

Vote Disabled People

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

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry of Disabled People (A43)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF DISABLED PEOPLE: Minister for Disability Issues

Overview of the Vote

The Minister for Disability Issues is responsible for the appropriations under Vote Disabled People for the 2026/27 financial year covering a total of just over \$21 million to improve the lives of Disabled People.

The Vote for 2026/27 comprises the following:

- a total of just over \$19 million for system-level leadership, strategic policy advice and stewardship
- a total of just under \$2 million for disabled community development and capability-building.

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

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Ministry for Disabled People - Capital Expenditure PLA (M23) (A43) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for Disabled People; as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	500	500	-
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	500	500	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Improving the lives of disabled people MCA (M23) (A43) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to improve the lives of disabled people in New Zealand.	24,537	24,537	21,019
<i>Departmental Output Expenses</i>			
<i>System-level leadership, strategic policy advice and stewardship</i> This category is limited to system-level stewardship and monitoring of disabled people's outcomes across government, strategic policy advice for Ministers, supporting government relationships with the disability community, and coordinating the government's alternate formats accessibility work.	22,841	22,841	19,323
<i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i>			
<i>Disabled community development and capability-building</i> This category is limited to grants and financial assistance towards disabled community development and capability-building activities.	1,696	1,696	1,696
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	24,537	24,537	21,019
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	25,037	25,037	21,019

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Ministry of Disabled People - Capital Injection (M23) (A43)	500	500	-

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.1 - New Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Baseline Savings	Departmental Output Expenses System-level leadership, strategic policy advice and stewardship	-	(374)	(374)	(374)	(374)
Total Initiatives		-	(374)	(374)	(374)	(374)

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26		2026/27			2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000
Appropriations												
Output Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)												
<i>Output Expenses</i>	-	14,691	14,763	10,935	22,841	22,841	19,323	-	19,323	19,323	19,323	19,323
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	1,018	271	1,696	1,696	-	1,696	1,696	1,696	1,696	1,696
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	500	500	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	-	14,691	15,781	11,206	25,037	25,037	19,323	1,696	21,019	21,019	21,019	21,019
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 reported in last year's Summary of Financial Activity table.

1.3 - Analysis of Significant Trends

Details of significant movements within each appropriation type are detailed below:

Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure - Output Expenses

Vote Disabled People was established from 1 December 2024 with a transfer of funding from Vote Social Development. Prior to 2022/23 the functions were delivered through Vote Health. As a result, trends across the period reflect machinery of government changes, as well as one-off establishment costs and timing impacts.

The decrease in 2024/25 from 2023/24 is due to the funding transferred from Vote Social Development only covering the period of 1 December 2024 to 30 June 2025.

The increase in 2025/26 from 2024/25 is due to the move to a full year of funding (\$9.205 million), additional one-off funding to support the establishment of the Ministry (\$3.260 million), additional one off funding for the development of alternative formats (\$600,000) and a partial year transfer of ongoing funding from Vote Social Development for Disability Information and Advice services from 1 April 2026 (\$239,000).

The decrease in 2026/27 from 2025/26 is due to end of one-off funding (\$3.860 million), baseline savings (\$374,000), partially offset by an increase associated with a full year of funding for Disability Information and Advice services (\$716,000).

Overall funding levels stabilise from 2026/27 onwards.

Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure - Capital Expenditure

The increase in 2025/26 is due to \$500,000 of additional one-off funding in 2025/26 to support the establishment of the Ministry.

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Improving the lives of disabled people (M23) (A43)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to improve the lives of disabled people in New Zealand.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

System-level leadership, strategic policy advice and stewardship

This category is limited to system-level stewardship and monitoring of disabled people's outcomes across government, strategic policy advice for Ministers, supporting government relationships with the disability community, and coordinating the government's alternate formats accessibility work.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Disabled community development and capability-building

This category is limited to grants and financial assistance towards disabled community development and capability-building activities.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	24,537	24,537	21,019
Departmental Output Expenses			
System-level leadership, strategic policy advice and stewardship	22,841	22,841	19,323
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Disabled community development and capability-building	1,696	1,696	1,696
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	22,814	22,814	19,296
System-level leadership, strategic policy advice and stewardship	22,814	22,814	19,296
Revenue from Others	27	27	27
System-level leadership, strategic policy advice and stewardship	27	27	27

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve meaningful change with disabled people, tāngata whaikaha Māori and their whānau through system leadership and societal change, strategic policy, system level monitoring, disability information and advice, and support Government agencies to connect with diverse needs of disabled people.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Departmental Output Expenses			
System-level leadership, strategic policy advice and stewardship			
This category is intended to achieve meaningful change with disabled people, tāngata whaikaha Māori and their whānau through system leadership and societal change, strategic policy, system level monitoring, disability information and advice, and support Government agencies to connect with diverse needs of disabled people.			
Average score attained from a sample of the Ministry's written policy advice as assessed using the agreed Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Framework	At least 3.5/5.0	At least 3.5/5.0	At least 3.5/5.0
Ministerial satisfaction with the policy advice service	At least 4/5	At least 4/5	At least 4/5
Number of disability data and insights products published on the Ministry website	10	10	10
The Ministry provides and maintains guidance on inclusive recruitment for use across government	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
Activities that support the community to engage on public policy and services through standard Ministry advisory groups, community consultation meetings, and engagements facilitated between disabled people and other government organisations	At least 20	At least 20	At least 20
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Disabled community development and capability-building			
This category is intended to support disabled community development and capability-building.			
Grants and contracts arrangements are monitored and assessed in line with contractual requirements	100%	100%	100%

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry of Disabled People in its Annual Report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Departmental Output Expenses						
Baseline Savings	2026/27	-	(374)	(374)	(374)	(374)
Transfer of funding from Vote Disability Support Services	2025/26	239	955	955	955	955
Transfer of funding from Vote Social Development to Vote Disabled People	2024/25	18,715	18,715	18,715	18,715	18,715
Non-Departmental Other Expenses						
Transfer of funding from Vote Social Development to Vote Disabled People	2024/25	1,696	1,696	1,696	1,696	1,696

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

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

- the cessation of \$3.860 million of one-off funding in 2025/26
- the savings of \$374,000 associated with baseline savings
- offset by an increase of \$716,000 due to the full year impact of a fiscally neutral transfer from the Ministry of Social Development for Disability Information and Advisory services.