

Vote Women

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Women (M76)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry for Women (A16)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY FOR WOMEN: Minister for Women

Overview of the Vote

The Minister for Women is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2026/27 financial year, covering the following:

- a total of \$14.384 million for improving the lives of New Zealand Women
- a total of \$290,000 for capital expenditure, mainly for the purchase or development of assets by and for the Ministry for Women.

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 Output Expenses			
Improving the Lives of New Zealand Women (M76) (A16) This appropriation is limited to providing policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to improving the lives of New Zealand women, women nominees for appointment to boards and committees, and support for the National Advisory Council on the Employment of Women.	12,504	10,093	12,784
Total Departmental Output Expenses	12,504	10,093	12,784
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Ministry for Women - Capital Expenditure PLA (M76) (A16) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for Women, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	540	250	290
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	540	250	290
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	13,044	10,343	13,074

Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Departmental Output Expenses		
Wai 2700 - Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry (M76) (A16) This appropriation is limited to providing support for wāhine Māori claimants to participate in the permanent commission of Inquiry in the Waitangi Tribunal judicial proceedings, provide evidence for the Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry, and the administration and management of the Inquiry Programme.	Original Appropriation	8,000
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	8,000
Commences: 01 December 2023	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	2,638
Expires: 30 June 2028	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	2,130
	Estimate for 2026/27	1,600
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	1,632

Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	13,044	10,343	13,074
Total Forecast MYA Departmental Output Expenses	2,130	2,130	1,600
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations	15,174	12,473	14,674

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Ministry for Women - Capital Injection (M76) (A16)	500	500	250

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 - Discontinuing Funding Contribution to the Public Service Commission (PSC) - Pay Equity Taskforce	Improving the Lives of New Zealand Women (M76) (A16)	-	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)
Total Initiative		-	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)

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	9,932	10,166	9,831	9,833	14,634	12,223	14,384	-	14,384	13,666	12,034	12,034
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	195	81	7	162	540	250	290	-	290	40	40	40
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	10,127	10,247	10,838	9,995	15,174	12,473	14,674	-	14,674	13,706	12,074	12,074
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

Departmental Output Expenses

The increase in 2025/26 is related to the Mana Wāhine Inquiry funding and the capability funding received in Budget 2022.

The decrease in budget in 2028/29 and outyears reflects the completion of the Mana Wāhine Inquiry.

Departmental Other Expenses

The expenditure \$1 million in 2023/34 reflected the grant distribution for the Manatū Wāhine Physical Activity and Wellbeing Fund.

Capital Expenditure

The increased level of expenditure for 2024/25 and 2025/26 reflected funding to enable the Ministry to invest in the development of tools and information systems to support women to access information online to improve their outcomes.

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Improving the Lives of New Zealand Women (M76) (A16)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to providing policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to improving the lives of New Zealand women, women nominees for appointment to boards and committees, and support for the National Advisory Council on the Employment of Women.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	12,504	10,093	12,784
Revenue from the Crown	12,254	12,254	12,534
Revenue from Others	250	250	250

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve better outcomes for New Zealand women by supporting Ministerial decision-making with high quality:

- policy advice
- timely services to enable the Minister for Women to discharge their portfolio responsibilities
- advisory and research support for the National Advisory Council on the Employment of Women
- women nominees for appointment to boards and committees.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
The Minister for Women is satisfied with policy advice provided by the Ministry	75%	75%	75%
Average technical quality of policy papers provided to the Minister for Women, as assessed annually using the Policy Quality Framework	75%	75%	75%
The Ministry participates in four relevant international forums per year to maintain relationships and support improved gender rights internationally	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
Attendees at Ministry-run board training/networking events are satisfied with the events	75% satisfied	75% satisfied	75% satisfied
The National Advisory Council on the Employment of Women (NACEW) is satisfied with the quality of information, evidence, advice and support received	Satisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry of Women in its 2026/27 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						
Baseline Savings - Discontinuing Funding Contribution to the Public Service Commission (PSC) - Pay Equity Taskforce	2026/27	-	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)
Reduction of Funding from rescoping Policy Work Programme	2024/25	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)
Reduction in Accommodation Expenditure	2024/25	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)
Reduction in Contractors and Consultants	2024/25	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)
Reduction in Back-Office Support Functions (Discretionary Expenditure)	2024/25	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)
Previous Government						
Ministry for Women Accommodation Cost Pressure	2024/25	380	380	380	380	380
Continuing the support for the Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry	2022/23	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150
Evolving the Ministry for Women's delivery post COVID-19 with increased engagement and policy capability	2022/23	2,200	2,200	2,220	2,220	2,220

Wai 2700 - Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry (M76) (A16)

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Revenue

	Budget \$000
Revenue from the Crown to end of 2026/27	6,368
Revenue from Others to end of 2026/27	-
Total Revenue	6,368

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to support claimant participation in the Waitangi Tribunal Inquiry and to contribute to future policy development that will improve outcomes for women.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Average technical quality of policy papers provided to the Minister for Women, as assessed using the Policy Quality Framework	75% (results due 2027/28)	75% (results due 2027/28)	75% (results due 2027/28)
Claimant led research reports meet Tribunal Quality Assurance Evidential Standard	Achieved (results due 2027/28)	Achieved (results due 2027/28)	Achieved (results due 2027/28)
Mana Wāhine Inquiry stakeholders are satisfied with the support services provided by the Ministry	75% (results due 2027/28)	75% (results due 2027/28)	75% (results due 2027/28)

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported progressively by the Ministry of Women in its 2026/27 Annual Report.

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Ministry for Women - Capital Expenditure PLA (M76) (A16)

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Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	40	40	40
Intangibles	500	210	250
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	540	250	290

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to enable the Ministry to invest in the development of tools and information systems to support women to access information online to improve their outcomes. Funding also supports the routine replacement and upgrade of office equipment and information technology to support the delivery of Ministry services.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		2026/27
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Expenditure is in accordance with the Ministry's annual capital plan	100%	100%	100%

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry for Women in its 2026/27 Annual Report.

*Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets***Ministry for Women**

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2025/26 Estimated Actual \$000	2026/27 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2026/27
Opening Balance	586	1,086	Opening balance reflects the end of year estimated actual as at 30 June 2025.
Capital Injections	500	250	The higher level in Capital Injections in 2025/26 reflects the funding of the development of tools and information system.
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	1,086	1,336	