

Vote Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister of Agriculture (M2), Minister for Biosecurity (M7), Minister for Food Safety (M33), Minister for Oceans and Fisheries (M102)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry for Primary Industries (A14)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES: Minister of Agriculture

Overview of the Vote

Vote Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety contains appropriations of nearly \$1.120 billion for the 2025/26 financial year.

The Minister of Agriculture is responsible for appropriations in the Vote totalling nearly \$461 million including:

- nearly \$238 million mainly for the:
 - administration of government approved schemes, grants and assistance to the sector, including the Primary Sector Growth Fund
 - management and improvement of animal welfare in New Zealand
 - science, research, technology and growing capacity and capability for managing the impacts of climate change, and
 - providing recovery assistance and support to the sector following adverse natural events
- just over \$156 million which provides for policy advice, the implementation of it and ministerial servicing for the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister for Biosecurity, the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries and the Minister for Food Safety and for facilitating international trade in, and market access for, primary products
- nearly \$67 million for departmental capital expenditure.

The Minister of Agriculture is also responsible for capital injections of just over \$34 million to the Ministry for Primary Industries.

The Minister for Biosecurity is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2025/26 financial year covering a total of just over \$427 million for Biosecurity: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management. These expenses relate to:

- the assessment, containment and possible long-term management of suspected biosecurity risk organisms within New Zealand
- monitoring and clearance programmes that manage the biosecurity risk associated with international trade and travel
- development and maintenance of standards and systems that manage biosecurity risk associated with imports and exports
- expenses incurred as a result of compensation and ex-gratia payments arising from biosecurity events
- expenses incurred in the eradication and long-term management of *Mycoplasma bovis*, and
- compensation and ex-gratia payments arising from actions taken to manage *Mycoplasma bovis*.

The Minister for Food Safety is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2025/26 financial year covering a total of nearly \$147 million for Food Safety-related expenditure. These expenses relate to:

- providing assurance that New Zealand food products meet New Zealand legislative requirements, and where relevant, the market access requirements of importing countries
- obtaining and sharing information that encourages participation in, and compliance with the food regulatory programme
- investigations of, preparedness for, and responses in relation to food related events, incidents, emergencies, complaints and suspected breaches of legislation and taking appropriate action
- the scientific inputs and development and implementation of food related standards, and standards related to inputs into food production, imports and exports, and
- the co-ordination of activities, development and delivery of frameworks that facilitate the food-related safety aspects of international trade, and implementation of agreements and arrangements which influence and improve multilateral, regional and bilateral relationships.

The Minister for Oceans and Fisheries is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2025/26 financial year covering a total of just over \$85 million. These expenses relate to:

- informing, assisting, directing and enforcing adherence to New Zealand fisheries laws implementing ministerial decisions on sustainability and management controls for New Zealand fisheries
- aquaculture settlements
- administration of government approved scheme, grants and assistance to the fisheries sector, and
- implementing aquaculture policy advice and supporting and monitoring the growth of the aquaculture industry.

Crown Revenue and Receipts

Ministers expect to collect just over \$67 million of Crown revenue and capital receipts in 2025/26. This mainly consists of just over \$4 million for industry contribution for *Mycoplasma bovis*, nearly \$35 million in cost recoveries from the fishing industry, and nearly \$29 million for other levies, fines and infringements.

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

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type | | | |
| Departmental Capital Expenditure | | | |
| Ministry for Primary Industries - Capital Expenditure PLA (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for Primary Industries, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989. | 80,058 | 80,058 | 66,453 |
| Total Departmental Capital Expenditure | 80,058 | 80,058 | 66,453 |
| Non-Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Support for Walking Access (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to the operation of the New Zealand Walking Access Commission. | 3,595 | 3,595 | 3,595 |
| Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses | 3,595 | 3,595 | 3,595 |
| Benefits or Related Expenses | | | |
| Agriculture: Rural Veterinarians Bonding Scheme (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to the provision of payments to veterinary professionals agreeing to work in understaffed, rural areas, in accordance with government approved criteria and guidelines. | 1,650 | 1,650 | 1,650 |
| Total Benefits or Related Expenses | 1,650 | 1,650 | 1,650 |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Fisheries: Provision for Fisheries Debt Write Downs (M102) (A14) This appropriation is limited to commercial fishing sector quota holder debt write-offs. | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Subscriptions to International Organisations (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to New Zealand's membership of primary industry-related international organisations. | 4,408 | 4,408 | 3,208 |
| Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses | 5,408 | 5,408 | 4,208 |
| Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure | | | |
| Agriculture: Programmes Supporting Sustainability MCA (M2) (A14) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector through implementing and delivering programmes, and undertaking research. | 96,695 | 96,695 | 97,867 |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes This category is limited to the administration of government approved schemes, grants and assistance to the agricultural sector. | 16,903 | 16,903 | 20,136 |
| Animal Welfare: Education and Enforcement This category is limited to education and enforcement intended to improve animal welfare in New Zealand. | 28,436 | 28,436 | 28,456 |
| Climate Emergency Response Implementation and Administration This category is limited to expenses incurred in implementing and administering programmes under the Climate Emergency Response Fund in the Primary Sector other than Forestry. | 13,863 | 13,863 | 13,195 |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type | | | |
| <i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</i> | | | |
| <i>Agriculture: Recovery Assistance</i> This category is limited to providing recovery assistance to the primary sector to prevent or repair damage or minimise losses or provide professional advice following a response or adverse event such as a fire or biosecurity incursion. | 1,592 | 1,592 | 747 |
| <i>Agriculture: Grants Supporting Sustainability</i> This category is limited to funding of grants to support a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector. | 7,568 | 7,568 | - |
| <i>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</i> | | | |
| <i>Agriculture: Climate Emergency Response Fund Joint Venture</i> This appropriation is limited to the Crowns' investment in a public-private joint venture established to drive product development and commercialisation of agricultural emission mitigation tools. | 28,333 | 28,333 | 35,333 |
| Biosecurity: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management MCA (M7) (A14) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to improve biosecurity risk management by providing operational support to prevent harmful organisms from crossing the borders and working to reduce the unwanted harm caused by organisms already established in New Zealand. | 447,431 | 447,431 | 425,833 |
| <i>Departmental Output Expenses</i> | | | |
| <i>Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management</i> This category is limited to the assessment, containment and possible eradication of suspected biosecurity risk organisms within New Zealand. | 69,827 | 69,827 | 80,952 |
| <i>Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance</i> This category is limited to biosecurity monitoring and clearance programmes that manage the biosecurity risk associated with international trade and travel. | 165,064 | 165,064 | 170,605 |
| <i>Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance</i> This category is limited to the development and maintenance of standards and systems that manage biosecurity risk associated with imports and exports. | 24,346 | 24,346 | 35,184 |
| <i>Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance</i> This category is limited to domestic biosecurity surveillance activities. | 76,738 | 76,738 | 70,339 |
| <i>Response to Mycoplasma bovis</i> This category is limited to the eradication and long-term management of Mycoplasma bovis. | 19,256 | 19,256 | 6,055 |
| <i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</i> | | | |
| <i>Biosecurity: Control of Bovine TB</i> This category is limited to the Crown's contribution to implementing the National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Plan. | 24,000 | 24,000 | 24,000 |
| <i>Biosecurity: Grants Supporting Biosecurity Programmes and Initiatives</i> This category is limited to the funding of grants to capture data and information, undertake research and development projects, carry out disease and pest management and other activities supporting biosecurity. | 30,341 | 30,341 | 25,688 |
| <i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i> | | | |
| <i>Biosecurity: Compensation and ex-gratia payments following a Biosecurity Event</i> This category is limited to the expenses incurred as a result of compensation and ex-gratia payments arising from Biosecurity events. | 15,010 | 15,010 | 10 |
| <i>Compensation and Ex-Gratia Payments in Response to Mycoplasma bovis</i> This category is limited to the payment of compensation and ex-gratia payments relating to actions taken to manage Mycoplasma bovis under the Biosecurity Act 1993. | 22,849 | 22,849 | 13,000 |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
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| Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type | | | |
| Development and Implementation of Primary Industries Policy Advice MCA (M2) (A14) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide both policy and operational advice and support to Ministers in discharging their policy and operational decision-making responsibilities with regards to primary industries. | 144,199 | 144,199 | 156,392 |
| <i>Departmental Output Expenses</i> | | | |
| <i>Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing</i> This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to agriculture and climate change. | 59,501 | 59,501 | 73,552 |
| <i>Animal Welfare: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing</i> This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to animal welfare. | 8,238 | 8,238 | 8,238 |
| <i>Biosecurity: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing</i> This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to biosecurity. | 7,004 | 7,004 | 7,004 |
| <i>Fisheries Policy Advice</i> This category is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on Government policy matters relating to the development of standards and guidelines for the sustainable and efficient utilisation of New Zealand's fisheries and promotion of New Zealand's interests in an international context. | 10,517 | 10,517 | 9,157 |
| <i>Food Safety: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing</i> This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to food safety. | 6,911 | 6,911 | 6,911 |
| <i>Operational Advice on Sustainability and Management Controls in Fisheries</i> This category is limited to operational advice to support decision-making by Ministers on Government policy matters relating to operational advice on sustainability and management controls for New Zealand's fisheries. | 36,163 | 36,163 | 35,165 |
| <i>Trade and Market Access Primary Industries</i> This category is limited to the implementation of government interventions, including the coordination of activities, development and delivery of frameworks that facilitate international trade in primary products with the exception of food-related safety aspects, and implementation of agreements and arrangements which influence and improve multilateral, regional and bilateral relationships. | 15,865 | 15,865 | 16,365 |
| Fisheries: Managing the Resource Sustainably MCA (M102) (A14) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to manage the sustainable use of fisheries resources and protection of the aquatic environment. | 91,322 | 91,322 | 84,262 |
| <i>Departmental Output Expenses</i> | | | |
| <i>Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring</i> This category is limited to informing, assisting, directing and enforcing adherence to New Zealand fisheries laws. | 72,139 | 72,139 | 65,931 |
| <i>Fisheries Management</i> This category is limited to implementing ministerial decisions on sustainability and management controls for New Zealand fisheries. | 14,518 | 14,518 | 13,666 |
| <i>Fisheries: Aquaculture</i> This category is limited to implementing aquaculture policy advice, supporting and monitoring the growth of the aquaculture industry. | 3,316 | 3,316 | 3,316 |

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| Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type | | | |
| <i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</i> | | | |
| <i>Fisheries: Grants to Manage Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources</i> This category is limited to the funding of grants to manage the sustainable use of fisheries resources, protection of the aquatic environment and delivery of aquaculture. | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| <i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i> | | | |
| <i>Fisheries Quota Shares & ACE Administration Costs</i> This category is limited to the administration of the sale of Crown Quota Shares and Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE). | 149 | 149 | 149 |
| Food Safety: Protecting Consumers MCA (M33) (A14) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from food borne disease and maintain and enhance New Zealand's reputation as a trusted supplier of safe and suitable food. | 149,950 | 149,950 | 146,712 |
| <i>Departmental Output Expenses</i> | | | |
| <i>Food Safety: Assurance</i> This category is limited to justifying and delivering assurances to consumers, the public, overseas authorities and other stakeholders that food, food-related products and inputs into the production of food (whether undertaken or produced in New Zealand or imported) are managed, audited, approved, registered and/or monitored in accordance with New Zealand legislation and, for exports, relevant importing countries' market access requirements. | 100,092 | 100,092 | 98,805 |
| <i>Food Safety: Information</i> This category is limited to engagement of, and information for, stakeholders about food safety and suitability, to encourage participation in, and compliance with, the food regulatory programme, and to enable consumers to make appropriate food choices. | 5,078 | 5,078 | 5,078 |
| <i>Food Safety: Response</i> This category is limited to the investigation of, preparedness for, and response to, food related events, incidents, emergencies, complaints and suspected breaches of legislation and taking appropriate sanctions and enforcement action. | 10,101 | 10,101 | 10,101 |
| <i>Food Safety: Standards</i> This category is limited to the scientific inputs and development and implementation of food related standards (including as appropriate international and joint Australia/New Zealand standards) and standards related to inputs into food production, imports, exports, new and emerging issues and the domestic market. | 19,398 | 19,398 | 22,247 |
| <i>Food Safety: Trade and Market Access Food Safety</i> This category is limited to the coordination of activities, development and delivery of frameworks that facilitate the food-related safety aspects of international trade in primary products, and implementation of agreements and arrangements which influence and improve multilateral, regional and bilateral relationships. | 12,481 | 12,481 | 7,681 |
| <i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</i> | | | |
| <i>Food Safety Science and Research</i> This category is limited to the promotion, coordination and delivery of food safety science and research. | 600 | 600 | 700 |
| <i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i> | | | |
| <i>Food Safety: Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty</i> This category is limited to the development of joint food standards, codes of practice, and guidance material for Australia and New Zealand by Food Standards Australia New Zealand in accordance with the Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty. | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,100 |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure | 929,597 | 929,597 | 911,066 |
| Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations | 1,020,308 | 1,020,308 | 986,972 |

Multi-Year Appropriations

| Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations | Appropriations, Adjustments and Use | \$000 |
|---|--|--|
| Departmental Output Expenses | | |
| Plant Health and Environmental Capability (M7) (A14) This appropriation is limited to the design, construction, and commissioning of the new Plant Health and Environment Laboratory. Commences: 01 July 2023 Expires: 30 June 2028 | Original Appropriation Adjustments to 2023/24 Adjustments for 2024/25 Adjusted Appropriation Actual to 2023/24 Year End Estimated Actual for 2024/25 Estimate for 2025/26 Estimated Appropriation Remaining | 4,342 - 5,464 9,806 2,877 5,651 1,278 - |
| Non-Departmental Output Expenses | | |
| Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to accelerating greenhouse gas mitigations research and development, innovation, growing capability and streamlining the path to market to support reducing agricultural emissions. Commences: 01 July 2024 Expires: 30 June 2029 | Original Appropriation Adjustments to 2023/24 Adjustments for 2024/25 Adjusted Appropriation Actual to 2023/24 Year End Estimated Actual for 2024/25 Estimate for 2025/26 Estimated Appropriation Remaining | 353,264 - (6,486) 346,778 - 77,273 63,099 206,406 |
| Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to obtaining science, technology, capacity and capability in sustainable land management and climate change-related research relevant to the primary land-based sectors. Commences: 01 July 2022 Expires: 30 June 2027 | Original Appropriation Adjustments to 2023/24 Adjustments for 2024/25 Adjusted Appropriation Actual to 2023/24 Year End Estimated Actual for 2024/25 Estimate for 2025/26 Estimated Appropriation Remaining | 109,311 (13,600) (3,969) 91,742 43,258 24,850 11,817 11,817 |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | |
| Agriculture: Farm Advisor Scheme (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to the making of contributions to farm consultancies capable of delivering integrated farm plans as required by the Minister of Agriculture and in accordance with government approved criteria and guidelines. Commences: 01 July 2021 Expires: 30 June 2026 | Original Appropriation Adjustments to 2023/24 Adjustments for 2024/25 Adjusted Appropriation Actual to 2023/24 Year End Estimated Actual for 2024/25 Estimate for 2025/26 Estimated Appropriation Remaining | 5,679 - - 5,679 1,792 3,887 - - |

| Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations | Appropriations, Adjustments and Use | \$000 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Agriculture: Integrated Farm Plan Accelerator Fund (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred in conjunction with co-funding from industry, community and catchment groups, and regional councils, that significantly accelerate or reduce barriers to the implementation of integrated farm plans. | Original Appropriation | 14,441 |
| | Adjustments to 2023/24 | - |
| | Adjustments for 2024/25 | - |
| | Adjusted Appropriation | 14,441 |
| Commences: 01 July 2021 | Actual to 2023/24 Year End | 6,617 |
| Expires: 30 June 2026 | Estimated Actual for 2024/25 | 6,103 |
| | Estimate for 2025/26 | 1,721 |
| | Estimated Appropriation Remaining | - |
| Fisheries: Aquaculture Settlements (M102) (A14) This appropriation is limited to the recognition of settlements negotiated under the Māori Aquaculture Commercial Claims Settlement Act 2004. | Original Appropriation | 17,768 |
| | Adjustments to 2023/24 | 89,589 |
| | Adjustments for 2024/25 | - |
| | Adjusted Appropriation | 107,357 |
| Commences: 01 July 2023 | Actual to 2023/24 Year End | 2,083 |
| Expires: 30 June 2028 | Estimated Actual for 2024/25 | 105,274 |
| | Estimate for 2025/26 | - |
| | Estimated Appropriation Remaining | - |
| Primary Sector Growth Fund (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred in conjunction with co-funding from industry and community groups on supporting the development of New Zealand's primary industries. | Original Appropriation | 353,779 |
| | Adjustments to 2023/24 | - |
| | Adjustments for 2024/25 | - |
| | Adjusted Appropriation | 353,779 |
| Commences: 01 July 2025 | Actual to 2023/24 Year End | - |
| Expires: 30 June 2030 | Estimated Actual for 2024/25 | - |
| | Estimate for 2025/26 | 54,763 |
| | Estimated Appropriation Remaining | 299,016 |
| Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures Fund (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred in conjunction with co-funding from community and industry groups on supporting the sustainable development of New Zealand's primary industries. | Original Appropriation | 402,717 |
| | Adjustments to 2023/24 | - |
| | Adjustments for 2024/25 | (307,970) |
| | Adjusted Appropriation | 94,747 |
| Commences: 01 July 2024 | Actual to 2023/24 Year End | - |
| Expires: 30 June 2029 | Estimated Actual for 2024/25 | 94,747 |
| | 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 | 1,020,308 | 1,020,308 | 986,972 |
| Total Forecast MYA Departmental Output Expenses | 5,651 | 5,651 | 1,278 |
| Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Output Expenses | 102,123 | 102,123 | 74,916 |
| Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Other Expenses | 210,011 | 210,011 | 56,484 |
| Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations | 1,338,093 | 1,338,093 | 1,119,650 |

Capital Injection Authorisations

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Ministry for Primary Industries - Capital Injection (M2) (A14) | 41,813 | 41,813 | 34,245 |

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 |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Agriculture Emissions Pricing - Closure of Tagged Contingency | Operating Contingency | (2,000) | (8,000) | - | - | - |
| Primary Sector Growth Fund - Establishing the Fund | Primary Sector Growth Fund (MYA) Non-Departmental Other Expenses | - | 54,763 | 74,754 | 74,754 | 74,754 |
| | Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures Fund (MYA) Non-Departmental Other Expenses | - | (79,763) | (79,763) | (79,763) | (79,763) |
| H7N6 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza Response | Biosecurity: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management (MCA) Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management Departmental Output Expenses | 5,000 | - | - | - | - |
| | Biosecurity: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management (MCA) Biosecurity: Compensation and ex-gratia payments Non-Departmental Other Expenses | 15,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Plant Health and Environment Capability (PHEC) Programme: Drawdown of Tagged Contingency Funding | Ministry for Primary Industries Capital Injection | 23,973 | 7,124 | - | - | - |
| | Plant Health and Environmental Capability (MYA) Departmental Output Expenses | 4,186 | 1,278 | - | - | - |
| Fisheries Reform Work Programme | Fisheries: Managing the Resource Sustainably (MCA) Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring Departmental Output Expenses | - | 2,000 | - | - | - |
| Total Initiatives | | 46,159 | (22,598) | (5,009) | (5,009) | (5,009) |

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 | 30,690 | 29,466 | 44,457 | 60,477 | 111,369 | 111,369 | 1,278 | 78,511 | 79,789 | 82,926 | 73,064 | 73,018 |
| Benefits or Related Expenses | 1,502 | 1,489 | 849 | 1,430 | 1,650 | 1,650 | N/A | 1,650 | 1,650 | 1,650 | 1,650 | 1,650 |
| Borrowing Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Expenses | 87,244 | 52,908 | 71,417 | 77,171 | 215,419 | 215,419 | - | 60,692 | 60,692 | 78,962 | 78,962 | 153,716 |
| Capital Expenditure | 22,176 | 30,666 | 59,234 | 64,980 | 80,058 | 80,058 | 66,453 | - | 66,453 | 37,157 | 36,470 | 34,860 |
| Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - |
| Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Output Expenses</i> | 719,453 | 746,940 | 839,032 | 806,792 | 861,056 | 861,056 | 808,139 | 52,335 | 860,474 | 829,795 | 828,921 | 827,091 |
| <i>Other Expenses</i> | 34,915 | 27,762 | 90,239 | 44,475 | 40,208 | 40,208 | - | 15,259 | 15,259 | 2,259 | 2,259 | 2,259 |
| <i>Capital Expenditure</i> | - | - | 8,250 | 23,584 | 28,333 | 28,333 | N/A | 35,333 | 35,333 | 31,000 | 31,000 | 31,000 |
| Total Appropriations | 895,980 | 889,231 | 1,113,478 | 1,078,909 | 1,338,093 | 1,338,093 | 875,870 | 243,780 | 1,119,650 | 1,063,749 | 1,052,326 | 1,123,594 |
| Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tax Revenue | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-Tax Revenue | 83,055 | 91,857 | 75,638 | 62,477 | 69,094 | 69,094 | N/A | 67,430 | 67,430 | 61,270 | 61,270 | 61,270 |
| Capital Receipts | - | - | - | 65 | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts | 83,055 | 91,857 | 75,638 | 62,542 | 69,094 | 69,094 | N/A | 67,430 | 67,430 | 61,270 | 61,270 | 61,270 |

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

Total Vote: All Appropriations

Vote Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety baseline since 2020/21 has grown from \$895 million to \$1.338 billion in 2024/25 mainly driven by both time-limited and ongoing funding to:

- address significant fiscal gaps to strengthen operations and capability to meet increasing demand
- manage large-scale biosecurity risks, such as *Mycoplasma bovis*
- manage adverse event responses, such as North Island Weather Event and Cyclone Gabrielle
- fund aquaculture settlements compensation payable under the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004.

The baseline reduces to \$1.120 billion from 2025/26 mostly due to time-limited and one-off funding ceasing in 2024/25 and return of baseline funding as part of the Ministry for Primary Industries Operating Efficiencies - Return of Funding both in Budget 2024 and in Budget 2025.

Significant movements within each appropriation category are outlined below.

Output Expenses

Output expenses funding has grown steadily since 2020/21 from \$31 million to peaking at \$111 million in 2024/25. The funding then decreases to just under \$80 million per year from 2025/26. The significant increase in the 2024/25 funding is due to a new multi-year appropriation, Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund with funding transferred from an existing multi-category appropriation. The reduction in 2025/26 and outyears is due to return of just over \$12 million of funding as part of Ministry for Primary Industries Operating Efficiencies - Return of Funding in Budget 2024. The Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research funding also reduces by \$13 million in 2025/26.

Other Expenses

Other Expenses category includes a number of multi-year appropriations including Aquaculture Settlements and Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures Fund. The 2024/25 baseline includes transfer of unspent portions of the 2023/24 multi-year appropriations as noted below:

- \$102 million for the aquaculture settlement under the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004
- \$30 million for the Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures Fund.

The funding decreases to \$60 million in 2025/26 due to budget savings reduction of \$25 million as part of Budget 2025. For 2026/27 and outyears, the funding is fairly stable at \$79 million per year.

Capital Expenditure

The capital expenditure has increased significantly between 2022/23 and 2025/26, mainly due to the development and construction of a new, modern, fit-for-purpose Plant Health and Environmental Laboratory and post-entry quarantine facilities in Mount Albert, Auckland.

Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

The multi-category expenses and capital expenditure appropriations has grown since 2020/21 from \$754 million to \$930 million in 2024/25. It reduces by \$19 million in 2025/26 and by a further \$48 million in 2026/27 and is steady thereafter at just over \$860 million.

The increasing levels of funding over the last 4 years since 2020/21 peaking at \$930 million in 2024/25 was largely driven by one-off and time limited funding for responses to adverse weather events (\$74 million) and *Mycoplasma bovis* with funding gradually reducing from \$82 million in 2020/21 to \$24 million in 2024/25. Funding has also been received for ongoing operational costs and services due to increased demand especially in the border services once the borders re-opened post Covid-19.

Funding after 2025/26 levels off at just over \$860 million per year. This is after the budget savings reductions and time limited funding ceasing.

Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts

| Crown Revenue or Capital Receipt item | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 | Description of Crown Revenue or Capital Receipt item |
|---|----------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budgeted \$000 | |
| Crown Revenue | | | | |
| Industry Contribution for <i>Mycoplasma bovis</i> | 11,147 | 11,147 | 4,160 | Industry contribution for response and compensation activities relating to <i>Mycoplasma bovis</i> . |
| Cost Recovery from Fishing Industry | 36,087 | 36,087 | 34,700 | Revenue from the costs of Government-approved fisheries services that are able to be recovered from the commercial fishing sector. |
| Deemed Value for Over-fishing | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | Revenue forecast to be paid by quota holders who have overfished. |
| Biosecurity Act Fines | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 | Infringement fines imposed on persons entering New Zealand at ports of entry with undeclared goods, under the Biosecurity Act 1993. |
| Conservation Levy | 3,407 | 3,407 | 3,407 | Revenue from the costs of Government-approved conservation services that are able to be recovered from the commercial fishing sector. |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| Crown Revenue or Capital Receipt item | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budgeted \$000 | Description of Crown Revenue or Capital Receipt item |
| Dairy Industry Levy | 1,591 | 1,591 | 1,591 | Levy to fund the Commerce Commission's dispute resolution and regulatory enforcement functions under the Dairy Industry Restructuring Act 2001. |
| Animal Welfare Act Infringement Notices | 385 | 385 | 385 | Revenue relating to the issue of infringement notices under the Animal Welfare Act 1999. |
| Sale of Quota Shares and Annual Catch Entitlement | 6,870 | 6,870 | 6,870 | Revenue from the sale of Crown-owned quota and Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE). |
| Fisheries Act Infringement Notices | 150 | 150 | 150 | Revenue relating to the issue of infringement notices under the Fisheries Act 1996. |
| Other Forfeitures for Fisheries Offences | 150 | 150 | 150 | Revenue from forfeit property, whether by sale or through redemption fees. |
| Other Revenue | 507 | 507 | 7,217 | Miscellaneous Revenues. |
| Total Crown Revenue | 69,094 | 69,094 | 67,430 | |

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Plant Health and Environmental Capability (M7) (A14)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

| Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations | Appropriations, Adjustments and Use | \$000 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Plant Health and Environmental Capability (M7) (A14) This appropriation is limited to the design, construction, and commissioning of the new Plant Health and Environment Laboratory. Commences: 01 July 2023 Expires: 30 June 2028 | Original Appropriation | 4,342 |
| | Adjustments to 2023/24 | - |
| | Adjustments for 2024/25 | 5,464 |
| | Adjusted Appropriation | 9,806 |
| | Actual to 2023/24 Year End | 2,877 |
| | Estimated Actual for 2024/25 | 5,651 |
| | Estimate for 2025/26 | 1,278 |
| | Estimated Appropriation Remaining | - |

Revenue

| | Budget \$000 |
|--|-----------------|
| Revenue from the Crown to end of 2025/26 | 9,806 |
| Revenue from Others to end of 2025/26 | - |
| Total Revenue | 9,806 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the delivery of a new Plant Health and Environment Laboratory which will support New Zealand's capacity to effectively manage known or suspected biosecurity risks.

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 |
| This appropriation is intended to achieve the delivery of a new Plant Health and Environment Laboratory which will support New Zealand's capacity to effectively manage known or suspected biosecurity risks. | | | |
| Percentage of deliverables met according to the approved Programme Management Plan for the new Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (see Note 1) | 85% | 85% | 85% |

Note 1 - The performance indicator 'Percentage of deliverables are met according to plan' has been updated to provide clarity.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Primary Industries 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 | | | | | | |
| Plant Health and Environment Capability (PHEC) Programme: Drawdown of Tagged Contingency Funding | 2024/25 | 4,186 | 1,278 | - | - | - |

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Ministry for Primary Industries - Capital Expenditure PLA (M2) (A14)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for Primary Industries, 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 | 53,147 | 53,147 | 28,034 |
| Intangibles | 26,911 | 26,911 | 38,419 |
| Other | - | - | - |
| Total Appropriation | 80,058 | 80,058 | 66,453 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve investment in the renewal, upgrade, replacement or development of assets in supporting the delivery of the Ministry's core functions and services.

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 | | | |
| Capital expenditure is in accordance with the Ministry's capital plan (see Note 1) | Achieved | Achieved | Achieved |

Note 1 - The Ministry's capital plan aligns with the Ministry's strategy and the prioritised programmes on the plan are for building, replacing and enhancing the Ministry's critical assets for its service delivery. The capital programmes outlined in the plan includes the creation of new digital and technology assets, as well as enhancements to existing ones. It also covers the purchase of facilities and tools, vehicles, vessels, equipment, building fit-outs, and furniture and fittings. MPI has three key governance committees that provide organisational oversight for the Ministry's capital investment, including digital, data and technology and physical asset portfolios. For further details regarding departmental capital expenditure incurred against this appropriation, please refer to the Departmental Financial Statements of MPI's annual report.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Primary Industries in its Annual Report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in this appropriation of \$13.605 million to \$66.453 million for 2025/26 is due to a reforecast of the level of capital expenditure expected in 2025/26 for intangibles and property, plant and equipment.

Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Ministry for Primary Industries

| Details of Net Asset Schedule | 2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000 | 2025/26 Projected \$000 | Explanation of Projected Movements in 2025/26 |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Opening Balance | 460,988 | 542,607 | |
| Capital Injections | 41,813 | 34,245 | The injections relate to \$15.124 million for the construction and commissioning of a new Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL) in Auckland, \$10.439 million for the On-board cameras and rollout across the inshore fishing fleet, \$4.756 million for Forestry Emission Trading System (ETS) programme, \$2 million to maximise carbon storage by increasing natural sequestration to achieve New Zealand's future carbon goals and \$1.926 million for the Future of Certification -Electronic Certification Systems replacement. |
| Capital Withdrawals | - | (3,256) | The withdrawal of \$3.256 million is for the recovery of capital expenditure on the Future of Certification programme. |
| Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred) | 39,806 | 39,749 | The surplus to be retained is for the surplus in memorandum accounts. |
| Other Movements | - | - | |
| Closing Balance | 542,607 | 613,345 | |

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund (M2) (A14)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

| Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations | Appropriations, Adjustments and Use | \$000 |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to accelerating greenhouse gas mitigations research and development, innovation, growing capability and streamlining the path to market to support reducing agricultural emissions. Commences: 01 July 2024 Expires: 30 June 2029 | Original Appropriation | 353,264 |
| | Adjustments to 2023/24 | - |
| | Adjustments for 2024/25 | (6,486) |
| | Adjusted Appropriation | 346,778 |
| | Actual to 2023/24 Year End | - |
| | Estimated Actual for 2024/25 | 77,273 |
| | Estimate for 2025/26 | 63,099 |
| | Estimated Appropriation Remaining | 206,406 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve effective implementation of programmes to help New Zealand work towards its domestic and international climate change targets.

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 forecast investment dispersed each year according to the Accelerating New Mitigations programme's strategic funding plan (see Note 1) | 85% | 85% | 85% |
| Number of farm types for which mitigation investments (non-AgriZero NZ) are relevant each year (see Note 2) | At least 3 farm types in any given financial year | At least 3 farm types in any given financial year | At least 3 farm types in any given financial year |
| Number of mitigation technologies projected to be commercially available by 2030 (see Note 3) | Increasing trend | Increasing trend | Increasing trend |
| Progress toward having enough tools/solutions to meet legislated targets that are adoptable by 2030 (AgriZero NZ) (see Note 4) | Increasing trend | Increasing trend | Deleted performance indicator |

Note 1 - This performance indicator should be viewed in combination with the other performance indicators under this appropriation as they collectively reflect the effectiveness of this programme. As a highly structured research and investment programme, dispersing funds against the investment criteria demonstrates some that the components of an effective system are in place and operating as set out in the strategic funding plan- including governance, planning, and delivery entities (AgriZero and NZAGRC). As a result of the creation of this Multi-Year Appropriation (MYA), the budget standard of 85% is now a cumulative standard for five-years across the lifespan of this MYA funding. However, the progress towards this standard will be reported annually.

Note 2 - This performance indicator is for non-AgriZero NZ component which excludes the Public-Private Joint Venture on Centre for Climate Action. Relevant means mitigation investments that relate to one of the farm types ie, dairy, beef, sheep, deer, goats, horticulture, arable.

Note 3 - MPI projections take into account policy decisions that are outside the control of this programme eg, future (yet to be published) projections for Emissions Reduction Plan 2/Biennial report show new mitigation technologies having a decreasing contributing to meet Emissions Budget 1 (2020-2025) and Emissions Budget 2 (2025-2030). This is due to a change in Government policy from pricing in 2025 to pricing from 2030. This performance indicator should be viewed in combination with other indicators under this appropriation category as they collectively reflect the effectiveness of ANM programme. This performance indicator is reporting on the number of expected mitigation technologies, and the estimated date they will be available to use in New Zealand.

Note 4 - This performance indicator has been deleted and replaced by "Percentage of forecast investment dispersed each year according to the Accelerating New Mitigations programme's strategic funding plan".

Note 5 - This performance indicator has been deleted as this does need to be measured separately for AgriZero. The remaining three performance indicators under this appropriation category collectively measure the effectiveness of ANM programme.

Note 6 - This performance indicator has been deleted and replaced by "Number of mitigation technologies projected to be commercially available by 2030".

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister of Agriculture in an appended report to the Ministry for Primary Industries' Annual Report.

Service Providers

| Provider | 2024/25 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000 | 2025/26 Budget \$000 | Expiry of Resourcing Commitment |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| GHG Māori-designed and led programmes | | | | |
| Te Arawa Primary Sector Incorporated | 1,200 | 500 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Implement Takahuri Whenua | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,500 | Ongoing |
| Rere ki Uta Rere ki Tai - Sea, Soil | 904 | 904 | 904 | Ongoing |
| TGH Farms & Forestry Limited | 300 | 300 | 150 | |
| Ngai Tahu | 300 | 300 | 300 | |
| Agrisea Limited | 250 | 250 | 150 | |
| Parinihi ki Waitotara Incorporated | 250 | 250 | 250 | |
| East Coast monitor farm | 200 | 200 | 150 | Ongoing |
| Rautapatu Limited | 150 | 150 | 150 | |
| Ati Hau Incorporation | 150 | 150 | 150 | |
| Mohi Beckham | 150 | 150 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Pukerewa Station | 150 | 150 | Contract under negotiation | |

| Provider | 2024/25 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000 | 2025/26 Budget \$000 | Expiry of Resourcing Commitment |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Pou-a-rua Farms | 150 | 150 | 50 | |
| Māori Kiwifruit Growers Incorporated | 125 | 125 | 125 | |
| Te Tawa Kaiti Lands Trust | 110 | 110 | 40 | |
| King Country | 100 | 100 | 100 | Ongoing |
| Te Raparahi Lands Trust | 85 | 85 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Te Pou Oranga o te Whakatohea Charitable Trust Limited | 50 | 50 | 250 | |
| Mohi Beckham | 50 | 50 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Pukerewa Station | 50 | 50 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Tauhara North Farming and Company LP | 10 | 10 | 10 | |
| Total GHG Māori-designed and led programmes | 5,734 | 5,034 | 4,279 | |
| Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases | | | | |
| AgResearch Limited | 29,761 | 20,351 | 25,785 | Ongoing |
| DairyNZ Limited | 1,059 | 1,059 | 385 | Ongoing |
| Landcare Research New Zealand Limited | 639 | 639 | 469 | Ongoing |
| University of Waikato | 596 | 596 | 578 | Ongoing |
| Inter-American Development Bank | 490 | 490 | Contract under negotiation | Ongoing |
| AbacusBio Limited | 291 | 291 | 125 | Ongoing |
| Education New Zealand | 287 | 287 | 875 | Ongoing |
| University of Otago | 168 | 168 | - | 30 June 2025 |
| The Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa | 154 | 154 | - | 30 June 2025 |
| Enterprises University of Pretoria (EUP) | 146 | 146 | - | 31 March 2025 |
| Other providers | 10,875 | 1,120 | 3,280 | |
| Total Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases | 44,466 | 25,301 | 31,497 | |
| Climate Emergency Response Fund -Research & Investments | | | | |
| Ruminant Biotech Corp Limited | 2,727 | 2,533 | 1,307 | Ongoing |
| Lincoln University | 1,140 | 1,140 | 966 | Ongoing |
| Beef + Lamb New Zealand Limited | 1,094 | 1,094 | 816 | Ongoing |
| Halo Agtech Limited | 727 | 727 | 439 | Ongoing |
| Methane Mitigation Ventures Limited | 520 | 520 | 1,000 | Ongoing |
| Scion Limited | 75 | 75 | - | 31 October 2024 |

| Provider | 2024/25 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000 | 2025/26 Budget \$000 | Expiry of Resourcing Commitment |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Institute of Environmental Science and Research Limited | 62 | 62 | - | 31 March 2025 |
| New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited | 40 | 40 | - | 30 May 2025 |
| National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Limited | 18 | 18 | - | 30 May 2025 |
| Total Climate Emergency Response Fund -Research & Investments | 6,403 | 6,209 | 4,528 | |
| Underspent budget in 2024/25 to be utilised in 2025/26 | 20,670 | 40,729 | - | |
| Uncommitted budget 2025/26 or other suppliers | - | - | 22,795 | |
| Grand Total | 77,273 | 77,273 | 63,099 | |

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 | | | | | | |
| Accelerating Development of Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Mitigations - Return of Funding | 2025/26 | - | (2,476) | (2,350) | (350) | (350) |
| Matauranga Māori-Based Approaches to Agriculture Emissions Reduction - Reduction in Programme | 2024/25 | (7,000) | (10,000) | (10,000) | (10,000) | (10,000) |

Support for Walking Access (M2) (A14)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the operation of the New Zealand Walking Access Commission.

Expenses

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 3,595 | 3,595 | 3,595 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the effective management and operation of the New Zealand Walking Access Commission.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Assessment of Performance | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| The number of cases opened relating to new access opportunities | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| The number of service hits to our public maps (see Note 1) | 145,000 | 145,000 | 145,000 |

Note 1 - Outdoor access maps are available at <https://www.herengaanuku.govt.nz/maps/outdoor-access-maps>.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Walking Access Commission 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 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Previous Government | | | | | | |
| Herenga a Nuku Aotearoa (New Zealand Outdoor Access) Cost Pressures - Enabling Enduring Public Access to the outdoors | 2023/24 | 1,806 | 1,806 | 1,806 | 1,806 | 1,806 |

Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research (M2) (A14)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

| Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations | Appropriations, Adjustments and Use | \$000 |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to obtaining science, technology, capacity and capability in sustainable land management and climate change-related research relevant to the primary land-based sectors. Commences: 01 July 2022 Expires: 30 June 2027 | Original Appropriation | 109,311 |
| | Adjustments to 2023/24 | (13,600) |
| | Adjustments for 2024/25 | (3,969) |
| | Adjusted Appropriation | 91,742 |
| | Actual to 2023/24 Year End | 43,258 |
| | Estimated Actual for 2024/25 | 24,850 |
| | Estimate for 2025/26 | 11,817 |
| | Estimated Appropriation Remaining | 11,817 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of support for greenhouse gas research and increase knowledge of agricultural and forestry emissions, mitigation practices, technologies and business opportunities relevant to the primary land-based sectors.

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 projects and programmes completed on time and within budget in the financial year (see Note 1) | New performance indicator | New performance indicator | 70% |
| Percentage of contracts completed in the financial year that met their contracted deliverables | 90-100% | 90-100% | Deleted performance indicator |

Note 1 - This new performance indicator has replaced the previous indicator that has been deleted. The new performance indicator evaluates the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of projects and programmes, providing insight into whether they were managed effectively in terms of timelines and financial resources.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister of Agriculture in a report appended to the Ministry for Primary Industries' Annual Report.

Service Providers

| Provider | 2024/25 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000 | 2025/26 Budget \$000 | Expiry of Resourcing Commitment |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Agriculture: Climate Change Research | | | | |
| Landcare Research New Zealand Limited | 1,736 | 1,736 | 562 | 30 June 2027 |
| AgResearch Limited | 511 | 511 | Contract under negotiation | |
| New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited | 500 | 500 | 500 | 30 June 2027 |
| Aqualinc Research Limited | 365 | 365 | 290 | 30 June 2027 |
| Lincoln University | 370 | 370 | 228 | 30 June 2027 |
| Phosphorus Mitigation Project Incorporated | 287 | 287 | 36 | 30 June 2027 |
| Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences Limited | 268 | 268 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Pastoral Robotics Limited | 318 | 318 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Nature Positive Limited | 81 | 81 | 134 | 30 June 2027 |
| Kōmanawa Solutions Limited | 60 | 60 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Marlborough Research Centre Trust | 46 | 46 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Other (Pipeline) | 3,564 | 3,564 | 510 | 30 June 2027 |
| Total: Agriculture: Climate Change Research | 8,106 | 8,106 | 2,260 | |

| Provider | 2024/25 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000 | 2025/26 Budget \$000 | Expiry of Resourcing Commitment |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Agriculture: Essential Fresh Water | | | | |
| Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective Incorporated | 300 | 300 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust | 360 | 360 | Contract under negotiation | |
| South Westland Catchment Group | 215 | 215 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Tasman Environmental Trust | 300 | 300 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Mangatangi and Maramarua Catchment Incorporated | 162 | 162 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Whanganui Region Catchment Collective Inc | 432 | 432 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Piroa Conservation Trust | 236 | 236 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Tukituki Landcare Incorporated | 320 | 320 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Between The Two Rivers Community Catchment Collective Inc | 325 | 325 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Taranaki Catchment Communities Incorporated | 125 | 125 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Te Upōkorehe Treaty Claims Trust | 30 | 30 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Western Firth Catchment Group Trust | 12 | 12 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Other (Pipeline) | 748 | 748 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Total: Agriculture: Essential Fresh Water | 3,565 | 3,565 | - | |
| Essential Fresh Water Māori Agriculture Business | | | | |
| Tairāwhiti Whenua Charitable Trust | 200 | 200 | 50 | 30 June 2027 |
| Agri Concepts Limited | 160 | 160 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Heeni Investment Company Limited | 70 | 70 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Te Maru o Ruahine Trust | 20 | 20 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Total: Essential Fresh Water Māori Agriculture Business | 450 | 450 | 50 | |
| New Zealand Agriculture Green House Gas Research | | | | |
| AgResearch Limited | 7,850 | 7,850 | 7,850 | 30 June 2027 |
| AbacusBio Limited | 239 | 239 | 262 | 30 June 2027 |
| The New Zealand Institute for Plant and Food Research Limited | 205 | 205 | - | 30 June 2025 |
| DairyNZ Limited | 130 | 130 | 104 | 30 June 2027 |

| Provider | 2024/25 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000 | 2025/26 Budget \$000 | Expiry of Resourcing Commitment |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Environmental Accounting Services Limited | 95 | 95 | - | 30 June 2025 |
| University Of Canterbury | 82 | 82 | 125 | 30 June 2027 |
| Lincoln University | 80 | 80 | 40 | 30 June 2027 |
| Other providers | 1,581 | 1,581 | 284 | 30 June 2027 |
| Total New Zealand Agriculture Green House Gas Research | 10,262 | 10,262 | 8,665 | |
| Uncommitted budget | 2,467 | 2,467 | 842 | |
| Grand Total | 24,850 | 24,850 | 11,817 | |

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 | | | | | | |
| Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Programme - Return of Funding | 2024/25 | (4,400) | (4,600) | (4,600) | - | - |

3.2 - Non-Departmental Benefits or Related Expenses

Agriculture: Rural Veterinarians Bonding Scheme (M2) (A14)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the provision of payments to veterinary professionals agreeing to work in understaffed, rural areas, in accordance with government approved criteria and guidelines.

Expenses

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 1,650 | 1,650 | 1,650 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of veterinary services to understaffed, rural areas.

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 entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the PFA, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under the Rural Veterinarians Bonding Scheme.

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Agriculture: Integrated Farm Plan Accelerator Fund (M2) (A14)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

| Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations | Appropriations, Adjustments and Use | \$000 |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Agriculture: Integrated Farm Plan Accelerator Fund (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred in conjunction with co-funding from industry, community and catchment groups, and regional councils, that significantly accelerate or reduce barriers to the implementation of integrated farm plans. Commences: 01 July 2021 Expires: 30 June 2026 | Original Appropriation | 14,441 |
| | Adjustments to 2023/24 | - |
| | Adjustments for 2024/25 | - |
| | Adjusted Appropriation | 14,441 |
| | Actual to 2023/24 Year End | 6,617 |
| | Estimated Actual for 2024/25 | 6,103 |
| | Estimate for 2025/26 | 1,721 |
| | Estimated Appropriation Remaining | - |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve significant acceleration and broadening of the uptake of an integrated approach to farm planning.

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 projects that support farm businesses to improve existing farm plans or adopt an integrated approach to farm planning | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Number of Māori farm businesses supported to adopt Integrated Farm Plans through clusters or collectives (see Note 1) | 25 | 25 | Deleted performance indicator |

Note 1 - This performance indicator has been deleted due to limited funding for this appropriation.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister of Agriculture in a report appended to the Ministry for Primary Industries' Annual Report.

Service Providers

| Provider | 2024/25 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000 | 2025/26 Budget \$000 | Expiry of Resourcing Commitment |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Taranaki Catchment Communities Incorporated | 663 | 663 | 195 | |
| The West Coast Focus Farm Advisory Board | 380 | 380 | 377 | |
| Hurakia Trust | 332 | 332 | Contract under negotiation | |

| Provider | 2024/25 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000 | 2025/26 Budget \$000 | Expiry of Resourcing Commitment |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Incorporated | 275 | 275 | 167 | |
| Farm 4 Life Limited | 220 | 220 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Beef + Lamb New Zealand Limited | 212 | 212 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust Limited | 210 | 210 | Contract under negotiation | |
| AgFirst Gisborne Limited | 203 | 203 | 60 | |
| Deer Industry New Zealand | 200 | 200 | 400 | |
| Tairāwhiti Whenua Charitable Trust | 198 | 198 | 250 | |
| Upper Taieri Wai Incorporated | 194 | 194 | 194 | |
| Rangitikei Rivers Catchment Collective Incorporated | 170 | 170 | Contract under negotiation | |
| BakerAg NZ Limited | 150 | 150 | 90 | |
| Te Roopu Tuku Iho Limited | 149 | 149 | 152 | |
| Pārengarenga Incorporation | 125 | 125 | 110 | |
| Te Make Farms Limited | 116 | 116 | 117 | |
| East Otago Catchment Group Incorporated | 109 | 109 | 47 | |
| Catchment Collective South Canterbury Society Incorporated | 107 | 107 | 54 | |
| AgFirst Pastoral (HB) Limited | 103 | 103 | 95 | |
| Te Waka Pupuri Putea Trust | 100 | 100 | Contract under negotiation | |
| Te Roroa Farm Development Limited | 70 | 70 | 117 | |
| North Otago Sustainable Land Management Group Incorporated | 31 | 31 | 182 | |
| Other (Pipeline) | 617 | 617 | 119 | |
| Underspent budget in 2024/25 to be utilised in 2025/26 for committed investments | 1,169 | 1,169 | (1,169) | |
| Uncommitted budget 2025/26 or other suppliers | - | - | 164 | |
| Total | 6,103 | 6,103 | 1,721 | |

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 | | | | | | |
| Accelerating the Delivery of a National Integrated Farm Planning System to New Zealand's Farmers and Growers | 2021/22 | 3,390 | 1,721 | - | - | - |

Fisheries: Provision for Fisheries Debt Write Downs (M102) (A14)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to commercial fishing sector quota holder debt write-offs.

Expenses

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

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of debt-write offs for fishing sector quota holders.

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 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, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments made in accordance to statutory requirement.

Primary Sector Growth Fund (M2) (A14)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

| Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations | Appropriations, Adjustments and Use | \$000 |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Primary Sector Growth Fund (M2) (A14) This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred in conjunction with co-funding from industry and community groups on supporting the development of New Zealand's primary industries. Commences: 01 July 2025 | Original Appropriation | 353,779 |
| | Adjustments to 2023/24 | - |
| | Adjustments for 2024/25 | - |
| | Adjusted Appropriation | 353,779 |
| Expires: 30 June 2030 | Actual to 2023/24 Year End | - |
| | Estimated Actual for 2024/25 | - |
| | Estimate for 2025/26 | 54,763 |
| | Estimated Appropriation Remaining | 299,016 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of support for the development of New Zealand's primary industries.

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 | | | |
| Total committed value of active projects and programmes under active management in the Primary Sector Growth Fund (see Note 1) | - | - | Minimum \$200 million |
| Percentage of contracts completed in the financial year that met all their contracted deliverables (see Note 2) | - | - | 90-100% |

Note 1 - The performance indicator has been re-purposed for this new MYA for Primary Sector Growth Fund from a previous MYA Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures Fund that was closed on 30 June 2025.

Minimum \$200 million is an aggregated total of MPI committed funding of all active projects and programmes (whole of life costs). Active management means in-progress projects and programmes that have been contracted and being individually managed.

Note 2 - The performance indicator has been re-purposed for this new MYA for Primary Sector Growth Fund from a previous MYA Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures Fund that was closed on 30 June 2025.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister of Agriculture in a report appended to the Ministry for Primary Industries' Annual Report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

| | 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 |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Policy Initiative | | | | | | |
| Primary Sector Growth Fund - Establishing the Fund | 2025/26 | - | 54,763 | 74,754 | 74,754 | 74,754 |

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a newly created multi-year appropriation, with funding transferred from the existing multi-year appropriation: Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures Fund.

Subscriptions to International Organisations (M2) (A14)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to New Zealand's membership of primary industry-related international organisations.

Expenses

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 4,408 | 4,408 | 3,208 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the effective management of New Zealand's memberships to primary industry-related international organisations.

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 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, and the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in this appropriation for 2025/26 is due to \$1.200 million funding for Subscription to International Organisations during 2024/25.

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Agriculture: Programmes Supporting Sustainability (M2) (A14)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector through implementing and delivering programmes, and undertaking research.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes

This category is limited to the administration of government approved schemes, grants and assistance to the agricultural sector.

Animal Welfare: Education and Enforcement

This category is limited to education and enforcement intended to improve animal welfare in New Zealand.

Climate Emergency Response Implementation and Administration

This category is limited to expenses incurred in implementing and administering programmes under the Climate Emergency Response Fund in the Primary Sector other than Forestry.

Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Agriculture: Grants Supporting Sustainability

This category is limited to funding of grants to support a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector.

Agriculture: Recovery Assistance

This category is limited to providing recovery assistance to the primary sector to prevent or repair damage or minimise losses or provide professional advice following a response or adverse event such as a fire or biosecurity incursion.

Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

Agriculture: Climate Emergency Response Fund Joint Venture

This appropriation is limited to the Crowns' investment in a public-private joint venture established to drive product development and commercialisation of agricultural emission mitigation tools.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 96,695 | 96,695 | 97,867 |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes | 16,903 | 16,903 | 20,136 |
| Animal Welfare: Education and Enforcement | 28,436 | 28,436 | 28,456 |
| Climate Emergency Response Implementation and Administration | 13,863 | 13,863 | 13,195 |
| Non-Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Agriculture: Grants Supporting Sustainability | 7,568 | 7,568 | - |
| Agriculture: Recovery Assistance | 1,592 | 1,592 | 747 |
| Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure | | | |
| Agriculture: Climate Emergency Response Fund Joint Venture | 28,333 | 28,333 | 35,333 |
| Funding for Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Revenue from the Crown | 59,166 | 59,166 | 61,751 |
| Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes | 16,873 | 16,873 | 20,106 |
| Animal Welfare: Education and Enforcement | 28,430 | 28,430 | 28,450 |
| Climate Emergency Response Implementation and Administration | 13,863 | 13,863 | 13,195 |
| Revenue from Others | 36 | 36 | 36 |
| Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Animal Welfare: Education and Enforcement | 6 | 6 | 6 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the development and implementation of policies and programmes that support the agricultural sector in being competitive and sustainable.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Assessment of Performance | | | |
| When a project or programme is completed through Primary Sector Growth Fund and Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Fund within the financial year, a summary of outcomes that demonstrate benefits to New Zealand is published on MPI websites (see Note 1) | Achieved | Achieved | Achieved |
| Percentage of animal welfare cases taken to court that achieve their objective (see Note 2) | 90-95% | 90-95% | 90-95% |
| Percentage of completed research contracts or work programmes that have completed intended deliverables (see Note 3) | 90% | 90% | Deleted performance indicator |

Note 1 - The performance indicator has been improved to reflect the updated scope that will provide tangible examples of outputs and outcomes of co-invested projects and programmes. The following contextual note has been added: This performance indicator focuses on Primary Sector Growth Fund and Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change projects and programmes where Crown investment is more than \$1 million, contracted by MPI that have delivered intended outcomes and provides tangible examples of the work undertaken.

Note 2 - A case is considered to have achieved its objective if at least one charge has been proven against a defendant. This is determined when the case file shows a charge decision of "Convicted" or "Convicted and Discharged" for at least one defendant. The objective is still considered achieved if:

- a defendant is acquitted on public interest grounds (eg, in extreme situations, such as when a defendant's death leads to the withdrawal of charges)
- a judge discharges all defendants without conviction due to mitigating factors, as long as no deficiencies in the prosecution's case contributed to the decision
- less serious charges are withdrawn in favour of guilty pleas to more serious charges.

A case is considered to have not achieved its objective if there are no charge decisions of "Convicted" or "Convicted and Discharged" for any defendant. This includes cases where all charges are either Discharged without Conviction, Dismissed, Withdrawn, or result in an Acquittal.

Note 3 - This performance indicator has been deleted as it is no longer fit-for-purpose.

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 | | | |
| Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective administration of MPI's agricultural grants and programmes activities. | | | |
| Percentage of funding applications processed in the agreed timeframes (see Note 1) | 80% | 80% | 80% |
| Number of Māori landowners, Māori businesses, and iwi/hapū entities participating in services provided by Māori Agribusiness (as part of the Integrated Advisory Services) each year | Equal to or greater than 80 | Equal to or greater than 80 | Equal to or greater than 80 |
| Animal Welfare: Education and Enforcement | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective provision of education and enforcement to improve animal welfare in New Zealand. | | | |
| Percentage of priority 1 (Grade 1 - significant/acute) complaints are recorded and responded to within 24 hours (see Note 2) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| Undertake preventative inspections contributing to better animal welfare outcomes per year (see Note 3) | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Percentage of investigations resolved within the required timeframes (see Note 4) | 90-95% | 90-95% | Deleted performance indicator |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|--|--|--|
| Assessment of Performance | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Climate Emergency Response Implementation and Administration | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve effective support to help meet New Zealand domestic and international climate change targets. | | | |
| Number of entities participating in MPI's climate change and emissions reductions programmes (see Note 5) | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Number of science-based information events at agricultural shows delivered (see Note 6) | New performance indicator | New performance indicator | 5 |
| Non-Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Agriculture: Recovery Assistance | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve support to rural communities, build wellbeing, resilience and significantly deepen MPI's engagement with the primary sector. | | | |
| Percentage of those within the Primary Sector affected by adverse events who were eligible and took up recovery assistance funding (see Note 7) | 85% | 85% | 85% |
| Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure | | | |
| Agriculture: Climate Emergency Response Fund Joint Venture | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve acceleration of product development and commercialisation of agricultural emission mitigations tools that can be used on-farm to reduce biogenic methane and nitrous oxide emissions. | | | |
| Invest in portfolio of high abatement potential ventures equitably across sectors (see Note 8) | Invested in at least 3 ventures per financial year | Invested in at least 3 ventures per financial year | Invested in at least 3 ventures per financial year |

Note 1 - The application and assessment processes for each fund administered has its own criteria and timeframes. Funds covered are: Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change - Adaption/Extension/Freshwater Mitigation; and Primary Sector Growth Fund.

Note 2 - 'Grade 1 complaints' refer to the situation where animals are comatose/recumbent, having a broken limb, severely injured, receiving aggravated/severe ill treatment, or dying.

Note 3 - 'Preventative inspections' is defined as, but not limited to, inspecting farms known to engage in intensive winter grazing practices, broiler chicken farms, monitoring rodeos, etc.

Note 4 - This performance indicator has been deleted as there are other performance indicators under this MCA category that represent the performance.

Note 5 - An entity is any legal entity liable for emissions levies or responsible for decision making that affects practice and land use changes eg, producer businesses (farmer/grower/Māori agribusiness), landowner organisations (trusts, iwi, hapū).

Note 6 - This new performance indicator reflects the shift in MPI's focus on providing practical, science-based information. This highlights 'Science for Farmers' activities, such as events and publications, which better show how MPI is helping farmers and growers adopt climate-smart practices and support New Zealand's climate change goals.

An event refers to any outreach activity, such as workshops or presentations, at agricultural shows. Technical notes are brief documents providing updates or insights, while magazine editions are regular publications shared with the agricultural community.

Note 7 - This is a placeholder performance indicator that will be used during an adverse event to support the primary sector. In previous years a similar measure has been used for adverse events eg, cyclone, drought but not limited to weather events.

Note 8 - This performance indicator should be viewed together with the performance indicators for Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund (MYA), as these indicators reflect the effectiveness of research and investment programme towards accelerating greenhouse gas mitigations research and other initiatives.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Primary Industries 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 | | | | | | |
| Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Programme - Return of Funding | 2027/28 | - | - | - | (4,600) | (4,600) |
| Ministry for Primary Industries Operating Efficiencies - Return of Funding | 2024/25 | (13,335) | (10,842) | (10,842) | (10,842) | (10,842) |
| On-Farm Support Services - Return of Funding | 2024/25 | (6,200) | (7,000) | (7,000) | (7,000) | (7,000) |
| Draw-down National Resource Cluster (NRC) Tagged Operating Contingency | 2024/25 | 2,890 | 2,890 | - | - | - |
| Supporting the Transition to a Low Emissions Future - Return of Funding | 2023/24 | (5,166) | (5,249) | (5,249) | (5,249) | (5,249) |
| Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Return of Funding | 2023/24 | (14,000) | (5,000) | (5,000) | (5,000) | (5,000) |
| Previous Government | | | | | | |
| Return of unallocated COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund: Jobs for Nature funding | 2024/25 | (3,969) | - | - | - | - |
| Accelerating Agricultural Climate Change Research and On-Farm Emissions Mitigation | 2024/25 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Ensuring the Ongoing Delivery of Regulatory Compliance and Enforcement Activities Under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 | 2022/23 | 2,304 | 2,304 | 2,304 | 2,304 | 2,304 |
| Integrated Advisory Services to Support More Sustainable and Productive Land-Use Practices | 2022/23 | 27,301 | 29,768 | 29,768 | 29,768 | 29,768 |
| Agriculture Emissions Reduction - Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations | 2022/23 | 123,735 | 122,235 | 122,235 | 122,235 | 122,235 |
| Agriculture Emissions Reduction - Supporting Producers and Māori Entities Transition to a Low Emissions Future | 2022/23 | 10,332 | 10,497 | 10,497 | 10,497 | 10,497 |
| Addressing the Impact of Changes to the Ministry for Primary Industries' Collective Agreements and Supply Costs | 2022/23 | 1,946 | 1,946 | 1,946 | 1,946 | 1,946 |

| 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 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Protecting the Credibility of New Zealand's Animal Health and Welfare Regulatory and Adverse Event Response Systems | 2022/23 | 10,078 | 10,098 | 10,098 | 10,098 | 10,098 |
| Jobs for Nature Phase 3 Contingency Drawdown | 2021/22 | 6,512 | - | - | - | - |

Biosecurity: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management (M7) (A14)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to improve biosecurity risk management by providing operational support to prevent harmful organisms from crossing the borders and working to reduce the unwanted harm caused by organisms already established in New Zealand.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management

This category is limited to the assessment, containment and possible eradication of suspected biosecurity risk organisms within New Zealand.

Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance

This category is limited to biosecurity monitoring and clearance programmes that manage the biosecurity risk associated with international trade and travel.

Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance

This category is limited to the development and maintenance of standards and systems that manage biosecurity risk associated with imports and exports.

Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance

This category is limited to domestic biosecurity surveillance activities.

Response to Mycoplasma bovis

This category is limited to the eradication and long-term management of Mycoplasma bovis.

Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Biosecurity: Control of Bovine TB

This category is limited to the Crown's contribution to implementing the National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Plan.

Biosecurity: Grants Supporting Biosecurity Programmes and Initiatives

This category is limited to the funding of grants to capture data and information, undertake research and development projects, carry out disease and pest management and other activities supporting biosecurity.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses*Biosecurity: Compensation and ex-gratia payments following a Biosecurity Event*

This category is limited to the expenses incurred as a result of compensation and ex-gratia payments arising from Biosecurity events.

Compensation and Ex-Gratia Payments in Response to Mycoplasma bovis

This category is limited to the payment of compensation and ex-gratia payments relating to actions taken to manage Mycoplasma bovis under the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 447,431 | 447,431 | 425,833 |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management | 69,827 | 69,827 | 80,952 |
| Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance | 165,064 | 165,064 | 170,605 |
| Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance | 24,346 | 24,346 | 35,184 |
| Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance | 76,738 | 76,738 | 70,339 |
| Response to Mycoplasma bovis | 19,256 | 19,256 | 6,055 |
| Non-Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Biosecurity: Control of Bovine TB | 24,000 | 24,000 | 24,000 |
| Biosecurity: Grants Supporting Biosecurity Programmes and Initiatives | 30,341 | 30,341 | 25,688 |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Biosecurity: Compensation and ex-gratia payments following a Biosecurity Event | 15,010 | 15,010 | 10 |
| Compensation and Ex-Gratia Payments in Response to Mycoplasma bovis | 22,849 | 22,849 | 13,000 |
| Funding for Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Revenue from the Crown | 174,644 | 174,644 | 175,662 |
| Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management | 65,702 | 65,702 | 80,177 |
| Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance | 3,362 | 3,362 | 639 |
| Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance | 16,785 | 16,785 | 26,485 |
| Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance | 71,667 | 71,667 | 66,067 |
| Response to Mycoplasma bovis | 17,128 | 17,128 | 2,294 |
| Revenue from Others | 180,587 | 180,587 | 187,473 |
| Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management | 4,125 | 4,125 | 775 |
| Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance | 161,702 | 161,702 | 169,966 |
| Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance | 7,561 | 7,561 | 8,699 |
| Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance | 5,071 | 5,071 | 4,272 |
| Response to Mycoplasma bovis | 2,128 | 2,128 | 3,761 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve effective management of biosecurity monitoring and clearance programmes, the development and maintenance of biosecurity risk processes associated with imports and exports and the assessment, containment and possible eradication of suspected risk organisms. This includes the management of domestic biosecurity surveillance activities.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Assessment of Performance | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Percentage of requirements for Biosecurity Import Health Standards met when clearing import entries (see Note 1) | 95% | 95% | 95% |
| Percentage of targeted and pathway surveillance programmes that meet market access and export requirements (see Note 2) | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Percentage of high-risk or serious pest or disease notifications that commence investigation within 24 hours (see Note 3) | 100% | 100% | Moved performance indicator |

Note 1 - Percentage of requirements met means the number of consignments that are checked where the biosecurity decision is in line with the requirements of the Import Health Standard divided by the total number of consignments checked.

Note 2 - This performance indicator has been moved from the MCA category: Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance and used as an overarching measure where it is better suited.

Overseas trade markets are closed when the quality of biosecurity surveillance programmes does not meet acceptable and recognised standards to achieve exporters' objectives. Internal engagement with relevant Market Access/Exports teams is undertaken to determine if this quality represented the cause of any market closures. Only applies where surveillance programmes are relevant to export market requirements.

Note 3 - This performance indicator has been moved to the appropriation category Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance where it is better suited.

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 | | | |
| Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve effective management of the leadership and coordination of activities relating to all biosecurity responses, in order to mitigate the adverse impacts of risk organisms. | | | |
| Percentage of biosecurity response exercises that achieved their intended outcomes (see Note 1) | 4 | 4 | 80% |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Assessment of Performance | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Percentage of contracted service providers, or parties with funding arrangements (greater than \$40,000 per annum), managing established pests and diseases, that achieve funding objectives that are expected to be delivered during the financial year (see Note 2) | 85% | 85% | 85% |
| Percentage of new or renewed GIA partners with operational agreements, including multi-lateral agreements (see Note 3) | 5% increase per annum | 5% increase per annum | Deleted performance indicator |
| Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective monitoring and clearance of passengers, vessels, mail and goods arriving in New Zealand to prevent exposure of our community and environment to a range of biosecurity risks. | | | |
| Percentage of international air travellers who are compliant with biosecurity requirements after border interventions (see Note 4) | 98.50% | 98.50% | 98.5% |
| Percentage of international mail compliant with biosecurity requirements after border interventions (see Note 5) | 99% | 99% | 99% |
| Percentage of transitional facilities with acceptable outcomes based on their latest standard performance-based verification (PBV) audit (see Note 6) | 80% | 80% | 90% |
| Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective maintenance of New Zealand's biosecurity system that prevents the introduction and establishment of serious notifiable organisms through manageable pathways. | | | |
| Number of new Import Health Standards developed, and the number of amendments made to existing Import Health Standards (see Note 7) | 8 or more | 8 or more | 8 or more |
| Percentage of export certificates issued annually that meet biosecurity and phytosanitary technical requirements of overseas competent authorities (see Note 8) | 99% | 99% | 99% |
| Percentage of decisions on permits made within 30 days of submission of a valid application (see Note 9) | New performance indicator | New performance indicator | 95% |
| Percentage of World Organisation for Animal Health and International Plant Protection Convention standards that are adopted by New Zealand (see Note 10) | 90% | 90% | Deleted performance indicator |
| Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve effective management of the information received from the public, industry and the scientific community about suspected exotic pests or diseases. It also includes the collection, sampling and testing of organisms suspected of carrying or being infected with a potential biosecurity risk. | | | |
| Percentage of laboratory screening tests for suspected, exotic, or new pests and diseases completed and reported within 30 working days of sample receipt (see Note 11) | 90% | 90% | 90% |
| Percentage of incursion investigations closed within 30 days with biological risk managed or no further action warranted (see Note 12) | 80% | 80% | 80% |
| Percentage of targeted surveillance programmes that detect high-risk and serious pests and diseases to prevent establishment and reduce biosecurity impacts (see Note 13) | 90% | 90% | 90% |
| Percentage of high-risk or serious pest or disease notifications that commence investigation within 24 hours (see Note 14) | 100% | 100% | 100% |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Assessment of Performance | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Response to Mycoplasma bovis | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective eradication and long-term management of Mycoplasma bovis. | | | |
| Minister for Biosecurity receives Ministry for Primary Industries' quarterly advice on the progress made by M. Bovis Free New Zealand Ltd towards the achievement of the M. Bovis Free National Pest Management Plan objectives (see Note 15) | 95% or greater | 95% or greater | Achieved |
| Non-Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Biosecurity: Control of Bovine TB | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective management of the Crown's contribution to TBFree's vector control programme. | | | |
| Minister for Biosecurity receives Ministry for Primary Industries' quarterly advice on the progress made by TBFree New Zealand Ltd towards the achievement of the TBFree National Pest Management Plan objectives (see Note 16) | Achieved | Achieved | Achieved |
| Biosecurity: Grants Supporting Biosecurity Programmes and Initiatives | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective provision of grants to support organisations to manage biosecurity risk. | | | |
| Percentage of grant funding recipients monitored that achieve funding objectives expected to be delivered during the financial year (see Note 17) | 95% | 95% | 80% |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Biosecurity: Compensation and ex-gratia payments following a Biosecurity Event | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve compensation and ex-gratia payments relating to actions taken to manage Biosecurity events under the Biosecurity Act 1993. | | | |
| Percentage of claims that are acknowledged within 3 working days of receipt | 90% | 90% | 90% |
| Compensation and Ex-Gratia Payments in Response to Mycoplasma bovis | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve compensation and ex-gratia payments relating to actions taken to manage Mycoplasma bovis under the Biosecurity Act 1993. | | | |
| Percentage of non-complex compensation claims resolved within 30 working days of receipt (see Note 18) | 90% | 90% | 90% |
| Percentage of complex claims have a Resolution Plan in place and communication has occurred with the claimant within 3 months of receipt (see Note 19) | 100% | 100% | Deleted performance indicator |

Note 1 - The previous performance indicator (Number of response exercises held to prepare MPI for the possible incursion of new pests and diseases into New Zealand) has been replaced by 'Percentage of biosecurity response exercises that achieved their intended outcomes'. This new indicator is more outcome related and focuses on the intended outcomes of the response exercises rather than the number of exercises undertaken.

Response exercises are fully planned and executed exercises that improve our readiness to respond, each of which will have specific outcomes. It includes all exercises relating to biosecurity that ranges from simple tabletop exercises to those conducted under the National Exercise Programme (NEP).

Note 2 - This performance indicator targets longer term response to managing established pests and diseases programmes and not short-term programmes to manage incursions.

Note 3 - This performance indicator has been deleted as the original intent of monitoring the signing of Government Industry Agreements (GIAs) has been achieved.

Note 4 - This performance indicator assesses the performance of the pre-border and border layers of the MPI biosecurity system for air travellers at the border. This is measured at the point when the passenger has completed border clearance processing and is entering New Zealand. This compliance rate is an important result to provide assurance that MPI's intervention settings at the border are performing as intended and our compliance rate is maintained by confirming there is not an increase in non-compliant biosecurity risk goods coming through the border. The border is complex with varying processes and interventions applied depending on what is being imported and the risks posed. Hence, the indicator was updated to be a good representation and reflect the performance of air passenger compliance.

Note 5 - This performance indicator assesses the performance of the pre-border and border layers of the MPI biosecurity system for international mail clearance at the border. This is measured at the point when mail has completed border clearance processing and is released to NZ Post for delivery within New Zealand. The compliance result is a measure of MPI's biosecurity requirements, and interventions at the mail centre. This compliance rate is an important result to provide assurance that MPI's intervention settings pre-border and at the border are performing as intended and the compliance rate is maintained by confirming there is not an increase in non-compliant biosecurity risk goods coming through the border. The border is complex with varying processes and interventions applied depending on what is being imported and the risks posed. Hence, the indicator was updated to be a good representation and reflect the performance of international mail compliance.

Note 6 - The previous performance indicator (Percentage of audited transitional facilities demonstrate an improvement in compliance) has been amended to "Percentage of transitional facilities with acceptable outcomes based on their latest standard performance-based verification (PBV) audit" to reflect compliance measure for Transitional Facilities providing assurance on how they are performing.

A transitional facility (TF) is a place approved for the purpose of inspection, storage, treatment, holding or destruction of uncleared risk goods. It must meet the requirements of MPI's Transitional Facility for General Uncleared Risk Goods (TFGEN) standard for approval, demonstrating how they are going to maintain, manage and operate the TF and uncleared risk goods held there including responsibility of the TF operation (person responsible for TF).

Performance-based verification (PBV) audit is the auditing of MPI-approved transitional facilities to assess compliance against our standard and also their operating manuals. The outcomes of these audits determine the frequency of MPI's visits.

Note 7 - This refers to an increase in the total number of new Import Health Standards and amended Import Health Standards over the previous financial years.

Note 8 - 'Overseas competent authorities' is a World Trade Organisation term that defines a specific group of authorities. This measure applies to biosecurity and phytosanitary export certificates for plants, plant products, forestry, live animals, germplasm and hatching eggs.

Note 9 - A new performance indicator has been added to better reflect the intention of the appropriation category Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance. This is also a timeliness measure which is an upgrade of the previous input-focussed measure.

This indicator ensures timely trade facilitation and movement of high-risk goods while safeguarding biosecurity. Many of New Zealand's import health standards require an import permit to be issued by MPI (pursuant to section 24D (2) of the Biosecurity Act). Assessing permit applications in a timely and efficient manner facilitates trade whilst safeguarding New Zealand's biosecurity.

Note 10 - This performance indicator is no longer relevant and has been deleted and replaced by a new performance indicator "Percentage of decisions on permits made within 30 days of submission of a valid application". Refer to Note 9.

Note 11 - Reference laboratory agent characterisation for positive cases involves in-depth scientific methods and takes more than 30 days.

Note 12 - An automatically generated standard report from the Surveillance Information and Management System (SIMS) has been developed. This is now used as the standard tool. In addition, automatically system generated dashboards are in regular use for teams to use for checking as required on the status of the investigation.

Note 13 - This performance indicator monitors the outcomes/results (quality and success) of biosecurity post-border early detection mechanisms.

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Note 14 - This performance indicator has been moved from being an MCA overarching indicator and used as an indicator for this category: Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance where it is better suited.

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Note 15 - The previous performance indicator (Percentage of farms captured by all surveillance streams over the past 12 months that test negative) has been replaced with "Minister for Biosecurity receives Ministry for Primary Industries' quarterly advice on the progress made by M.Bovis Free New Zealand Ltd towards the achievement of the M.Bovis Free National Pest Management Plan objectives" to reflect the transition to a National Pest Management plan for M.Bovis. The budget standard has also been updated to align with the amended indicator.

MPI's role is to monitor and provide advice to the Minister. With Dairy NZ and Beef + Lamb NZ, MPI fund and support M.Bovis Free New Zealand.

Note 16 - Ministry for Primary Industries' role is to monitor and provide advice to the Minister. MPI is not a signatory to the funding agreement (the Minister is) and has no authority or accountability for the delivery of the Programme.

Note 17 - This performance indicator supports building biosecurity engagement through awareness, connection, collaboration, and capability building. It empowers communities to take a proactive approach to managing their biosecurity risks and practices.

Note 18 - Non-complex compensation claims include those for stock destruction (surveillance/testing purposes, or depopulation of an infected property) where an exercise of power has directed the destruction of a claimant's cattle. Resolved means a formal decision is made.

Note 19 - This performance indicator has been deleted. This indicator is no longer relevant due to the low volume of complex claims requiring resolution. The performance indicator "Percentage of non-complex compensation claims resolved within 30 working days of receipt" now covers this category referring to non-complex compensation claims.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Primary Industries 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 | | | | | | |
| H7N6 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza Response | 2024/25 | 20,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Cost Recovery of Ministry for Primary Service - Return of Fundings | 2024/25 | (3,100) | (6,000) | (6,000) | (6,000) | (6,000) |
| Ministry for Primary Industries Operating Efficiencies - Return of Funding | 2024/25 | (6,685) | (5,435) | (5,435) | (5,435) | (5,435) |
| Draw-down National Resource Cluster (NRC) Tagged Operating Contingency | 2024/25 | 5,770 | 5,780 | - | - | - |
| Previous Government | | | | | | |
| Completing the Eradication of Mycoplasma Bovis from New Zealand | 2023/24 | 32,089 | 28,316 | 14,799 | 14,799 | 14,799 |
| Addressing the Impact of Changes to the Ministry for Primary Industries' Collective Agreements and Supply Costs | 2022/23 | 7,479 | 7,479 | 7,479 | 7,479 | 7,479 |
| National Pathway Management Plan for Clean Hulls | 2022/23 | 1,599 | 1,599 | 1,599 | 1,599 | 1,599 |
| Addressing Critical Gaps in NZ's Biosecurity System to Protect Our Taonga, Biodiversity, Economy and Our Way of Life | 2022/23 | 12,168 | 12,263 | 12,263 | 12,263 | 12,263 |
| Protecting and Preserving Kauri, New Zealand's Iconic Taonga | 2021/22 | 4,000 | 4,000 | - | - | - |
| Biosecurity Screening for Increasing Mail Volumes and Advanced Screening Technology at the New Auckland Mail Centre | 2021/22 | 2,139 | 2,139 | 2,139 | 2,139 | 2,139 |

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

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

- one-off funding of \$20 million in 2024/25 for Response cost for H7N6 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza
- one-off funding transfer of \$3.350 million in 2024/25 from Department of Conservation for the Wilding Conifer Control Programme
- a decrease in time limited funding of \$2.568 million in 2025/26 for the development of MPI's Biosecurity Rostering System.

This decrease has been partially offset by increases due to:

- \$6 million funding in 2025/26 to support increase in resources for border services
- \$5.200 million fiscally neutral transfer in 2024/25 to other appropriations in response to change in cost allocations.

Memorandum Account

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Border Biosecurity Clearance Fees | | | |
| Opening Balance at 1 July | 6,185 | 6,185 | 17,501 |
| Revenue | 84,705 | 84,705 | 86,943 |
| Expenses | (73,389) | (73,389) | (77,674) |
| Closing Balance at 30 June | 17,501 | 17,501 | 26,770 |
| Phytosanitary Exports | | | |
| Opening Balance at 1 July | (1,661) | (1,661) | (1,683) |
| Revenue | 3,699 | 3,699 | 4,668 |
| Expenses | (3,721) | (3,721) | (3,795) |
| Closing Balance at 30 June | (1,683) | (1,683) | (810) |
| Border Biosecurity Traveller Clearance Levies | | | |
| Opening Balance at 1 July | 18,179 | 18,179 | 56,240 |
| Revenue | 110,850 | 110,850 | 120,450 |
| Expenses | (72,789) | (72,789) | (83,899) |
| Closing Balance at 30 June | 56,240 | 56,240 | 92,791 |

Memorandum accounts record the accumulated balance of surpluses and deficits incurred for outputs provided to third party users of those services on a full cost recovery basis.

The Border Biosecurity Clearance Fees memorandum account covers:

- levies imposed on all importations of goods for which a document is lodged with the New Zealand Customs Service under regulations 26(2) of the Customs and Excise Regulations 1996, and
- all other fees collected under the Biosecurity Costs Regulations 2010 including inspection of risk goods, offshore inspection of ships, and approval and audit of transitional containment facilities and facility operators.

The Phytosanitary Exports memorandum account covers fees for certification of plant and forestry exports.

The Border Biosecurity Traveller Clearance memorandum account covers fees and costs associated with the biosecurity clearance costs of travellers coming into New Zealand. The charging model is periodically reviewed to ensure that the services are being provided in the most efficient cost-effective way and that the fees/levies reflect the cost of services provided.

The Ministry for Primary Industries has a strategy of maintaining each memorandum account in a balanced state over the medium term. Passenger levies were reset in 2021 to align with the expected recovery of passenger numbers post-COVID-19. Consequently, this memorandum account has moved into surplus since 2023/24. A rate reset will be proposed once the account has returned to surplus.

Development and Implementation of Primary Industries Policy Advice (M2) (A14)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide both policy and operational advice and support to Ministers in discharging their policy and operational decision-making responsibilities with regards to primary industries.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing

This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to agriculture and climate change.

Animal Welfare: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing

This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to animal welfare.

Biosecurity: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing

This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to biosecurity.

Fisheries Policy Advice

This category is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on Government policy matters relating to the development of standards and guidelines for the sustainable and efficient utilisation of New Zealand's fisheries and promotion of New Zealand's interests in an international context.

Food Safety: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing

This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to food safety.

Operational Advice on Sustainability and Management Controls in Fisheries

This category is limited to operational advice to support decision-making by Ministers on Government policy matters relating to operational advice on sustainability and management controls for New Zealand's fisheries.

Trade and Market Access Primary Industries

This category is limited to the implementation of government interventions, including the coordination of activities, development and delivery of frameworks that facilitate international trade in primary products with the exception of food-related safety aspects, and implementation of agreements and arrangements which influence and improve multilateral, regional and bilateral relationships.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 144,199 | 144,199 | 156,392 |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | 59,501 | 59,501 | 73,552 |
| Animal Welfare: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | 8,238 | 8,238 | 8,238 |
| Biosecurity: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | 7,004 | 7,004 | 7,004 |
| Fisheries Policy Advice | 10,517 | 10,517 | 9,157 |
| Food Safety: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | 6,911 | 6,911 | 6,911 |
| Operational Advice on Sustainability and Management Controls in Fisheries | 36,163 | 36,163 | 35,165 |
| Trade and Market Access Primary Industries | 15,865 | 15,865 | 16,365 |
| Funding for Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Revenue from the Crown | 141,110 | 141,110 | 153,438 |
| Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | 58,857 | 58,857 | 73,233 |
| Animal Welfare: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | 8,229 | 8,229 | 8,229 |
| Biosecurity: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | 6,938 | 6,938 | 6,938 |
| Fisheries Policy Advice | 8,415 | 8,415 | 6,865 |
| Food Safety: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | 6,837 | 6,837 | 6,837 |
| Operational Advice on Sustainability and Management Controls in Fisheries | 35,969 | 35,969 | 34,971 |
| Trade and Market Access Primary Industries | 15,865 | 15,865 | 16,365 |
| Revenue from Others | 3,089 | 3,089 | 2,954 |
| Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | 644 | 644 | 319 |
| Animal Welfare: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Biosecurity: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | 66 | 66 | 66 |
| Fisheries Policy Advice | 2,102 | 2,102 | 2,292 |
| Food Safety: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | 74 | 74 | 74 |
| Operational Advice on Sustainability and Management Controls in Fisheries | 194 | 194 | 194 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the effective development, provision and implementation of policy advice relating to agriculture, animal welfare, biosecurity, fisheries management and food safety.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Assessment of Performance | | | |
| Average satisfaction of the Ministers with MPI policy advice services, on a scale of 1 to 5 (see Note 1) | 4 or higher | 4 or higher | 4 or higher |
| Technical quality assessment level for MPI policy advice papers, on a scale of 1 to 5 (see Note 2) | 3.5 or higher | 3.5 or higher | 3.5 or higher |

Note 1 - This performance indicator is an indicator of overall performance of policy advice provided for Agriculture, Animal Welfare, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety portfolios. The result is an average across all portfolios that MPI is responsible for. The assessment is carried out by an external provider and is a standard policy advice quality scale (5 being the highest).

Since 2023/24, MPI has been using an updated methodology that aligns with the guidance provided in the DPMC guidelines for Ministerial Satisfaction Surveys. DPMC rating scale: 1=Never, 2=Some of the time, 3=About half of the time, 4=Most of the time, 5=Always.

Note 2 - Since 2023/24, MPI has been using an updated methodology that aligns with the guidance provided in the DPMC guidelines for Policy Quality Review. DPMC rating scale: 1=Never, 2=Some of the time, 3=About half of the time, 4=Most of the time, 5=Always.

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

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Assessment of Performance | | | |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective development, provision and implementation of policy advice and efficient ministerial servicing related to agriculture and the promotion of farm productive and sustainable land use practices. | | | |
| Percentage of agriculture-related requests completed within either specified or statutory timeframes: | | | |
| • Aide Memoires (Timeframes are set on a case-by-case basis) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| • Briefings (Timeframes are set on a case-by-case basis) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| • Ministerial Correspondence (Proposed response within a 20-working day timeframe) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| • Ministerial Official Information Act 1982 requests (Proposed response within a 15-working day timeframe) (see Note 1) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| • Written Parliamentary Questions (Proposed response within four working days) (see Note 2) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| Satisfaction of the Minister of Agriculture with the policy advice service, on a scale of 1 to 5 (see Note 3) | 4 or higher | 4 or higher | 4 or higher |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Assessment of Performance | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Animal Welfare: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective development and provision of policy advice and efficient ministerial servicing relating to animal welfare. | | | |
| Percentage of animal welfare-related requests completed within either specified or statutory timeframes: | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aide Memoires (Timeframes are set on a case-by-case basis) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefings (Timeframes are set on a case-by-case basis) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministerial Correspondence (Proposed response within a 20-working day timeframe) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministerial Official Information Act 1982 requests (Proposed response within a 15-working day timeframe) (see Note 1) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written Parliamentary Questions (Proposed response within four working days) (see Note 2) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| Satisfaction of the Minister of Agriculture with the policy advice service, on a scale of 1 to 5 (see Note 3) | 4 or higher | 4 or higher | 4 or higher |
| Biosecurity: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective development and provision of policy advice and efficient ministerial servicing relating to biosecurity matters, including contributing to policy advice led by other agencies. | | | |
| Percentage of biosecurity-related requests completed within either specified or statutory timeframes: | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aide Memoires (Timeframes are set on a case-by-case basis) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95 - 100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefings (Timeframes are set on a case-by-case basis) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministerial Correspondence (Proposed response within a 20-working day timeframe) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministerial Official Information Act 1982 requests (Proposed response within a 15-working day timeframe) (see Note 1) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written Parliamentary Questions (Proposed response within four working days) (see Note 2) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| Satisfaction of the Minister for Biosecurity with the policy advice service, on a scale of 1 to 5 (see Note 3) | 4 or higher | 4 or higher | 4 or higher |
| Fisheries Policy Advice | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective development and provision of policy advice and efficient ministerial servicing relating to fisheries matters, including the development of standards and guidelines for the sustainable management of New Zealand's fisheries, both domestically and internationally. | | | |
| Satisfaction of the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries with the policy advice service, on a scale of 1 to 5 (see Note 3) | 4 or higher | 4 or higher | 4 or higher |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Assessment of Performance | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Food Safety: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective development and provision of policy advice and efficient ministerial servicing relating to food safety. | | | |
| Percentage of food safety-related requests completed within either specified or statutory timeframes: | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aide Memoires (Timeframes are set on a case-by-case basis) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefings (Timeframes are set on a case-by-case basis) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministerial Correspondence (Proposed response within a 20-working day timeframe) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministerial Official Information Act 1982 requests (Proposed response within a 15-working day timeframe) (see Note 1) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written Parliamentary Questions (Proposed response within four working days) (see Note 2) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| Satisfaction of the Minister for Food Safety with the policy advice service, on a scale of 1 to 5 (see Note 3) | 4 or higher | 4 or higher | 4 or higher |
| Operational Advice on Sustainability and Management Controls in Fisheries | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective development and provision of operational advice for the sustainable management of New Zealand's fisheries. | | | |
| Satisfaction of the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries with MPI operational advice, on a scale of 1 to 5 (see Note 3) | 4 or higher | 4 or higher | 4 or higher |
| Trade and Market Access Primary Industries | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the development and implementation of government interventions and arrangements that influence and facilitate trade in primary products. | | | |
| Percentage of priority items progressed related to sanitary and phytosanitary matters and related conditions of trade on the market access work programme, as agreed with key meat, dairy, seafood, and horticulture/plants sector organisations (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% |
| Agreement between MPI and the meat, dairy, seafood, and horticulture/plant sector organisations on a refreshed multi-year work programme, which validates the priorities for international trade engagement (see Note 5) | Achieved | Achieved | Achieved |
| Conclude the negotiation and signing of trade facilitating bilateral (or regional) arrangements with key trading partners accepting New Zealand primary industry regulatory systems (see Note 6) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Regular (eg, annual) formal face to face forums held with key trading partner regulators for implementation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) & other Agreements (see Note 7) | 4 | 4 | 4 |

Note 1 - The statutory timeframe to respond to an OIA is 'as soon as reasonably practicable' and no later than 20 working days as stated in the Official Information Act 1982. MPI has an agreement with Ministers' offices to provide a proposed response for Ministerial OIAs within 15 working days. Based on this, Ministerial OIAs are measured to a 15-working day timeframe.

Note 2 - The parliamentary timeframe to respond to a WPQ is six working days. MPI aims to provide the Minister with a proposed response within four working days.

Note 3 - Since 2023/24, MPI has been using an updated methodology that aligns with the guidance provided in the DPMC guidelines for Ministerial Satisfaction Surveys. DPMC rating scale: 1=Never, 2=Some of the time, 3=About half of the time, 4=Most of the time, 5=Always.

Note 4 - Criteria for prioritisation is supported by the economic significance of the outcome, and the feasibility of achieving the outcome specific to the overseas market. 'Progress on priority items' refers to active negotiation towards gaining new access for products, maintaining and improving current access, and resolving issues to restore access for priority goods and markets.

Note 5 - This performance indicator has been amended for improved understandability and clarity of work scope.

The formal refresh of the multi-year work programme uses information provided by primary sector exporting businesses to determine which proposed areas of market access work returns the greatest value for sectors and New Zealand as a whole. The refresh and the agreement of the work programme between MPI and industry sectors, supports and validates the priorities for international trade engagement. This note has been added for context.

Note 6 - Key trading partners' recognition of New Zealand primary industry regulatory systems as meeting their intended outcomes, enhances the commercial certainty for New Zealand primary industry exporters. In addition, economic burden on exporters is reduced by no longer having to replicate foreign market regulatory requirements and allowing products to be produced for multiple markets.

Note 7 - Formal face-to-face forums for implementation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and other formal Agreements allow context sharing, strategic decision-making and agree the strategic work programme between overseas competent authorities and the commitment to deliver outcomes to support trade facilitation, including new and improved access.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Primary Industries 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 | | | | | | |
| Ministry for Primary Industries Operating Efficiencies - Return of Funding | 2024/25 | (11,458) | (9,315) | (9,315) | (9,315) | (9,315) |
| Previous Government | | | | | | |
| Addressing the Impact of Changes to the Ministry for Primary Industries' Collective Agreements and Supply Costs | 2022/23 | 7,245 | 7,245 | 7,245 | 7,245 | 7,245 |
| Jobs for Nature Phase 3 Contingency Drawdown | 2021/22 | 488 | - | - | - | - |
| Accelerating the Delivery of a National Integrated Farm Planning System to New Zealand's Farmers and Growers | 2021/22 | 3,725 | 578 | - | - | - |
| Continuing Production of Agricultural Production Statistics for Domestic and International GDP and GHG Reporting | 2021/22 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 |

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation for 2025/26 is mainly due to the reversal of several one-off transfers made in 2024/25, including:

- \$7.568 million transferred out for the Supporting Productive and Sustainable Land Use initiative
- \$6.250 million transferred to other appropriations due to changes in cost allocations
- \$1.200 million transferred to meet payment obligations for Subscriptions to International Organisations.

This increase has been partially offset by a reduction of \$3.147 million relating to time-limited funding for accelerating the delivery of a National Integrated Farm Planning System.

Fisheries: Managing the Resource Sustainably (M102) (A14)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to manage the sustainable use of fisheries resources and protection of the aquatic environment.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring

This category is limited to informing, assisting, directing and enforcing adherence to New Zealand fisheries laws.

Fisheries Management

This category is limited to implementing ministerial decisions on sustainability and management controls for New Zealand fisheries.

Fisheries: Aquaculture

This category is limited to implementing aquaculture policy advice, supporting and monitoring the growth of the aquaculture industry.

Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Fisheries: Grants to Manage Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources

This category is limited to the funding of grants to manage the sustainable use of fisheries resources, protection of the aquatic environment and delivery of aquaculture.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Fisheries Quota Shares & ACE Administration Costs

This category is limited to the administration of the sale of Crown Quota Shares and Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE).

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 91,322 | 91,322 | 84,262 |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring | 72,139 | 72,139 | 65,931 |
| Fisheries Management | 14,518 | 14,518 | 13,666 |
| Fisheries: Aquaculture | 3,316 | 3,316 | 3,316 |
| Non-Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Fisheries: Grants to Manage Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Fisheries Quota Shares & ACE Administration Costs | 149 | 149 | 149 |
| Funding for Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Revenue from the Crown | 85,527 | 85,527 | 78,467 |
| Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring | 68,584 | 68,584 | 62,376 |
| Fisheries Management | 13,643 | 13,643 | 12,791 |
| Fisheries: Aquaculture | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,300 |
| Revenue from Others | 4,446 | 4,446 | 4,446 |
| Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring | 3,555 | 3,555 | 3,555 |
| Fisheries Management | 875 | 875 | 875 |
| Fisheries: Aquaculture | 16 | 16 | 16 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the sustainable use of fisheries resources and protection of the aquatic environment.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Assessment of Performance | | | |
| Percentage of scientifically evaluated fish stocks above stock biomass limits (see Note 1) | More than 80% | More than 80% | More than 80% |

Note 1 - The definition of 'above stock biomass limits' is that the stock is above the soft limit (the biomass level below which a stock is deemed to be overfished or depleted).

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 | | | |
| Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the adherence to New Zealand fisheries laws. | | | |
| Percentage of commercial operators inspected are found to be voluntarily compliant (see Note 1) | 80-90% | 80-90% | 80% or above |
| Percentage of recreational fishers inspected are found to be voluntarily compliant | 90-95% | 90-95% | 90% or above |
| Percentage of cases taken to court that achieve their objective (see Note 2) | 90-95% | 90-95% | 90% or above |
| Percentage of fisheries compliance case files involving significant offending, or multiple offenders, where a prosecution decision is made within the relevant statutory limitation period (see Note 3) | 95-100% | 95-100% | Deleted performance indicator |
| Percentage of planned days that fisheries observers are at sea (see Note 3) | 90% | 90% | Deleted performance indicator |
| Fisheries Management | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the implementation of policy advice relating to fisheries matters and ministerial servicing. | | | |
| Percentage of fisheries management-related requests completed with either specified or statutory timeframes: | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aide Memoires (Timeframes are set on a case-by-case basis) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefings (Timeframes are set on a case-by-case basis) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministerial Correspondence (Proposed response within a 20-working day timeframe) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministerial Official Information Act 1982 requests (Proposed response within a 15-working day timeframe) (see Note 4) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written Parliamentary Questions (Proposed response within four working days) (see Note 5) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| Percentage of the Crown's obligations to Māori under fisheries related Treaty of Waitangi settlement legislation and the Fisheries Act delivered (see Note 6) | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Catch limits and other fisheries management measures are adjusted on the basis of decisions made by the Minister as part of the sustainability round decision-making (see Note 7) | Achieved | Achieved | Achieved |
| Fisheries: Aquaculture | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve support for the all-of-government pathway to promote growth in the aquaculture sector. | | | |
| Percentage of agreed annual Aquaculture Strategy Implementation Plan deliverables that are completed (see Note 8) | 80% | 80% | 80% |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Assessment of Performance | | | |
| Non-Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Fisheries: Grants to Manage Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective provision of grants to support the growth and sustainable use of fisheries resources and protection of the aquatic environment. | | | |
| An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or 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, and the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental output expense is less than \$5 million. | Exempt | Exempt | Exempt |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Fisheries Quota Shares & ACE Administration Costs | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective administration and management of work relating to the sale of Crown Quota Shares and Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE). | | | |
| An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or 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, and the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million. | Exempt | Exempt | Exempt |

Note 1 - 'Voluntarily compliant' means that routine inspection finds the operators to be compliant by their own volition, without any intervention by Compliance Officers.

Note 2 - Assessed as achieving objective: Offence case files where at least one charge decision of 'Convicted' or 'Convicted and Discharged' or 'Proven (Infringement Offence)' is recorded against at least one defendant in the matter. For clarity, a case still achieves its objective in the event of the death of a defendant resulting in the withdrawal of charges. A case still achieves its objectives in the event, due to steps taken by defendants before decision to convict, the Judge determines their actions to be sufficiently mitigating to discharge all linked defendants without conviction, providing no deficiency in the prosecutor's case was pointed to as contributing to the Judge's decision.

Assessed as not achieving objective: Offence case files where there are no charge decisions of 'Convicted' or 'Convicted and Discharged' against any defendant in the matter - and all Court charges for the matter result in Discharged without Conviction, Dismissed, Withdrawn or Acquitted decisions.

Note 3 - These performance indicators have been deleted to ensure that the remaining indicators under the appropriation category Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring highlight the expected outcomes that the Fisheries Compliance operations are trying to achieve. The performance indicator "Percentage of cases taken to court that achieve objective" covers the deleted indicators referring to fisheries compliance.

Note 4 - The statutory timeframe to respond to an OIA is 'as soon as reasonably practicable' and no later than 20 working days as stated in the Official Information Act 1982. MPI has an agreement with Ministers' offices to provide a proposed response for Ministerial OIAs within 15 working days. Based on this, Ministerial OIAs are measured to a 15 working day timeframe.

Note 5 - The parliamentary timeframe to respond to a WPQ is six working days. MPI aims to provide the Minister with a proposed response within four working days.

Note 6 - The Crown has a number of fisheries related legislative obligations to Māori under Treaty of Waitangi settlement legislation and the Fisheries Act. This measure will measure the delivery of these.

Note 7 - This previous performance indicator (Ministerial decisions on sustainability rounds implemented within agreed timeframes) has been amended for clarity.

The 'sustainability round' process that is run twice a year, enables MPI to provide advice to the Minister on catch limits, deemed values, and other management settings for fish stocks to provide for their sustainable use. This note has been added for context.

Note 8 - An Aquaculture Strategy Implementation Plan (<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/fishing-aquaculture/aquaculture-fish-and-shellfish-farming/aquaculture-strategy-for-new-zealand/>) is published annually that establishes and clearly states specific 'deliverables' (with deadlines) for the year ahead.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Primary Industries 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 | | | | | | |
| Fisheries Reform Work Programme | 2024/25 | - | 2,000 | - | - | - |
| Ministry for Primary Industries Operating Efficiencies - Return of Funding | 2024/25 | (1,678) | (1,364) | (1,364) | (1,364) | (1,364) |
| Mini Budget, Budget 2024 and the Fiscal Sustainability Programme | 2023/24 | (2,000) | (2,000) | - | - | - |
| Previous Government | | | | | | |
| Request to draw down funding for the Fisheries Industry Transformation Plan | 2023/24 | 2,000 | 2,000 | - | - | - |
| Delivering the Crown's Aquaculture Settlement Obligations | 2023/24 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Addressing the Impact of Changes to the Ministry for Primary Industries' Collective Agreements and Supply Costs | 2022/23 | 4,383 | 4,383 | 4,383 | 4,383 | 4,383 |

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in this appropriation for 2025/26 is mainly due to time limited funding of \$9.374 million for On-board cameras across inshore fishing fleet programme which has been partially offset by the additional funding of \$2 million in 2025/26 to support the Fisheries Reform Work programme.

Food Safety: Protecting Consumers (M33) (A14)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from food borne disease and maintain and enhance New Zealand's reputation as a trusted supplier of safe and suitable food.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Food Safety: Assurance

This category is limited to justifying and delivering assurances to consumers, the public, overseas authorities and other stakeholders that food, food-related products and inputs into the production of food (whether undertaken or produced in New Zealand or imported) are managed, audited, approved, registered and/or monitored in accordance with New Zealand legislation and, for exports, relevant importing countries' market access requirements.

Food Safety: Information

This category is limited to engagement of, and information for, stakeholders about food safety and suitability, to encourage participation in, and compliance with, the food regulatory programme, and to enable consumers to make appropriate food choices.

Food Safety: Response

This category is limited to the investigation of, preparedness for, and response to, food related events, incidents, emergencies, complaints and suspected breaches of legislation and taking appropriate sanctions and enforcement action.

Food Safety: Standards

This category is limited to the scientific inputs and development and implementation of food related standards (including as appropriate international and joint Australia/New Zealand standards) and standards related to inputs into food production, imports, exports, new and emerging issues and the domestic market.

Food Safety: Trade and Market Access Food Safety

This category is limited to the coordination of activities, development and delivery of frameworks that facilitate the food-related safety aspects of international trade in primary products, and implementation of agreements and arrangements which influence and improve multilateral, regional and bilateral relationships.

Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Food Safety Science and Research

This category is limited to the promotion, coordination and delivery of food safety science and research.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Food Safety: Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty

This category is limited to the development of joint food standards, codes of practice, and guidance material for Australia and New Zealand by Food Standards Australia New Zealand in accordance with the Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 149,950 | 149,950 | 146,712 |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Food Safety: Assurance | 100,092 | 100,092 | 98,805 |
| Food Safety: Information | 5,078 | 5,078 | 5,078 |
| Food Safety: Response | 10,101 | 10,101 | 10,101 |
| Food Safety: Standards | 19,398 | 19,398 | 22,247 |
| Food Safety: Trade and Market Access Food Safety | 12,481 | 12,481 | 7,681 |
| Non-Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Food Safety Science and Research | 600 | 600 | 700 |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Food Safety: Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,100 |
| Funding for Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Revenue from the Crown | 49,837 | 49,837 | 42,770 |
| Food Safety: Assurance | 19,141 | 19,141 | 16,874 |
| Food Safety: Information | 5,076 | 5,076 | 5,076 |
| Food Safety: Response | 9,741 | 9,741 | 9,741 |
| Food Safety: Standards | 5,464 | 5,464 | 5,464 |
| Food Safety: Trade and Market Access Food Safety | 10,415 | 10,415 | 5,615 |
| Revenue from Others | 97,313 | 97,313 | 101,142 |
| Food Safety: Assurance | 80,951 | 80,951 | 81,931 |
| Food Safety: Information | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Food Safety: Response | 360 | 360 | 360 |
| Food Safety: Standards | 13,934 | 13,934 | 16,783 |
| Food Safety: Trade and Market Access Food Safety | 2,066 | 2,066 | 2,066 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of assurances, standards, information, and response activities that protect consumers from foodborne illnesses, as well as maintain and enhance New Zealand's reputation as a trusted supplier of safe and suitable food for domestic and overseas consumers.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
| | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Assessment of Performance | | | |
| Case study to demonstrate the outcome of the recent Campylobacter Action Plan and development of a new target for the future work programme | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Rate of domestically acquired foodborne Campylobacteriosis per 100,000 people per annum (see Note 1) | 20% reduction from 88 to 70/100,000 people p.a. | 20% reduction from 88 to 70/100,000 people p.a. | Deleted performance indicator |

Note 1 - This performance indicator has been deleted as it only covered a five-year period from January 2020 until the end of December 2024. The outcome of the five-year programme will be reported in MPI's 2024/25 Annual Report.

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 | | | |
| Food Safety: Assurance | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve effective administration and management of New Zealand's food assurance systems. | | | |
| Percentage of complete applications submitted by new food businesses registered within 20 working days (see Note 1) | 90% | 90% | 90% |
| Percentage of Verification Services corrective actions that are closed out by the agreed date (see Note 2) | 85% | 85% | 85% |
| Number of rejected export certificates under the Animal Products Act 1999 due to MPI verifier's error (see Note 3) | 5 or fewer | 5 or fewer | 5 or fewer |
| Percentage of access to overseas markets maintained after overseas audits (see Note 4) | 100% | 100% | Deleted performance indicator |
| Food Safety: Information | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve effective provision of information, advice and tools to food and primary product exporters. | | | |
| Percentage of exporters rate the overall satisfaction level with Exporter Regulatory Advice Service as 5 or higher (satisfaction rating - 1 being completely dissatisfied to 7 being completely satisfied) | 75% | 75% | 75% |
| Food Safety: Response | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective administration and management of responses linked to food-related incidents, emergencies, complaints and suspected breaches of food legislation. | | | |
| Percentage of investigations resolved within the required timeframe (see Note 5) | 90% | 90% | 90% |
| Percentage of food recall investigations are closed within the required timeframe (see Note 6) | 95% | 95% | 95% |
| Percentage of serious food safety complaints where investigations are commenced within 24 hours of the MPI assessment being made (see Note 7) | 95-100% | 95-100% | 95-100% |
| Food Safety: Standards | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the effective administration of food standards, including those related to food production - ensuring standards are in place to manage industry compliance. | | | |
| Percentage of export certificates issued annually that enabled exports of Animal Products and Wine as per the certification requirements of overseas competent authorities (see Note 8) | 99% | 99% | 99% |
| New or updated standards and/or guidance developed for the year, as agreed with cost recovered sectors (see Note 9) | Achieved | Achieved | Achieved |

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Assessment of Performance | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Food Safety: Trade and Market Access Food Safety | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the development and implementation of activities, frameworks and arrangements that influence and facilitate the food-safety related aspects of trade in primary products. | | | |
| Percentage of priority items progressed related to sanitary and phytosanitary matters and related conditions of trade on the market access work programme, as agreed with the meat, dairy, seafood, and horticulture/plants sector organisations (see Note 10) | 75% | 75% | 75% |
| Agreement between MPI and the meat, dairy, seafood, and horticulture/plant sector organisations on a refreshed multi-year work programme, which validates the priorities for international trade engagement (see Note 11) | Achieved | Achieved | Achieved |
| Conclude the negotiation and signing of trade facilitating bilateral (or regional) arrangements with key trading partners accepting New Zealand primary industry regulatory systems (see Note 12) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Regular (eg, annual) formal face to face forums held with key trading partner regulators for implementation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and other Agreements (see Note 13) | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Non-Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Food Safety Science and Research | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the promotion, co-ordination and delivery of food safety science and research. | | | |
| An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or 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 as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental output expense is less than \$5 million. | Exempt | Exempt | Exempt |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Food Safety: Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve the development of joint food standards between New Zealand and Australia. | | | |
| An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or 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 as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million. | Exempt | Exempt | Exempt |

Note 1 - All applications are assessed before registration. Both risk-based measures and food importer registration applications under the Food Act are included in the scope of this performance indicator.

Note 2 - Corrective Action Requests are identified during verification activities as issued by MPI's Verification Services to the operator. A date for completion is agreed between the verifier and the operator based on the severity of the Corrective Action Request and the realistic time it is likely to take to rectify.

Note 3 - MPI issues approximately 200,000 export certificates under the Animal Products Act annually. The value (5 errors) represents the number acceptable for human error per year. Every instance of this occurrence is followed up by the MPI verifier. The reputational consequence for exceeding this standard is very high.

Note 4 - This performance indicator has been deleted. There are other three indicators under the appropriation category Food Safety: Assurance that better represent of the programme performance.

Note 5 - Food Compliance uses two categories of timeframes for investigations:

- percentage of non-complex investigations completed within 6 months, and
- percentage of complex investigations completed within legislative requirements (eg, under the Food Act 2014, the Animal Products Act 1999, the Wine Act 2003, and/or the Criminal Procedure Act 2011).

Note 6 - This performance indicator replaced the previous indicator (Percentage of serious food complaints investigations are resolved within the required timeframe) to clarify scope and reporting timeline. The following information was also added to provide context.

- Food recall investigations will be created following the assessment of information by Food Compliance Services. A food recall investigation will be created if action may be required to remove product from distribution.
- Calculations can only occur when a food recall investigation is due to be closed. The timeframe is 60 working days from when a food recall investigation is created.
- This performance indicator will include food recall investigations data from April of the calendar year, as these investigations are due to close within the reporting period (July-June).

Note 7 - MPI considers 'Serious category complaints' to include reports where there is imminent risk to public health, any deliberate action to contaminate food, actual or potential damage to New Zealand's trading reputation, foodborne illness outbreaks.

Note 8 - 'Overseas competent authorities' is a World Trade Organisation term that defines a specific group of authorities. Certificate requirements are the export documentation requirements of importing countries, which vary from country to country.

Note 9 - Cost recovery helps fund a range of core regulatory services that benefit industry sectors. Costs are recovered either through levies or fees. The development of standards and guidance are predominantly funded by levies and Crown revenue. The number and scope of standards and/or guidance will vary from year-to-year dependent on discussions with cost recovered sectors and can change as sector's priorities change. Achievement of this performance indicator is measured/verified by publication of standards and/or guidance developed or updated for the year.

Note 10 - Criteria for prioritisation is supported by the economic significance of the outcome, and the feasibility of achieving the outcome specific to the overseas market. 'Progress on priority items' refers to active negotiation towards gaining new access for products, maintaining, and improving current access, and resolving issues to restore access for priority goods and markets.

Note 11 - The formal refresh of the multi-year work programme uses information provided by primary sector exporting businesses to determine which proposed areas of market access work returns the greatest value for sectors and New Zealand as a whole. The refresh and the agreement of the work programme between MPI and industry sectors, supports, and validates the priorities for international trade engagement.

Note 12 - Key trading partners' recognition of New Zealand primary industry regulatory systems as meeting their intended outcomes, enhances the commercial certainty for New Zealand primary industry exporters. In addition, economic burden on exporters is reduced by no longer having to replicate foreign market regulatory requirements and allowing products to be produced for multiple markets.

Note 13 - Formal face-to-face forums for implementation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and other formal Agreements allow context sharing, strategic decision-making and agree the strategic work programme between overseas competent authorities and the commitment to deliver outcomes to support trade facilitation, including new and improved access.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Primary Industries 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 | | | | | | |
| Ministry for Primary Industries' Annual Cost Recovery Package and Food Act Levies: Policy Decisions | 2024/25 | 4,153 | 7,898 | 9,621 | 11,043 | 11,043 |
| Ministry for Primary Industries Operating Efficiencies - Return of Funding | 2024/25 | (1,070) | (870) | (870) | (870) | (870) |
| Previous Government | | | | | | |
| Future of Certification - Electronic Certification (E-cert) Systems Replacement | 2022/23 | 2,638 | 6,421 | 6,421 | 6,421 | 6,421 |
| Addressing the Impact of Changes to the Ministry for Primary Industries' Collective Agreements and Supply Costs | 2022/23 | 2,115 | 2,115 | 2,115 | 2,115 | 2,115 |
| Protecting the Credibility of New Zealand's Animal Health and Welfare Regulatory and Adverse Event Response Systems | 2022/23 | 391 | 391 | 391 | 391 | 391 |
| Antimicrobial Resistance - Addressing Future Antimicrobial Resistance Risks in New Zealand | 2022/23 | 2,558 | 2,558 | 2,558 | 2,558 | 2,558 |

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in this appropriation for 2025/26 is mainly due to a transfer \$11.050 million from other appropriations in 2024/25 as a result of changes in cost allocations.

This decrease has been partially offset by increases due to:

- increased funding of \$3.783 million in 2025/26 for the Future of Certification - Electronic Certification (E-cert) Systems Replacement
- additional funding of \$3.745 million in 2025/26 as part of the Annual Cost recovery package and Food Act levies.

Memorandum Account

| | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Approvals, Accreditations and Registrations | | | |
| Opening Balance at 1 July | (3,315) | (3,315) | (4,468) |
| Revenue | 7,024 | 7,024 | 8,154 |
| Expenses | (8,357) | (8,357) | (8,524) |
| Closing Balance at 30 June | (4,468) | (4,468) | (4,838) |
| Food Standards and Assurance - Food Act (2014) | | | |
| Opening Balance at 1 July | (1,182) | (1,182) | (1,482) |
| Revenue | 3,130 | 3,130 | 6,017 |
| Expenses | (3,430) | (3,430) | (6,199) |
| Closing Balance at 30 June | (1,482) | (1,482) | (1,664) |
| Standards Setting for Food Industry | | | |
| Opening Balance at 1 July | 5,383 | 5,383 | 3,036 |
| Revenue | 22,483 | 22,483 | 23,116 |
| Expenses | (24,830) | (24,830) | (25,327) |
| Closing Balance at 30 June | 3,036 | 3,036 | 825 |
| Verification of the Food Regulatory Programme | | | |
| Opening Balance at 1 July | (766) | (766) | (5,087) |
| Revenue | 44,649 | 44,649 | 45,542 |
| Expenses | (48,970) | (48,970) | (49,949) |
| Closing Balance at 30 June | (5,087) | (5,087) | (9,494) |
| Wine Standards Management - Wine Act 2003 | | | |
| Opening Balance at 1 July | 1,885 | 1,885 | 1,537 |
| Revenue | 1,211 | 1,211 | 1,449 |
| Expenses | (1,559) | (1,559) | (1,590) |
| Closing Balance at 30 June | 1,537 | 1,537 | 1,396 |

Memorandum accounts record the accumulated balance of surpluses and deficits incurred for outputs provided to third-party users of those services on a full cost recovery basis.

The Approvals, Accreditations and Registrations memorandum account covers the provision of approval and registration services to regulated parties under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997 and the Animal Products Act 1999.

The Food Standards and Assurance-Food Act (2014) memorandum account covers the provision of services provided by MPI under the Food Act 2014.

The Standards Setting for the Food Industry memorandum account covers standards setting activities and fees for certification and reconciliation services under the Animal Products (Dairy Industry Fees and Charges) Regulations 2007. This memorandum account also covers certification activities undertaken by the Ministry for Primary Industries in accordance with section 7 of the Animal Products (Fees, Charges and Levies) Regulations 2007.

The Verification of the Food Regulatory Programme memorandum account covers verification activities undertaken by the Ministry for Primary Industries in accordance with section 7 of the Animal Products (Fees, Charges and Levies) Regulations 2007.

The Wine Standards Management - Wine Act 2003 memorandum account covers certification, assurance, standard setting, market access, systems implementation and monitoring services provided under the Wine Act 2003.

The Ministry for Primary Industries seeks to have each memorandum account trending towards zero over the medium term. This approach acknowledges that changes in memorandum account balances will fluctuate as a consequence of changes in economic activity and other matters. The charging model is periodically reviewed to ensure that the services are being provided in the most efficient cost-effective way and that the fees/levies reflect the cost of services provided.