

# *Vote Conservation*

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APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister of Conservation (M16), Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations (M74)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Department of Conservation (A4)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION: Minister of Conservation

# Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

## Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2022/23		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Conservation with the Community (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to public awareness and educational services, and growing conservation through building partnerships with others, including iwi, councils, community groups, businesses, and individuals.	37,120	4,424	41,544
<b>Crown Contribution to Regional Pest Management (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to delivery of services to control weed and animal pests on lands administered by the Department of Conservation to meet statutory good neighbour obligations and negotiated outcomes of regional pest management plans.	3,241	(1,016)	2,225
<b>Management of Historic Heritage (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to the protection and conservation management of historic heritage.	8,061	433	8,494
<b>Management of Natural Heritage (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to maintaining, restoring and protecting ecosystems, habitats and species.	398,081	(91,793)	306,288
<b>Management of Recreational Opportunities (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to recreational facilities and services, and the management of business concessions.	204,535	(18,411)	186,124
<b>Search and Rescue Activities PLA (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to search and rescue activities and services as authorised under Section 9(1) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.	714	-	714
<b>Total Departmental Output Expenses</b>	651,752	(106,363)	545,389
<b>Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Department of Conservation - Capital Expenditure PLA (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Department of Conservation, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	49,662	36	49,698
<b>Total Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>	49,662	36	49,698
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Community Conservation Funds (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to grants: for community groups and private landowners to undertake work on public and private land; to provide private land managers with information and advice, or assistance with pest and weed control, fencing and other biodiversity management actions; and to support community biodiversity restoration initiatives.	39,967	(34,358)	5,609
<b>Management Services - Natural and Historic Places (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to management services for properties with historical or natural significance, including maintenance work, access for the public and management advice on covenanted properties.	946	36	982
<b>Moutoa Gardens/Pākaitore (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to the ongoing management and maintenance of the Moutoa Gardens Reserve.	38	-	38
<b>Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>	40,951	(34,322)	6,629

	2022/23		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Compensation Payments (M16) (A4)</b>	60	90	150
This appropriation is limited to making obligatory compensation payments: when esplanade reserves are created, and upon vesting of coastal marine areas in the Crown.			
<b>Depreciation - Crown Property, Plant and Equipment (M16) (A4)</b>	337	(26)	311
This appropriation is limited to the depreciation on Crown property, plant and equipment on Crown land administered by the Department of Conservation.			
<b>Impairment of Public Conservation Land (M74) (A4)</b>	50	5,920	5,970
This appropriation is limited to the impairment in value of Public Conservation land to be transferred to iwi as part of Treaty of Waitangi Settlements.			
<b>Loss on Disposal of Crown Property, Plant and Equipment (M16) (A4)</b>	15,525	-	15,525
This appropriation is limited to losses incurred on the disposal of Crown property, plant and equipment, or incurred as a result of correcting departmental land-holding records.			
<b>Mātauranga Māori Fund (M16) (A4)</b>	663	364	1,027
This appropriation is limited to making grants to support initiatives to protect traditional Māori knowledge relating to NZ's indigenous biodiversity.			
<b>Molesworth Recreation Reserve improvements (M16) (A4)</b>	-	16,510	16,510
This appropriation is limited to payments for land improvements to the Molesworth Recreation Reserve.			
<b>Payment of Rates on Properties for Concessionaires (M16) (A4)</b>	1,099	110	1,209
This appropriation is limited to the payment of rates: on reserves; conservation areas that are used for private or commercial purposes; and for services provided by a local authority.			
<b>Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts (M16) (A4)</b>	1,000	-	1,000
This appropriation is limited to the write-off of debts relating to Crown Revenue.			
<b>Subscriptions to International Organisations (M16) (A4)</b>	450	-	450
This appropriation is limited to meeting annual subscriptions to international conservation organisations.			
<b>Vesting of Reserves (M16) (A4)</b>	1,328	235	1,563
This appropriation is limited to the costs incurred in vesting Crown reserves in third parties, and Crown contributions towards the purchase of reserves by third parties.			
<b>Waikaremoana Lakebed Lease (M16) (A4)</b>	241	-	241
This appropriation is limited to payments made under the Lake Waikaremoana Act 1971 for the lease of the lakebed and foreshore for conservation purposes.			
<b>Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>	20,753	23,203	43,956
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Crown Land Acquisitions (M16) (A4)</b>	2,000	-	2,000
This appropriation is limited to the purchase of property for the Conservation Estate.			
<b>Hump Ridge Great Walk (M16) (A4)</b>	-	2,392	2,392
This appropriation is limited to the delivery of the Hump Ridge Great Walk project.			
<b>Molesworth Recreation Reserve - Purchase of Farming Assets (M16) (A4)</b>	-	476	476
This appropriation is limited to the purchase of farming assets on Molesworth Recreation Reserve.			
<b>Pike River Memorial and Museum (M16) (A4)</b>	921	(921)	-
This appropriation is limited to the Pike River memorial, the interpretation centre and museum as historic assets.			

	2022/23		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<b>Purchase and Development of Reserves (M16) (A4)</b>	3,600	<b>3,014</b>	6,614
This appropriation is limited to the purchase of conservation land, including the purchase of reserves, and any associated administration costs as provided for under the Reserves Act 1977.			
<b>Total Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>	6,521	4,961	11,482
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Identification and Implementation of Protection for Natural and Historic Places MCA (M16) (A4)</b>	33,673	<b>(15,075)</b>	18,598
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support protection for natural and historic places.			
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</i>			
<i>Legal Protection Queen Elizabeth II National Trust</i>	4,812	(1,100)	3,712
This category is limited to identification and implementation of protection of biodiversity on private land.			
<i>Nature Heritage Fund Expenses</i>	7,128	(6,906)	222
This category is limited to expenditure incurred on the identification and implementation of protection of indigenous ecosystems on private land.			
<i>South Island Landless Natives Act</i>	4,495	(4,495)	-
This category is limited to the identification and implementation of protection of indigenous ecosystems in Māori ownership on South Island Landless Natives Act (SILNA) land.			
<i>Support for Māori Land</i>	17,238	(4,270)	12,968
This category is limited to the identification and implementation of protection of indigenous ecosystems on Māori land, through Ngā Whenua Rāhui and supporting Māori landowners to preserve and grow nature.			
<i>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</i>			
<i>Nature Heritage Fund Land Purchases</i>	-	1,696	1,696
This category is limited to land purchases necessary to protect high value indigenous ecosystems on private land.			
<b>Policy Advice, Statutory Planning, and Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies MCA (M16) (A4)</b>	15,191	<b>5,825</b>	21,016
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide policy advice and other services to Ministers and other parties.			
<i>Departmental Output Expenses</i>			
<i>Policy Advice</i>	4,138	3,897	8,035
This category is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributions to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on government policy matters relating to conservation, including climate change mitigation.			
<i>Statutory Planning, Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies</i>	11,053	1,928	12,981
This category is limited to statutory planning and the provision of services to Ministers (other than policy decision making responsibilities) and statutory bodies to enable them to discharge their portfolio and responsibilities.			

	2022/23		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<b>Provincial Growth Fund - Conservation Projects MCA (M16) (A4)</b>	7,558	17,305	24,863
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to lift the productivity potential of the regions through conservation-related projects.			
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Regional Projects</b>	4,519	(3,519)	1,000
This category is limited to expenses incurred on conservation-related projects that contribute to regional development.			
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Infrastructure Projects</b>	3,039	20,824	23,863
This category is limited to capital expenditure on conservation-related infrastructure projects that contribute to regional development.			
<b>Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>	56,422	8,055	64,477
<b>Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations</b>	826,061	(104,430)	721,631

## Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>		
<b>Jobs for Nature (M16) (A4)</b>	Original Appropriation	173,377
This appropriation is limited to nature-based employment opportunities.	Adjustments to 2021/22	-
Commences: 01 November 2022	Adjustments for 2022/23	-
Expires: 30 June 2026	Adjusted Appropriation	173,377
	Actual to 2021/22 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2022/23	85,698
	Estimate for 2023/24	73,238
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	14,441
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>		
<b>Jobs for Nature (M16) (A4)</b>	Original Appropriation	94,628
This appropriation is limited to delivering nature-based employment opportunities.	Adjustments to 2021/22	-
Commences: 01 November 2022	Adjustments for 2022/23	-
Expires: 30 June 2026	Adjusted Appropriation	94,628
	Actual to 2021/22 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2022/23	31,491
	Estimate for 2023/24	52,707
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	10,430

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Kermadec Rangitāhua Ocean Sanctuary / Te Kāhui o te Moana o Rangitāhua (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to operating expenses, consultation and research in respect of Te Kāhui o Te Moana o Rangitāhua.  Commences: 01 July 2022  Expires: 30 June 2027	Original Appropriation	1,225
	Adjustments to 2021/22	-
	Adjustments for 2022/23	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	1,225
	Actual to 2021/22 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2022/23	290
	Estimate for 2023/24	245
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	690
<b>Predator Free New Zealand (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to contributions towards activities aimed at controlling and eradicating mammalian pests in New Zealand by 2050.  Commences: 01 July 2020  Expires: 30 June 2025	Original Appropriation	29,070
	Adjustments to 2021/22	93,669
	Adjustments for 2022/23	(41,423)
	Adjusted Appropriation	81,316
	Actual to 2021/22 Year End	46,046
	Estimated Actual for 2022/23	22,433
	Estimate for 2023/24	10,434
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	2,403

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

	2022/23		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	826,061	(104,430)	721,631
Total Forecast MYA Departmental Output Expenses	-	85,698	85,698
Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Output Expenses	27,477	26,737	54,214
<b>Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations</b>	<b>853,538</b>	<b>8,005</b>	<b>861,543</b>

## Capital Injection Authorisations

	2022/23		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Department of Conservation - Capital Injection (M16) (A4)	15,320	14,972	30,292

# Supporting Information

## Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

### 1.2 - Trends in the Vote

#### Summary of Financial Activity

	2022/23				
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates			Total \$000
		Departmental Transactions \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions \$000	Total Transactions \$000	
<b>Appropriations</b>					
Output Expenses	720,180	(20,665)	(7,585)	(28,250)	691,930
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	20,753	-	23,203	23,203	43,956
Capital Expenditure	56,183	36	4,961	4,997	61,180
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	48,864	5,825	(16,771)	(10,946)	37,918
<i>Other Expenses</i>	4,519	-	(3,519)	(3,519)	1,000
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	3,039	N/A	22,520	22,520	25,559
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	853,538	(14,804)	22,809	8,005	861,543
<b>Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	9,041	N/A	12,964	12,964	22,005
Capital Receipts	3,800	N/A	-	-	3,800
<b>Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>	12,841	N/A	12,964	12,964	25,805

## Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

### 2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

#### Conservation with the Community (M16) (A4)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to public awareness and educational services, and growing conservation through building partnerships with others, including iwi, councils, community groups, businesses, and individuals.

##### *Expenses and Revenue*

	2022/23		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	37,120	4,424	41,544
Revenue from the Crown	35,540	4,424	39,964
Revenue from Others	1,580	-	1,580

##### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$4.424 million to \$41.544 million for 2022/23 due to:

- fiscally neutral expense transfer of \$7.717 million between Departmental output classes for improved cost allocation methodology (made up of third-party revenue of \$4.200 million and \$3.517 million transfer between Departmental output classes)
- expense transfer of \$4.195 million from 2021/22 to 2022/23 due to delays in consultation with Treaty partners
- expense transfer of \$3.642 million from 2021/22 to 2022/23 due to delays in third-party contracting and supply of materials
- net capital to operating swap of \$1.243 million for software as a service costs
- funding received of \$314,000 for addressing Departmental wage pressures.

Offset by:

- expense transfer of \$8.228 million from 2021/22 to 2022/23 (decrease)
- decrease in third-party revenue of \$4.200 million due to change in third-party work programme (decrease)
- Software as a service adjustment to depreciation forecast of \$189,000 (decrease)
- expense transfers to Jobs for Nature of \$70,000 (decrease).



## Crown Contribution to Regional Pest Management (M16) (A4)

### Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to delivery of services to control weed and animal pests on lands administered by the Department of Conservation to meet statutory good neighbour obligations and negotiated outcomes of regional pest management plans.

### Expenses and Revenue

	2022/23		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	3,241	(1,016)	2,225
Revenue from the Crown	3,212	(1,016)	2,196
Revenue from Others	29	-	29

### Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$1.016 million to \$2.225 million for 2022/23 due to a fiscally neutral transfer to Departmental Output expenses to realign budgets with work plans and improved cost allocation methodology.

## Jobs for Nature (M16) (A4)

### Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Jobs for Nature (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to nature-based employment opportunities.  Commences: 01 November 2022  Expires: 30 June 2026	Original Appropriation	173,377
	Adjustments to 2021/22	-
	Adjustments for 2022/23	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	173,377
	Actual to 2021/22 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2022/23	85,698
	Estimate for 2023/24	73,238
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	14,441

### Revenue

	Budget \$000
Revenue from the Crown to end of 2023/24	158,936
Revenue from Others to end of 2023/24	-
Total Revenue	158,936

*What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the nature-based employment through helping to revitalise communities and stimulate the economy post COVID-19.

*How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

This appropriation is a result of fiscally neutral transfers. Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Department of Conservation in the Annual Report.

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This new appropriation is a result of a transfer of Jobs for Nature funding from several Departmental Output classes.

**Management of Historic Heritage (M16) (A4)***Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the protection and conservation management of historic heritage.

*Expenses and Revenue*

	2022/23		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	8,061	433	8,494
Revenue from the Crown	7,985	433	8,418
Revenue from Others	76	-	76

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$433,000 to \$8.494 million for 2022/23 due to expense transfer.

**Management of Natural Heritage (M16) (A4)***Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to maintaining, restoring and protecting ecosystems, habitats and species.

*Expenses and Revenue*

	2022/23		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	398,081	(91,793)	306,288
Revenue from the Crown	373,122	(86,193)	286,929
Revenue from Others	24,959	(5,600)	19,359

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation decreased by \$91.793 million to \$306.228 million for 2022/23 due to:

- fiscally neutral transfer of \$83.931 million funding to Jobs for Nature multi-year appropriations (decrease)
- expense transfers of \$27.320 million to 2023/24 to align with updated project timelines (decrease).

Partly offset by:

- fiscally neutral transfer of \$17.398 million from Departmental Output expenses to realign budgets with work plans and improved cost allocation methodology (increase)
- funding received of \$1.850 million for addressing Departmental wage pressures (increase)
- funding received of \$210,000 to address damage to conservation sites and assets caused by the 2023 North Island Weather Events (increase).

### **Management of Recreational Opportunities (M16) (A4)**

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to recreational facilities and services, and the management of business concessions.

#### *Expenses and Revenue*

	2022/23		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	204,535	(18,411)	186,124
Revenue from the Crown	170,223	(18,411)	151,812
Revenue from Others	32,312	-	32,312

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation decreased by \$18.411 million to \$186.124 million due to:

- fiscally neutral expense transfers to Departmental Output classes of \$26.221 million to realign budgets with work plans and improved cost allocation methodology (decrease)
- expense transfers of \$16.035 million from 2022/23 to 2023/24. The main items are:
  - \$8.545 million due to delays with the Milford Opportunity Project (decrease)
  - \$5.440 million due to delays with projects funded from International Visitors Levy (decrease)
  - \$220,000 allocated to South Island flood recovery programme (decrease)
  - \$205,000 due to recruitment delays of key staff to maintain recreational assets (decrease)

- \$200,000 due to delays in engagement with iwi on the Rakau Rangitira programme (decrease)
- \$188,000 due to the Land Safety Forum consultation delays with the wide range of stakeholders (decrease)
- \$114,000 delayed due to availability of contractors on the Hump Ridge Great Walk project (decrease)
- International Visitors Levy project of \$2.463 million to align with updated project timelines (decrease)
- fiscally neutral operating to capital swap for legislative and regulatory Compliance of \$450,000 (decrease).

Partly offset by:

- \$13.329 million Crown Concession revenue adjustment (increase)
- funding to address damage to conservation sites and assets caused by the 2023 North Island Weather Events of \$6.010 million (increase)
- fiscally neutral software as a service capital to operating swap of \$3.463 million (increase)
- capital charge adjustment of \$1.111 million on asset revaluations (increase)
- funding of \$1.102 million for Cyclone Dovi (increase)
- funding for addressing Departmental wage pressures of \$1.047 million (increase)
- funding of \$723,000 for Whakapapa Three Waters compliance and infrastructure (increase).

## 2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

### Department of Conservation - Capital Expenditure PLA (M16) (A4)

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Department of Conservation, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

#### *Capital Expenditure*

	2022/23		Total \$000
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	47,162	2,536	49,698
Intangibles	2,500	(2,500)	-
Other	-	-	-
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>49,662</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>49,698</b>

#### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$36,000 to \$49.698 million for 2022/23, due to updated capital programme timelines.

#### *Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets*

##### Department of Conservation

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2022/23 Main Estimates Projections \$000	2022/23 Supplementary Estimates Projections \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2022/23
Opening Balance	814,289	852,837	Supplementary Estimates opening balance reflects the audited results as at 30 June 2022.
Capital Injections	15,320	30,292	Capital injections increased by \$14.972 million in 2022/23 due to additional funding for Molesworth Recreation Reserve of \$5.555 million, Whakapapa Three Waters compliance and infrastructure of \$4.840 million, Cyclone Dovi recovery of \$2.127 million, North Island weather events of \$2 million and an operating to capital swap of \$450,000 for legislative and regulatory compliance work.
Capital Withdrawals	-	(21,733)	Capital withdrawals were required in 2022/23 to reflect capital to operating swaps for a change in accounting treatment of software as a service arrangements of \$10.836 million and North Egmont Visitor Centre of \$1 million. Funds redistributed to Dolomite point redevelopment of \$4.493 million and funding for the Hump Ridge Great Walk capital programme of \$3.578 million and software as a service capital to operating swap of \$944,000 and fleet electrification project transfer of \$882,000.
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	(2,000)	(2,000)	Forecasted deficit.
Other Movements	-	-	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>827,609</b>	<b>859,396</b>	

## Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

### 3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

#### Community Conservation Funds (M16) (A4)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to grants: for community groups and private landowners to undertake work on public and private land; to provide private land managers with information and advice, or assistance with pest and weed control, fencing and other biodiversity management actions; and to support community biodiversity restoration initiatives.

##### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation decreased by \$34.358 million to \$5.609 million in 2022/23 due to:

- fiscally neutral transfer of \$14.450 million to Jobs for Nature to multi-year appropriation (decrease)
- expense transfers of \$14.127 million to 2023/24 due to delays owing to private landowner/community group involvement in projects, volunteer availability to complete project setup and implementation and unfavourable weather events impacting seasonal planting and pest management cycles (decrease)
- adjustment for unappropriated expenditure of \$6.781 million in 2021/22 (decrease).

Partially offset by a receipt of \$1 million to acknowledge the coronation of King Charles III.

#### Jobs for Nature (M16) (A4)

##### *Scope of Appropriation and Expenses*

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Jobs for Nature (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to delivering nature-based employment opportunities.  Commences: 01 November 2022  Expires: 30 June 2026	Original Appropriation	94,628
	Adjustments to 2021/22	-
	Adjustments for 2022/23	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	94,628
	Actual to 2021/22 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2022/23	31,491
	Estimate for 2023/24	52,707
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	10,430

##### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the nature-based employment through helping to revitalise communities and stimulate the economy post COVID-19.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

This appropriation is a result of fiscally neutral transfers. Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Department of Conservation in the Annual Report.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This new appropriation is a result of a transfer of Jobs for Nature funding from several Non-Departmental Output classes.

## **Management Services - Natural and Historic Places (M16) (A4)**

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to management services for properties with historical or natural significance, including maintenance work, access for the public and management advice on covenanted properties.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$36,000 to \$982,000 in 2022/23 due to expense transfers of \$10,000 as a result of delayed consultation and engagement process with stakeholders and \$26,000 as a result of fiscally neutral transfers between the Non-Departmental appropriations to align with planned work.

## **Predator Free New Zealand (M16) (A4)**

### *Scope of Appropriation and Expenses*

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Predator Free New Zealand (M16) (A4)</b> This appropriation is limited to contributions towards activities aimed at controlling and eradicating mammalian pests in New Zealand by 2050.  Commences: 01 July 2020  Expires: 30 June 2025	Original Appropriation	29,070
	Adjustments to 2021/22	93,669
	Adjustments for 2022/23	(41,423)
	Adjusted Appropriation	81,316
	Actual to 2021/22 Year End	46,046
	Estimated Actual for 2022/23	22,433
	Estimate for 2023/24	10,434
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	2,403

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This multi-year appropriation decreased by \$41.423 million to \$81.316 million in 2022/23 due to fiscally neutral transfer to Jobs for Nature multi-year appropriation.

## 3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

### Compensation Payments (M16) (A4)

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to making obligatory compensation payments: when esplanade reserves are created, and upon vesting of coastal marine areas in the Crown.

#### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$90,000 to \$150,000 for 2022/23 due to increase in compensation payments upon vesting of coastal marine areas.

### Depreciation - Crown Property, Plant and Equipment (M16) (A4)

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the depreciation on Crown property, plant and equipment on Crown land administered by the Department of Conservation.

#### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation decreased by \$26,000 to \$311,000 for 2022/23 due to redistribution of funds to South Island (SSI) flood recovery programme.

### Impairment of Public Conservation Land (M74) (A4)

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the impairment in value of Public Conservation land to be transferred to iwi as part of Treaty of Waitangi Settlements.

#### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$5.920 million to \$5.970 million for 2022/23 due to:

- \$4.776 million to recognise impairment of public conservation land as part of the Treaty settlement with Maniapoto and Te Akatai Waiohau.
- Expense transfer of \$1.144 million from 2021/22 to allow time for all parties to agree to terms of deed for the Treaty settlement.



## Mātauranga Māori Fund (M16) (A4)

### Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to making grants to support initiatives to protect traditional Māori knowledge relating to NZ's indigenous biodiversity.

### Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$364,000 to \$1.027 million for 2022/23 due to a reallocation of funding between years to align with the timing of grant payments.

## Molesworth Recreation Reserve improvements (M16) (A4)

### Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to payments for land improvements to the Molesworth Recreation Reserve.

### Expenses

	2022/23		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	16,510	16,510

### What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to allow Department of Conservation to fulfil its obligations under the existing lease agreement.

### How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

The performance measure for this appropriation is based on whether or not Department of Conservation has fulfilled its obligations under the existing lease agreement.

### Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2022/23 Final Budgeted \$000	2023/24 Budget \$000	2024/25 Estimated \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000
Molesworth Recreation Reserve - purchase of Farming Assets and Ongoing Management of Reserve	2022/23	16,510	-	-	-	-

### Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation.

## Payment of Rates on Properties for Concessionaires (M16) (A4)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the payment of rates: on reserves; conservation areas that are used for private or commercial purposes; and for services provided by a local authority.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$110,000 to \$1.209 million for 2022/23 is due to increase for higher rating values and for rates on new properties.

## Vesting of Reserves (M16) (A4)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the costs incurred in vesting Crown reserves in third parties, and Crown contributions towards the purchase of reserves by third parties.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$235,000 to \$1.563 million for 2022/23 due to:

- expense transfers \$504,000 from 2021/22 to 2022/23 due to unplanned delays of vesting (increase).

Partly offset by:

- fewer reserve vestings than planned of \$269,000 (decrease).

## 3.5 - Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

### Hump Ridge Great Walk (M16) (A4)

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the delivery of the Hump Ridge Great Walk project.

#### *Capital Expenditure*

	2022/23		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	2,392	2,392

#### *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 the amount of this annual appropriation for non-departmental capital expenditure is less than \$15 million.

#### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to renew aspects of the 'Southern Coast' track and then gift the Southern Coast assets to the local Hump Ridge Trust.

	2022/23		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
<b>Hump Ridge Great Walks</b>			
Hump Ridge Great Walks	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt

#### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$2.392 million for 2022/23 due to:

- transfer of \$3.578 million capital to this new appropriation from Departmental capital expenditure.

Offset by:

- \$1.186 million reduction due to limited availability of contractors, resourcing constraints and weather impacts.

## Molesworth Recreation Reserve - Purchase of Farming Assets (M16) (A4)

### Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase of farming assets on Molesworth Recreation Reserve.

### Capital Expenditure

	2022/23		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	476	476

### What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to allow Department of Conservation to fulfil its obligations as part of the existing lease agreement.

### How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

The performance measure for this appropriation is based on whether or not Department of Conservation has fulfilled its obligations under the existing lease agreement.

### Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2022/23 Final Budgeted \$000	2023/24 Budget \$000	2024/25 Estimated \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000
Molesworth Recreation Reserve - purchase of Farming Assets and Ongoing Management of Reserve	2022/23	476	-	-	-	-

### Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation.

## Pike River Memorial and Museum (M16) (A4)

### Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the Pike River memorial, the interpretation centre and museum as historic assets.

### Reasons for Change in Appropriation

Expense transfers of \$921,000 from 2022/23 to 2023/24 as redevelopment of the site has been delayed due to ongoing consultations with external stakeholders.

## Purchase and Development of Reserves (M16) (A4)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the purchase of conservation land, including the purchase of reserves, and any associated administration costs as provided for under the Reserves Act 1977.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$3.014 million to \$6.614 million in 2022/23 due to the Reserve Trust balance brought forward from 2021/22 to 2022/23. The Reserve Trust bank account is funded by the disposal of reserves and is available for the purchase and development of reserves only when required.

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

## 4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

### Identification and Implementation of Protection for Natural and Historic Places (M16) (A4)

#### *Overarching Purpose Statement*

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support protection for natural and historic places.

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

##### **Non-Departmental Output Expenses**

###### *Legal Protection Queen Elizabeth II National Trust*

This category is limited to identification and implementation of protection of biodiversity on private land.

###### *Nature Heritage Fund Expenses*

This category is limited to expenditure incurred on the identification and implementation of protection of indigenous ecosystems on private land.

###### *South Island Landless Natives Act*

This category is limited to the identification and implementation of protection of indigenous ecosystems in Māori ownership on South Island Landless Natives Act (SILNA) land.

###### *Support for Māori Land*

This category is limited to the identification and implementation of protection of indigenous ecosystems on Māori land, through Ngā Whenua Rāhui and supporting Māori landowners to preserve and grow nature.

##### **Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure**

###### *Nature Heritage Fund Land Purchases*

This category is limited to land purchases necessary to protect high value indigenous ecosystems on private land.

#### *Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure*

	2022/23		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>33,673</b>	<b>(15,075)</b>	<b>18,598</b>
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Legal Protection Queen Elizabeth II National Trust	4,812	(1,100)	3,712
Nature Heritage Fund Expenses	7,128	(6,906)	222
South Island Landless Natives Act	4,495	(4,495)	-
Support for Māori Land	17,238	(4,270)	12,968
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
Nature Heritage Fund Land Purchases	-	1,696	1,696

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation decreased by \$15.075 million to \$18.598 million for 2022/23 due to:

- Support for Māori Land fiscally neutral adjustment of \$8.155 million to Jobs for Nature multi-year appropriation to align funding with the timing of future expenditure (decrease)
- South Island Landless Natives Act expense transfers of \$4.495 million due to delays in owners' agreement to offers made by the Department (decrease)
- Nature Heritage Fund expenses mainly due to net expense transfers of \$3.778 million to 2023/24 due to delays and contractor availability and a fiscally neutral transfer of \$3.500 million to Natural Heritage Fund land purchases (decrease)
- Legal Protection Queen Elizabeth II National Trust fiscally neutral adjustments of \$1.400 million from 2021/22 to 2022/23 to re-phase the Jobs for Nature programme to align funding with the timing of outgoing expenditure (decrease). Offset by:
  - Support for Māori Land expense transfers of \$3.885 million from 2021/22 to 2022/23 due to delays in negotiations with third parties, contractor availability, difficulty accessing challenging terrain and complexities in engaging with land trusts of multiple-owned private land (increase)
  - Nature Heritage Fund expenses capital to operating expense transfer of \$369,000 (increase)
  - Legal Protection Queen Elizabeth II National Trust expense transfers of \$300,000 from 2021/22 to 2022/23 due to delays in approving the service description proposal with the Trust (increase).

### **Policy Advice, Statutory Planning, and Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies (M16) (A4)**

#### *Overarching Purpose Statement*

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide policy advice and other services to Ministers and other parties.

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

##### **Departmental Output Expenses**

###### *Policy Advice*

This category is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributions to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on government policy matters relating to conservation, including climate change mitigation.

###### *Statutory Planning, Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies*

This category is limited to statutory planning and the provision of services to Ministers (other than policy decision making responsibilities) and statutory bodies to enable them to discharge their portfolio and responsibilities.

*Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure*

	2022/23		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>15,191</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>21,016</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Policy Advice	4,138	3,897	8,035
Statutory Planning, Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies	11,053	1,928	12,981
<b>Funding for Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Revenue from the Crown</b>	<b>15,096</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>20,921</b>
Policy Advice	4,118	3,897	8,015
Statutory Planning, Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies	10,978	1,928	12,906
<b>Revenue from Others</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95</b>
Policy Advice	20	-	20
Statutory Planning, Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies	75	-	75

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$5.825 million to \$21.016 million in 2022/23 due to:

- fiscally neutral transfers from Departmental Output Expenses to Policy Advice of \$3.713 million and to Statutory Planning, Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies of \$1.503 million to reflect revised cost allocation methodology and updated work plans
- Software as a Service - Capital to Operating net swap of \$400,000
- funding for addressing departmental wage pressures of \$209,000.

**Provincial Growth Fund - Conservation Projects (M16) (A4)***Overarching Purpose Statement*

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to lift the productivity potential of the regions through conservation-related projects.

*Scope of Appropriation***Non-Departmental Other Expenses***Regional Projects*

This category is limited to expenses incurred on conservation-related projects that contribute to regional development.

**Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure***Infrastructure Projects*

This category is limited to capital expenditure on conservation-related infrastructure projects that contribute to regional development.



*Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure*

	2022/23		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>7,558</b>	<b>17,305</b>	<b>24,863</b>
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
Regional Projects	4,519	(3,519)	1,000
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
Infrastructure Projects	3,039	20,824	23,863

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$17.305 million to \$24.863 for 2022/23 due to:

- Infrastructure Projects increased by \$13.187 million for the funding redistribution of Dolomite Point to Non-Departmental capital expenditure Infrastructure Projects, expense transfers of \$4.194 million from 2021/22 for Dolomite Point Redevelopment and cost escalation funding of \$3.443 million for Dolomite Point Redevelopment (increase)
- Regional Projects expense transfers of \$4.175 million from 2021/22 for Dolomite Point Redevelopment and \$1 million for the capital to operating swap (increase) offset by:
  - Regional Projects funding redistribution of \$8.694 million to Non-Departmental Other Expenses Infrastructure Projects for Dolomite Point (decrease).