

Vote Sport and Recreation

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Sport and Recreation (M64)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry for Culture and Heritage (A12)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY FOR CULTURE AND HERITAGE: Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage

Overview of the Vote

The Minister for Sport and Recreation is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2025/26 financial year covering the following:

- a total of over \$74 million to support high performance sport, supplied by High Performance Sport New Zealand (HPSNZ)
- a total of nearly \$29 million for a wide range of functions to benefit sport and physical recreation within New Zealand, and policy advice on sport and physical recreation matters, supplied by Sport New Zealand (SNZ)
- a total of over \$11 million for protecting and enhancing integrity in sport and recreation, supplied by Integrity Sport and Recreation New Zealand
- a total of over \$4 million to provide scholarships enabling talented New Zealanders to pursue tertiary study and elite-level sport development concurrently, and/or to develop skills that contribute to the quality of New Zealand's sport performance at the elite level
- a total of \$470,000 for advice on the performance of sport and recreation Crown entities, and support for board appointment processes, supplied by Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage, and
- a total of \$44,000 for miscellaneous grants supporting sport and recreation activity.

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

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Purchase Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to provision of purchase advice and monitoring of Sport New Zealand and the Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission, including advice in relation to appointments to boards.	590	590	470
Total Departmental Output Expenses	590	590	470
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
High Performance Sport (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to delivery of initiatives aimed at improved sports performance at the elite level.	74,192	74,192	74,192
Services from the Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to purchasing the provision of integrity services for protecting and promoting the safety and wellbeing of participants and the fairness of competition in the sport and active recreation sector.	10,628	10,628	11,283
Sport and Recreation Programmes (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to delivery of programmes in accordance with Sport New Zealand's statutory functions to promote, encourage and support sport and recreation in New Zealand, and the provision of policy advice on and information relating to sport and recreation, including ministerial servicing.	35,760	35,760	28,595
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	120,580	120,580	114,070
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Miscellaneous Grants (M64) (A12) Discretionary funding is provided on application to groups, individuals and organisations that are unable to obtain support through organisations such as Sport New Zealand, local government, or the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board, to support sports-related initiatives including participation in sport and recreation activities.	44	44	44
Prime Minister's Sport Scholarships (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to sport scholarships to enable talented New Zealanders to pursue tertiary study and elite sport development and/or to develop skills that contribute to the quality of New Zealand's sport performance at the elite level.	4,250	4,250	4,250
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	4,294	4,294	4,294
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	125,464	125,464	118,834

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
Tū Manawa Fund - Reduction in Crown Funding	Sport and Recreation Programmes Non-Departmental Output Expense	-	(3,810)	(3,810)	(3,810)	(3,810)
Total initiatives		-	(3,810)	(3,810)	(3,810)	(3,810)

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	208,574	242,353	149,334	158,264	121,170	121,170	470	114,070	114,540	114,240	114,240	114,240
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	4,294	4,294	4,294	4,294	4,294	4,294	-	4,294	4,294	4,294	4,294	4,294
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)												
<i>Output Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	212,868	246,647	153,628	162,558	125,464	125,464	470	118,364	118,834	118,534	118,534	118,534
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts												
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

There have been no restructuring adjustments to prior year information in the Summary of Financial Activity table.

1.3 - Analysis of Significant Trends

Output Expenses

Decreasing Non-Departmental output expenses from 2021/22 is due to the Sport Recovery Package in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This package primarily delivered between 2020/21 and 2024/25. These initiatives supported the rebuilding of play, active recreation and sport organisations following disruptions associated with government restrictions.

At the end of the 2023/24 financial year Drug Free Sport New Zealand was disestablished and consolidated with the newly formed Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission.

From 2025/26, the new baseline reflects the conclusion of the Sport Recovery Package and some funding reprioritised as part of the government's fiscal sustainability programme.

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Purchase Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities
(M64) (A12)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to provision of purchase advice and monitoring of Sport New Zealand and the Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission, including advice in relation to appointments to boards.

Expenses and Revenue

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	590	590	470
Revenue from the Crown	590	590	470
Revenue from Others	-	-	-

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of high-quality advice and monitoring on funded sports agencies to Ministers.

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			
Ministerial satisfaction with the quality and timeliness of advice is consistently high (see Note 1)	4	4	4

Note 1 - Ministerial satisfaction is calculated in accordance with Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet guidance. This results in a ministerial satisfaction score between 1 and 5 with 1 being 'Never' and 5 being 'Always'. The budget standard of '4' means that the Minister(s) are satisfied 'Most of the time'.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Manatū Taonga in its Annual Report 2025/26.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in this appropriation for 2025/26 is due to additional work undertaken in 2024/25 on Board appointments and monitoring activity including an independent review.

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

High Performance Sport (M64) (A12)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to delivery of initiatives aimed at improved sports performance at the elite level.

Expenses

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	74,192	74,192	74,192

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve more New Zealand winners on the world stage by supporting them in their pinnacle events.

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			
Medals at Olympic Summer Games (see Note 1)	Paris 2024: 13-18	Paris 2024: 13-18	Los Angeles 2028: 12-16
Medals at Paralympic Summer Games (see Note 1)	Paris 2024: 14-18	Paris 2024: 14-18	Los Angeles 2028: 12-16
Expert advice, guidance and assistance provided to funded national sport organisations, rated as 'Good' or above	80%	80%	80%
Direct support including grants and specialist services to athletes and coaches positively impacts their performance, rated as 'Good' or above	80% athlete, 80% coach	80% athlete, 80% coach	Not a measure in 2025/26
Direct support including grants and specialist services to athletes and coaches positively impacts their performance	New measure	New measure	Establishing baseline of at least 80%

Note 1 - These results are reported every four years, in line with the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The next games are taking place in Los Angeles in July 2028.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Sport New Zealand in its Annual Report 2025/26.

Services from the Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission (M64) (A12)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to purchasing the provision of integrity services for protecting and promoting the safety and wellbeing of participants and the fairness of competition in the sport and active recreation sector.

Expenses

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	10,628	10,628	11,283

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve improved integrity outcomes in New Zealand's sport and active recreation sector, including through a code of integrity.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Percentage of people who agree or strongly agree that the learning outcomes have been achieved on education modules they have completed (see Note 1)	80%	80%	80%
Percentage of complaints responded to within three working days	90%	100%	90%
Number of samples (urine and blood) collected from athletes (see Note 2)	1,100	1,100	1,100
Elite athletes believe their sporting contests in NZ are influenced by doping (see Note 3)	<10%	<10%	<10%
Total number of people receiving education through workshops and/or online learning at all ages	10,000	9,000	10,000

Note 1 - This measure excludes anti-doping education.

Note 2 - The Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission also undertakes user-pays testing - these numbers are not included in this performance indicator.

Note 3 - Elite athletes for this indicator are those in two sports anti-doping testing pools.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission in its Annual Report for 2025/26.

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						
Integrity of Sport and Recreation - to Promote and Protect the Safety and Wellbeing of Participants	2023/24	7,389	8,044	8,044	8,044	8,044

Sport and Recreation Programmes (M64) (A12)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to delivery of programmes in accordance with Sport New Zealand's statutory functions to promote, encourage and support sport and recreation in New Zealand, and the provision of policy advice on and information relating to sport and recreation, including ministerial servicing.

Expenses

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	35,760	35,760	28,595

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve an increase in the number of young people and adults participating in play, active recreation and sport.

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
Percentage of young people aged 5-17 years (up to 18th birthday) who are not participating in play, active recreation and sport (under 30 minutes a week)	Meet or improvement on baseline result 9%	Meet or improvement on baseline result 9%	Meet or improvement on baseline result 9%
Sport NZ's (excluding High Performance Sport NZ) overall effectiveness as rated by all Sport NZ partners to increase participation	80% of partners rate as 'Good' or higher	80% of partners rate as 'Good' or higher	80% of partners rate as 'Good' or higher
Percentage of tamariki (aged 5-12) participating in play, active recreation and sport (7+ hours a week of any intensity)	Meet or exceed baseline 62%	Meet or exceed baseline 62%	Not a measure in 2025/26
Percentage of rangatahi aged 13-17 years (up to 18th birthday) participating in play, active recreation and sport (7+ hours a week of any intensity)	Meet or exceed baseline 46%	Meet or exceed baseline 46%	Not a measure in 2025/26
Percentage of tamariki (aged 5-11) who are meeting the physical activity guidelines (7+ hours a week)	New measure	New measure	Meet or exceed baseline 62%
Percentage of rangatahi (aged 12-17) who are meeting the physical activity guidelines (7+ hours a week)	New measure	New measure	Meet or exceed baseline 46%

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Sport New Zealand in its Annual Report 2025/26.

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
Tū Manawa Fund - Reduction in Crown Funding	2025/26	-	(3,810)	(3,810)	(3,810)	(3,810)
Reduction in Crown funded Community Sport programmes	2024/25	(3,100)	(3,100)	(3,100)	(3,100)	(3,100)
Reallocation of COVID Recovery funding (Hawaiki Hou)	2024/25	(5,900)	(5,900)	(5,900)	(5,900)	(5,900)

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

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

- a reduction of \$3.810 million in Crown funding for the Tū Manawa Fund that delivers play, active recreation and sport activities for children and young people, and
- the expiry of \$3.355 million of time-limited funding for COVID recovery initiatives.

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Miscellaneous Grants (M64) (A12)

Scope of Appropriation

Discretionary funding is provided on application to groups, individuals and organisations that are unable to obtain support through organisations such as Sport New Zealand, local government, or the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board, to support sports-related initiatives including participation in sport and recreation activities.

Expenses

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	44	44	44

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve access to sports-related initiatives where groups, individuals and organisations are unable to obtain support through other means.

End of Year Performance Reporting

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.

Prime Minister's Sport Scholarships (M64) (A12)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to sport scholarships to enable talented New Zealanders to pursue tertiary study and elite sport development and/or to develop skills that contribute to the quality of New Zealand's sport performance at the elite level.

Expenses

	2024/25		2025/26
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	4,250	4,250	4,250

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve elite sport development through targeted scholarships, supporting elite athletes, coaches and officials, and supporting the concurrent pursuit of tertiary study and elite sport development.

End of Year Performance Reporting

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.