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2024/25	640
	Estimate for 2025/26	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-
Non-Departmental Other Expenses		
Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2024 - 2028 (M74) (A23)	Original Appropriation	1,400,000
This appropriation is limited to the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims, including redress through the transfer of assets (cash and property) from the Crown to the claimant groups, and any simple interest payable on settlements between the date specified in the Deed of Settlement and the settlement date.	Estimated Actual for 2024/25	350,000
Commences: 30 June 2024		
Expires: 30 June 2028		

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2025 - 2029 (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims, including redress through the transfer of assets (cash and property) from the Crown to the claimant groups, and any simple interest payable on settlements between the date specified in the Deed of Settlement and the settlement date. Commences: 30 June 2025 Expires: 30 June 2029	Original Appropriation	1,400,000
	Estimated Actual for 2024/25	-
National Resilience Plan - Kaitia Airport Works (M98) (A23) This appropriation is limited to Crown contributions to support upgrades required at Kaitia Airport. Commences: 01 October 2023 Expires: 30 June 2028	Original Appropriation	5,400
	Adjustments to 2023/24	-
	Adjustments for 2024/25	(5,200)
	Adjusted Appropriation	200
	Actual to 2023/24 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2024/25	200
	Estimate for 2025/26	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

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	95,098	88,608	57,293
Total Forecast MYA Departmental Output Expenses	640	640	-
Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Other Expenses	350,200	350,200	350,000
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations	445,938	439,448	407,293

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
Relativity Mechanism: Funding for an Arbitration Hearing in 2024-25 and Settlement of Interest Issues	Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area Customary Interests Departmental Output Expenses	1,000	-	-	-	-
Total Initiatives		1,000	-	-	-	-

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	38,144	38,951	39,411	42,372	39,999	39,999	36,198	1,900	38,098	38,118	38,139	38,161
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	218,037	233,751	107,916	100,014	397,253	397,253	-	369,195	369,195	368,945	368,945	368,945
Capital Expenditure	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	406,181	272,702	147,327	142,386	437,252	437,252	36,198	371,095	407,293	407,063	407,084	407,106
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts												
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	689	664	638	659	631	631	N/A	599	599	557	502	442
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	689	664	638	659	631	631	N/A	599	599	557	502	442

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

	2020/21 Adjustments \$000	2021/22 Adjustments \$000	2022/23 Adjustments \$000	2023/24 Adjustments \$000	2024/25 Final Budgeted Adjustments \$000	2024/25 Estimated Actual Adjustments \$000
Appropriations						
Output Expenses	(717)	(400)	(2,994)	(3,077)	(640)	(640)
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	(200)	(200)
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)						
<i>Output Expenses</i>	(10,479)	(14,389)	(11,517)	(11,331)	(7,846)	(7,846)
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	(1,215)	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	(11,196)	(16,004)	(14,511)	(14,408)	(8,686)	(8,686)
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts						
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-

The prior year information in the Summary of Financial Activity table has been restated to reflect the current Vote structure.

These adjustments are due to the transfer of Māori Crown Relations functions from Vote Te Arawhiti to Vote Māori Development to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in delivering services to Māori communities.

1.3 - Analysis of Significant Trends

Output Expenses

Output expenses remain fairly consistent over the trend period. Time-limited funding was provided in 2023/24 to support the higher than anticipated demand for determining customary interests.

Other Expenses

The fluctuation in other expenses primarily reflects the size and timing of Treaty Settlements under the Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements multi-year appropriation, as shown in the table below. Expenditure for Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements is recognised when a treaty settlement deed has been initialled.

Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements Included in Other Expenses

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000
Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements	205,307	214,480	51,787	66,286	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Remaining other expenses	12,730	19,271	56,129	33,728	47,253	47,253	19,195	18,945	18,945	18,945

The remaining movements in other expenses primarily relate to one-off expenses including:

- time-limited funding of \$35 million in 2022/23 for specific redress arrangements
- additional funding of \$17.300 million in 2023/24 to address urgent cost pressures to continue funding the Takutai Moana Financial Assistance Scheme, and
- time-limited funding of \$25.200 million in 2024/25 for the post-settlement resolution of New Zealand Defence Force Redress at the Royal New Zealand Air Force Base Woodbourne.

Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure in 2020/21 relates to the Crown's \$150 million capital investment in the Ngāpuhi Sovereign Fund entity.

Non-Tax Revenue

The non-tax revenue mainly relates to interest received from lending to implement the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Deed of Settlement.

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area Customary Interests (M74) (A23)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to departmental expenses incurred in settling historical Treaty of Waitangi claims and determining customary interests in marine and coastal areas including implementing settlements and providing advice and information to Ministers and others on these matters.

Expenses and Revenue

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	38,099	37,649	36,198
Revenue from the Crown	37,904	37,904	35,758
Revenue from Others	195	195	440

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve supporting the Crown in the negotiation, administration and implementation of historical Treaty of Waitangi settlement claims and marine and coastal area customary interests.

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			
Services to Ministers			
The satisfaction of the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations with progress towards negotiation milestones	At least 8/10	At least 8/10	At least 8/10
The satisfaction of the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations that Te Tari Whakatau advice to Ministers and Cabinet on Treaty settlements and Takutai Moana is timely, informed, and enabling of good Cabinet decision-making, as per the common satisfaction survey	At least 8/10	At least 8/10	At least 8/10
The satisfaction of the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations with ministerial services, as per the common satisfaction survey	At least 8.5/10	At least 8.5/10	At least 8.5/10
Percentage of fast-track consent application advised on within the time agreed with the Minister's office (see Note 1)	95%	95%	95%
Representation - Waitangi Tribunal and Courts			
The Crown is represented at 100% of Tribunal Inquiries and court cases where Te Tari Whakatau is the instructing agency	100%	100%	100%

	2024/25		2025/26
Assessment of Performance	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Treaty Negotiations and the Marine and Coastal Area			
Percentage of settlement date obligations met	100%	80%	100%
Deeds of Mandate recognised (see Notes 2 and 3)	1	1	2
Agreements in Principle signed (see Note 4)	1	0	1
Deeds of Settlement initialled (see Note 5)	2	2	2
Deeds of Settlement signed (see Note 6)	3	2	3
Terms of Negotiation signed (see Notes 5, 7, and 8)	1	1	2
Legislation introduced (see Note 9)	4	1	4
Legislation enacted (see Notes 9 and 10)	2	2	3
The Crown is represented at 100% of current High Court hearings in relation to takutai moana cases	100%	100%	100%
Number of applicants in active discussions with Te Tari Whakatau regarding the progression of their customary interests in the takutai moana as part of the Crown Engagement Strategy	10	10	10
Implement the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 Applicant Group Funding scheme updates	100%	100%	100%
Progress the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 legislation updates	2	2	2
Policy Advice			
The satisfaction of the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations with the policy advice service, as per the common satisfaction survey (see Note 11)	At least 8/10	At Least 8/10	At least 8/10
An average score for policy advice papers that are assessed (see Note 11)	3.5/5	3.5/5	3.5/5
Percentage of policy advice papers that are assessed score 3 or higher out of 5 (see Note 11)	80%	80%	80%
Percentage of policy advice papers that are assessed score 4 or higher out of 5 (see Note 11)	40%	40%	40%
Percentage of policy advice papers that are assessed score 2.5 or less out of 5 (see Note 11)	<20%	<20%	<20%

Note 1 - Agreed time is to enable the Minister to meet the ten-day statutory timeframe for providing response.

Note 2 – Te Tari Whakatau does not have full control over the achievement of these performance indicators as they are partially reliant on claimant groups undertaking the work required by them to achieve a mandate to negotiate.

Note 3 - The standard for this performance indicator was increased in 2025/26 as the target number for mandate recognition varies in accordance with current negotiations work programme.

Note 4 - An Agreement in Principle is agreed between the Crown and a claimant group. The document describes the broad outline of a settlement package and is signed by the claimant group and the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations.

Note 5 – Te Tari Whakatau does not have full control over the achievement of this measure as it is partially reliant on claimant groups agreeing the proposed redress as well as overlapping interests being resolved and negotiations being concluded to the satisfaction of both the claimant group and the Crown.

Note 6 - A Deed of Settlement is the complete, detailed and formal settlement agreement between the Crown and the claimant group.

Note 7 - The standard for this performance indicator was increased in 2025/26 as the target number for signed terms of negotiation varies in accordance with current negotiations work programme.

Note 8 - Terms of Negotiation is agreed between the Crown and a claimant group. The document outlines the objectives for the negotiations.

Note 9 - Settlement legislation operationalises the Deed of Settlement.

Note 10 - The standard for this performance indicator was increased in 2025/26 as the target number for legislation enactment varies in accordance with current negotiations work programme.

Note 11 - These performance indicators were transferred in 2025/26 from the Māori Crown Relations MCA appropriation to the Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area Customary Interests appropriation.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry of Justice in its 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						
Relativity Mechanism: Funding for an Arbitration Hearing in 2024-25 and Settlement of Interest Issues	2024/25	1,000	-	-	-	-
Optimising the Ministry's Back-Office Functions	2024/25	(266)	(264)	(264)	(264)	(264)
Back-Office Transformation	2024/25	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)
Previous Government						
Treaty Settlements and Marine and Coastal Area Act Work - Return of Funding	2024/25	(1,250)	(1,250)	(1,250)	(1,250)	(1,250)
Nga Hapu o Ngāpuhi: Restoring Ngāpuhi Crown relationship	2023/24	2,000	-	-	-	-
Takutai Moana - Implementation of Engagement Strategy	2022/23	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300
Continuing to Pay Employees to Maintain Core Justice Services for New Zealanders	2022/23	1,788	1,788	1,788	1,788	1,788
Takutai Moana - Financial Assistance Scheme	2022/23	302	599	599	599	599

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in the appropriation for 2025/26 is mainly due to:

- a decrease of \$2 million for time-limited funding on supporting the implementation of the strategy to restore the Ngāpuhi Crown relationship, and
- a decrease of \$1 million for time-limited funding for an arbitration hearing to resolve relativity mechanism disputes.

This was partially offset by \$580,000 transferred funding for claimant participation in Waitangi Tribunal inquiries in 2024/25.

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Operations of Ngāpuhi Investment Fund Limited (M74) (A23)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the administration and management of Ngāpuhi Investment Fund Limited.

Expenses

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	1,900	1,777	1,900

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient and effective administration and management of Tupu Tonu: Ngāpuhi Investment Fund Limited.

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			
Number of engagements to develop relationships and build understanding with Ngāpuhi iwi, hapū, rūpu or entities	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
Committed disbursements (see Note 1)	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

Note 1 - Committed disbursements are up to 20% of Tupu Tonu’s net investment returns from each preceding financial year that are provided as grants to organisations, whānau and hapū that affiliate to Ngāpuhi.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Tupu Tonu in its Annual Report.

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Ancillary Redress: Financial Assistance for Beneficiaries (M74) (A23)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to providing Crown contributions to beneficiaries and their representatives towards the costs they incur on finalising the terms of transfer to them of ancillary redress.

Expenses

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	1,250	200	250

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve providing financial assistance to the beneficiaries of the ancillary redress committed in the 1990s.

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 Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental expense is less than \$5 million.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in the appropriation for 2025/26 reflects the time-limited funding for this appropriation and anticipated contribution profile for providing financial assistance to the beneficiaries of the ancillary redress legally committed in the 1990s.

Claimant Funding (M74) (A23)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to payment of claimant funding related to the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

Expenses

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	5,639	5,639	5,709

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve an effective process for providing financial assistance for claimant groups, to achieve durable historical Treaty of Waitangi settlements.

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
Percentage of "claimant funding" payments made to groups within 10 working days of approval of claim	95%	95%	95%

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations in a report appended to the Ministry of Justice 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 Claimant Funding	2024/25	(2,393)	(2,393)	(2,393)	(2,393)	(2,393)

Financial Assistance Toward Determining Customary Interests in the Marine and Coastal Area (M74) (A23)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to providing financial assistance to applicant groups to investigate their customary interests in the marine and coastal area.

Expenses

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	14,145	9,745	13,236

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve supporting an efficient process for providing financial assistance for the investigation of applicant groups' customary rights in the takutai moana (marine and coastal area).

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			
Percentage of "financial assistance toward determining customary interests in the Marine and Coastal Area" funding payments made to groups within 10 days of approval of claim	95%	95%	95%

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations in a report appended to the Ministry of Justice 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
Previous Government						
Takutai Moana-Financial Assistance Scheme	2024/25	6,573	7,786	7,786	7,786	7,786

Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2025 - 2029 (M74) (A23)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2025 - 2029 (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims, including redress through the transfer of assets (cash and property) from the Crown to the claimant groups, and any simple interest payable on settlements between the date specified in the Deed of Settlement and the settlement date. Commences: 30 June 2025 Expires: 30 June 2029	Original Appropriation	1,400,000
	Estimated Actual for 2024/25	-

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve durable settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

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 Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for the settlement of claims, including redress.