

Vote Disability Support Services

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Disability Issues (M23)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry of Social Development (A25)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Minister for Social Development and Employment

Overview of the Vote

The Minister for Disability Issues is responsible for the appropriations in Vote Disability Support Services for the 2025/26 financial year covering the following:

- a total of over \$2,769 million on delivering disability support services to improve outcomes for disabled people, and
- a total of \$500,000 on disability-related legal expenses.

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

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Disability-related Legal Expenses (M23) (A25) This appropriation is limited to funding the defence and settlement of disability-related legal claims against the Crown.	-	-	500
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	-	-	500
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Disability Support Services MCA (M23) (A25) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to deliver disability support services to improve outcomes for eligible disabled people by providing care or support, promoting their inclusion and participation in society and their independence.	-	-	2,769,178
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Administering and developing disability support services</i> This category is limited to commissioning and monitoring service provision; providing data and evidence services to better inform government decision-making; providing policy advice and support to the Minister to discharge their portfolio responsibilities.	-	-	37,876
<i>Connecting people with supports and communities</i> This category is limited to the provision, purchase and support of services connecting disabled people and their families to supports, information and their communities.	-	-	14,713
<i>Sustainability of Disability Support Services</i> This category is limited to activities supporting the sustainability of Disability Support Services.	-	-	3,500
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Community-based support services</i> This category is limited to the provision and purchase of services and supports for disabled people living in a community-based setting.	-	-	1,002,556
<i>Connecting and strengthening disability communities</i> This category is limited to the provision and purchase of services and supports that connect disabled people and their families to supports and information and strengthen their communities.	-	-	78,345
<i>Early intervention support services</i> This category is limited to the provision and purchase of services and supports for disabled people who are early in life, in life transitions, or in vulnerable situations.	-	-	58,981
<i>Environmental support services</i> This category is limited to the provision and purchase of environmental support services for disabled people.	-	-	265,501
<i>High and Complex Framework Services</i> This category is limited to forensic service coordination and services for people with an intellectual disability who are in hospital or community secure or supervised care.	-	-	95,249
<i>Residential-based support services</i> This category is limited to the provision and purchase of services and supports for disabled people living in a residential-based setting.	-	-	1,210,207

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
<i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i>			
<i>Community Capacity and Support</i> This category is limited to providing financial assistance towards building capacity and support within client communities.	-	-	2,250
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	2,769,178
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	-	-	2,769,678

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
Disability Support Services Cost Pressures - Supporting Disabled People	Disability Support Services MCA (M23)					
	Community-based support services	-	115,000	115,000	115,000	115,000
	Connecting and strengthening disability communities	-	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
	Early intervention support services	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Environmental support services	-	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
	Residential-based support services	-	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
	Non-Departmental Output Expenses					
High and Complex Framework Funding Pressures	Disability Support Services MCA (M23)					
	High and Complex Framework Services	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
	Non-Departmental Output Expenses					
Making the Care System Safe: Building a Diverse, Capable and Safe Care Workforce	Disability Support Services MCA (M23)					
	Administering and developing disability support services	-	155	-	-	-
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Making the Care System safe: Recognising and Responding to Abuse in Care	Disability Support Services MCA (M23)					
	Administering and developing disability support services	-	1,800	700	150	150
	Departmental Output Expenses					
	Connecting and strengthening disability communities	-	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
	Non-Departmental Output Expenses					
Recordkeeping & Access: Uplift Care Record Keeping to Support New Systems and Improve Management and Access	Disability Support Services MCA (M23)					
	Administering and developing disability support services	-	500	-	-	-
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Total Initiatives		-	198,955	197,200	191,650	191,650

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	370	286	3,064	3,064	-	500	500	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)												
<i>Output Expenses</i>	-	3,740	2,060,782	2,329,010	2,604,487	2,604,487	56,089	2,710,839	2,766,928	2,753,645	2,767,861	2,767,861
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	2,069	1,079	1,079	-	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,750	2,750
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	-	3,740	2,061,152	2,331,365	2,608,630	2,608,630	56,089	2,713,589	2,769,678	2,755,895	2,770,611	2,770,611
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts												
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-

Note - where restructuring of the vote has occurred then, to the extent practicable, prior years information has been restated as if the restructuring had occurred before the beginning of the period covered. In this instance Total Appropriations for the Budgeted and Estimated Actual year may not equal Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations in the Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections.

Adjustments to the Summary of Financial Activity Table Due to Vote Restructuring

	2020/21 Adjustments \$000	2021/22 Adjustments \$000	2022/23 Adjustments \$000	2023/24 Adjustments \$000	2024/25 Final Budgeted Adjustments \$000	2024/25 Estimated Actual Adjustments \$000
Appropriations						
Output Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	370	286	3,064	3,064
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)						
<i>Output Expenses</i>	-	3,740	2,060,782	2,329,010	2,604,487	2,604,487
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	2,069	1,079	1,079
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	-	3,740	2,061,152	2,331,365	2,608,630	2,608,630
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts						
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-

The amounts recorded from 2021/22 to 2024/25 represent the actual and forecast appropriations in Vote Social Development that were transferred to Vote Disability Support Services. These have been included to provide comparability of the trends in the vote.

1.3 - Analysis of Significant Trends

Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People was established from 1 July 2022 with expenditure of \$2,059 million. The Supporting Tāngata Whaikaha Māori and Disabled People Multi-Category appropriation (within Vote Social Development) increases from 2022/23 to 2023/24 (\$302.256 million), mainly related to additional forecast cost pressures for increased demand and price pressures. The trend continues from 2023/24 to 2024/25 with an additional \$322.308 million of cost pressures funding from Budget 2024.

For 2025/26, Vote Disability Support Services has been established, and the Supporting Tāngata Whaikaha Māori and Disabled People Multi-Category appropriation was transferred into the new Vote as the Disability Support Services Multi-Category Appropriation.

The trend increases from 2024/25 to 2025/26 mainly due to an increase in the Disability Support Services Multi-Category appropriation (\$162.441 million) related to additional cost pressures. The trend then decreases slightly in 2026/27 due to the carry forward of funding for cost pressures and resources to continue transforming the disability support system, which is time-limited.

1.4 - Reconciliation of Changes in Appropriation Structure

		Old Structure		New Structure		
2024/25 Appropriations in the 2024/25 Structure	2024/25 (Current) \$000	Appropriations to which Expenses (or Capital Expenditure) have been Moved from or to	Amount Moved \$000	2024/25 Appropriations in the 2025/26 Structure	2024/25 (Restated) \$000	2025/26 \$000
Vote Social Development				Vote Disability Support Services		
		Transferred to				
<i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i>		<i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i>		<i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i>		
Disability-related Legal Expenses	3,064	Disability-related Legal Expenses	3,064	Disability-related Legal Expenses	3,064	500
Supporting Tāngata Whaikaha Māori and Disabled People (MCA)		Disability Support Services (MCA)		Disability Support Services (MCA)		
<i>Departmental Output Expenses</i>		<i>Departmental Output Expenses</i>		<i>Departmental Output Expenses</i>		
Stewardship of the Disability System	40,662	Administering and developing disability support services	40,662	Administering and developing disability support services	40,662	37,876
Connecting people with supports and communities	12,774	Connecting people with supports and communities	12,774	Connecting people with supports and communities	12,774	14,713
Sustainability of Disability Support Services	12,100	Sustainability of Disability Support Services	12,100	Sustainability of Disability Support Services	12,100	3,500
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</i>		<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</i>		<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</i>		
Community-based support services	1,012,629	Community-based support services	1,012,629	Community-based support services	1,012,629	1,002,556
Connecting and strengthening disability communities	66,901	Connecting and strengthening disability communities	66,901	Connecting and strengthening disability communities	66,901	78,345
Early intervention support services	66,127	Early intervention support services	66,127	Early intervention support services	66,127	58,981
Environmental support services	245,001	Environmental support services	245,001	Environmental support services	245,001	265,501
				High and Complex Framework Services	-	95,249
Residential-based support services	1,148,293	Residential-based support services	1,148,293	Residential-based support services	1,148,293	1,210,207
<i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i>		<i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i>		<i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i>		
Community Capacity and Support	1,079	Community Capacity and Support	1,079	Community Capacity and Support	1,079	2,250
Total	2,597,441		2,597,441		2,597,441	2,769,678

Explanations of the reasons for changing the appropriation structure are noted in the details of each appropriation in Parts 2-4.

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Disability-related Legal Expenses (M23) (A25)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to funding the defence and settlement of disability-related legal claims against the Crown.

Expenses

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	500

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Social Development: Non-Departmental Other Expense			
Disability-related Legal Expenses	3,064	3,064	-
Total	3,064	3,064	500

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to meet costs in relation to disability-related legal claims against the Crown, which includes funding legal costs and, where appropriate, making settlements.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown Entity; and, under s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the PFA, 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 compared to the funding in the comparable appropriation in Vote Social Development in 2024/25 is due to the end of time-limited funding of \$3.564 million which was transferred forwards from 2023/24 to 2024/25 which does not repeat. Of this, \$500,000 of unspent funding has been carried forward into 2025/26 to allow for the continuation of any ongoing legal work related to this appropriation.

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Disability Support Services (M23) (A25)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to deliver disability support services to improve outcomes for eligible disabled people by providing care or support, promoting their inclusion and participation in society and their independence.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Administering and developing disability support services

This category is limited to commissioning and monitoring service provision; providing data and evidence services to better inform government decision-making; providing policy advice and support to the Minister to discharge their portfolio responsibilities.

Connecting people with supports and communities

This category is limited to the provision, purchase and support of services connecting disabled people and their families to supports, information and their communities.

Sustainability of Disability Support Services

This category is limited to activities supporting the sustainability of Disability Support Services.

Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Community-based support services

This category is limited to the provision and purchase of services and supports for disabled people living in a community-based setting.

Connecting and strengthening disability communities

This category is limited to the provision and purchase of services and supports that connect disabled people and their families to supports and information and strengthen their communities.

Early intervention support services

This category is limited to the provision and purchase of services and supports for disabled people who are early in life, in life transitions, or in vulnerable situations.

Environmental support services

This category is limited to the provision and purchase of environmental support services for disabled people.

High and Complex Framework Services

This category is limited to forensic service coordination and services for people with an intellectual disability who are in hospital or community secure or supervised care.

Residential-based support services

This category is limited to the provision and purchase of services and supports for disabled people living in a residential-based setting.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses***Community Capacity and Support***

This category is limited to providing financial assistance towards building capacity and support within client communities.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	2,769,178
Departmental Output Expenses			
Administering and developing disability support services	-	-	37,876
Connecting people with supports and communities	-	-	14,713
Sustainability of Disability Support Services	-	-	3,500
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Community-based support services	-	-	1,002,556
Connecting and strengthening disability communities	-	-	78,345
Early intervention support services	-	-	58,981
Environmental support services	-	-	265,501
High and Complex Framework Services	-	-	95,249
Residential-based support services	-	-	1,210,207
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Community Capacity and Support	-	-	2,250
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	56,089
Administering and developing disability support services	-	-	37,876
Connecting people with supports and communities	-	-	14,713
Sustainability of Disability Support Services	-	-	3,500

Components of the Appropriation

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Residential-Based Support Services			
Community Residential Care in a disabled person specific setting	974,391	974,391	Not yet known
High and Complex and Compulsory Care	78,804	78,804	Not yet known
Community Residential Care in an Aged Residential Care setting	80,441	80,441	Not yet known
Community Residential Care for Children and Young People	9,019	9,019	Not yet known
Contract Board and Foster Care	2,444	2,444	Not yet known
Other components	3,194	3,194	Not yet known
Community-Based Support Services			
Flexible funding	657,349	657,349	Not yet known
Household Management and Personal Care	136,710	136,710	Not yet known
In Between Travel	58,324	58,324	Not yet known
Supported Living	88,658	88,658	Not yet known
Facility Based Respite Care	31,014	31,014	Not yet known
Respite	19,012	19,012	Not yet known
Hosting Services	20,646	20,646	Not yet known
Other components	916	916	Not yet known
Environmental Support Services			
Equipment and Modification Services	151,999	151,999	Not yet known
Specialist Sensory Services	92,702	92,702	Not yet known
Other components	300	300	Not yet known
Connecting and Strengthening Disability Communities			
Needs assessment and service coordination	52,017	52,017	Not yet known
Disability Information and Advisory Services	14,475	14,475	Not yet known
Other components	409	409	Not yet known
Early Intervention Support Services			
Child Development	33,859	33,859	Not yet known
Specialist Support	31,843	31,843	Not yet known
Other components	425	425	Not yet known
Stewardship of the Disability System			
Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People Departmental Agency	18,000	18,000	-
Ministry of Social Development - Disability Support Services	19,460	19,460	32,219
Connecting people with supports and communities			
EGL sites	12,544	12,544	14,483
Sustainability of Disability Support Services			
Transformation	12,100	12,100	3,500
Community Capacity and Support			
Community grants	1,079	1,079	2,250

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

	2024/25		2025/26
Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Social Development: Supporting Tāngata Whaikaha Māori and Disabled People MCA			
Departmental Output Expense			
Connecting people with supports and communities	12,774	12,774	-
Stewardship of the Disability System	40,662	40,662	-
Sustainability of Disability Support Services	12,100	12,100	-
Non-Departmental Output Expense			
Community-based support services	1,012,629	1,012,629	-
Connecting and strengthening disability communities	66,901	66,901	-
Early intervention support services	66,127	66,127	-
Environmental support services	245,001	245,001	-
Residential-based support services	1,148,293	1,148,293	-
Non-Departmental Other Expense			
Community Capacity and Support	1,079	1,079	-
Total	2,605,566	2,605,566	2,769,178

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to support eligible disabled people and their families to access services and supports that assist them in their daily life in line with their assessed needs.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

	2024/25		2025/26
Assessment of Performance	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
The number of eligible people accessing disability support services will be no less than (see Note 1)	50,000	50,000	50,000

Note 1 - This measure counts the number of clients who access disability support services via Needs Assessment and Service Coordination agencies or an Enabling Good Lives site at a point in time. It excludes environmental support services and child development services.

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			
Administering and developing disability support services			
This category is intended to support effective commissioning and monitoring of service provision, and high-quality data and policy advice to support decision-making and delivery of services.			
The Disability Support Services procurement process is in line with government standards	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
The percentage of complaints in regards to Disability Support Services (DSS) that receive either a resolution notification or progress update within 20 days of DSS receiving the complaint	95%	95%	95%
Connecting people with supports and communities			
This category is intended to support access for eligible disabled people and their families to supports and information, and improve connections with their communities, through connecting them to services.			
Enabling Good Lives (EGL) Christchurch Demonstration			
The EGL approach (access to an EGL connector and a flexible, personalised budget) is made available to 98 percent of eligible Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS) verified students in Christchurch. Note: currently ORS verified students aged 14+ are eligible for the EGL approach in the Christchurch demonstration	Achieved	Not achieved	Achieved
Mana Whaikaha			
Access to Enabling Good Lives budgets (Personal Budget, Early Investment and Immediate Resourcing) and support are made available to 99% of eligible disabled people who submit an Enabling Good Lives Proposal to Mana Whaikaha	99%	99%	99%
Sustainability of Disability Support Services			
This category is intended to improve delivery of disability support services for disabled people and their families.			
The Disability Support Services Taskforce is on track to implement the recommendations of the 2024 Independent Review of Disability Support Services	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Community-based support services			
This category is intended to support eligible community-based disabled people by providing supports such as person directed budgets, supported independent living, personal care, household management, respite care, carer support, and behavioural supports.			
The percentage of self-directed funding arrangements to improve the person's choice, control and flexibility, (eg, Choices in Community Living, Individualised Funding, Enhanced Individualised Funding, Flexible Disability Supports, Personal Budgets and Enabling Good Lives) within the total client population is greater than or equal to	10%	30%	10%

	2024/25		2025/26
Assessment of Performance	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Connecting and strengthening disability communities			
This category is intended to support disabled people and their families to access services and information by investing in services including Needs Assessment and Service Coordination agencies (NASCs), and Disability Information and Advice Services (DIAS).			
All new eligible Disability Support Services clients are assessed within 20 days of referral is equal to or greater than	80%	40%	80%
All new Disability Support Services clients assessed as being eligible for MSD funded support are provided with their support options within 20 days of assessment is equal to or greater than	85%	75%	85%
Early intervention support services			
This category is intended to support eligible disabled people who are early in life, in life transitions, or in vulnerable situations by providing early intervention supports.			
The percentage of those disabled people who were referred to a Behaviour Support Treatment Programme and completed it is greater than or equal to	75%	70%	75%
Environmental support services			
This category is intended to support eligible disabled people to access services and supports that minimise the negative impacts of environmental barriers.			
The percentage of equipment available and supplied from the Disability Support Services' standardised equipment list to ensure value for money is greater than or equal to (see Note 1)	75%	75%	75%
High and Complex Framework Services			
This category is intended to enable disabled people who receive forensic service coordination and secure or supervised disability services under the High and Complex Framework to access safe and appropriate supports.			
The percentage of compulsory care recipients under the High and Complex Framework who have their needs reviewed within six months will be no less than (see Disclosure 1)	New measure	New measure	100%
The percentage of people who receive support under High and Complex Framework whose support is compliant with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child treaty will be no less than (see Disclosure 1)	New measure	New measure	100%
Residential-based support services			
This category is intended to provide the delivery of supports and services to eligible, disabled people to meet their individual residential care and support needs.			
Percentage of Disability Support Service clients moving from mainstream residential service to community support services increases over time so that the percentage receiving community support services is greater than or equal to	77%	85%	77%

	2024/25		2025/26
Assessment of Performance	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Community Capacity and Support			
This category is intended to achieve increased participation and contribution by disabled people by supporting the networks that disabled people and their families belong to through the use of community grants and community-led solutions.			
An exemption was granted, as the category is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown Entity; and, under s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the PFA, the amount of this annual category for a Non-Departmental Other Expense is less than \$5 million	Exempted	Exempted	Exempted

These measures are in line with the measures in the previous Supporting Tāngata Whaikaha Māori and Disabled People Multi-Category Appropriation in Vote Social Development.

Disclosure 1 - These measures have been added to provide performance information for this new category established in 2025/26. Measuring compliance with legislative requirements and operational standards were chosen as the most appropriate type of measures to cover the intention of the funding.

Note 1 - Disability Support Services' equipment is categorised into three bands. The standardised equipment list refers to 'band one' equipment which includes items that:

- meet the needs of a wide range and large number of disabled people, and
- are low cost (generally less than \$1,000 excl. GST), and
- are durable and the majority are able to be reissued in a cost-effective way.

Service Providers for the Multi-Category Appropriation

Provider	2024/25 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Estimated Actual \$000	2025/26 Budget \$000	Expiry of Resourcing Commitment
Crown Entity				
Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora	284,376	284,376	Not yet known	Ongoing
Ministry for Children - Oranga Tamariki	7,802	7,802	Not yet known	Ongoing
Non-Government Organisations				
IDEA Services Limited	295,322	295,322	Not yet known	Ongoing
Manawanui Support Limited	294,927	294,927	Not yet known	Ongoing
New Zealand Community Living Limited	139,780	139,780	Not yet known	Ongoing
Spectrum Foundation	97,788	97,788	Not yet known	Ongoing
Hōhepa Services Limited	61,618	61,618	Not yet known	Ongoing
Other providers	1,357,338	1,357,338	Not yet known	Ongoing
Total	2,538,951	2,538,951	2,710,839	

The table above shows the main service providers for this appropriation.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry of Social Development in the Ministry of Social Development 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						
Departmental Output Expenses						
<i>Administering and Developing Disability Support Services</i>						
Making the Care System Safe: Building a Diverse, Capable and Safe Care Workforce	2025/26	-	155	-	-	-
Making the Care System safe: Recognising and Responding to Abuse in Care	2025/26	-	1,800	700	150	150
Recordkeeping and Access: Uplift Care Record Keeping to Support New Systems and Improve Management and Access	2025/26	-	500	-	-	-
Non-Departmental Output Expenses						
<i>Community-Based Support Services</i>						
Disability Support Services Cost Pressures - Supporting Disabled People	2025/26	-	115,000	115,000	115,000	115,000
<i>Connecting and Strengthening Disability Communities</i>						
Disability Support Services Cost Pressures - Supporting Disabled People	2025/26	-	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Making the Care System safe: Recognising and Responding to Abuse in Care	2025/26	-	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
<i>Early Intervention Support Services</i>						
Disability Support Services Cost Pressures - Supporting Disabled People	2025/26	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<i>Environmental Support Services</i>						
Disability Support Services Cost Pressures - Supporting Disabled People	2025/26	-	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
<i>High and Complex Framework Services</i>						
High and Complex Framework Funding Pressures	2025/26	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
<i>Residential-Based Support Services</i>						
Disability Support Services Cost Pressures - Supporting Disabled People	2025/26	-	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation for 2025/26 compared to the funding in the comparable appropriation in Vote Social Development in 2024/25 is mainly due to:

- an increase of \$190 million due to new funding from Budget 2025 for cost pressures on Disability Support Services
- an increase of \$5 million due to new funding from Budget 2025 for cost pressures in High and Complex Framework Services
- an increase of \$60 million due to new funding from a Cabinet decision for cost pressures on residential care funded by Disability Support Services
- an increase of \$18.410 million due to an expense transfer from Vote Social Development Community Participation Services to support cost pressures on residential care funded by Disability Support Services, and
- an increase of \$5 million for transformation of the disability system.

The above is partially offset by:

- a decrease of \$92 million due to the expiry of time-limited funding granted in Budget 2024 for cost pressures for 2024/25 only
- a decrease of \$21.229 million due to an expense transfer from previous years to support the delivery of disability support services which does not recur in 2025/26
- a decrease of \$7.766 million due to a one-off transfer to Vote Disabled People to support the changing role of the Ministry of Disabled People, and
- a decrease of \$5.290 million due to an expense transfer from previous years to support the improvement of IT systems related to disability support services which does not recur in 2025/26.