

Vote Ombudsmen

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Speaker of the House of Representatives (M78)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Office of the Ombudsman (A31)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN: Speaker of the House of Representatives

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
Departmental Output Expenses			
Investigation and Resolution of Complaints About Government Administration (M78) (A31) This appropriation is limited to the investigation, resolution of complaints and the provision of advice relating to central and local government administrative actions, monitoring compliance with international conventions, and the provision of advice and support for international ombudsman communities and forums.	50,793	(3,493)	47,300
Total Departmental Output Expenses	50,793	(3,493)	47,300
Departmental Other Expenses			
Remuneration of Ombudsmen PLA (M78) (A31) This appropriation is limited to remuneration expenses for the Ombudsmen as authorised by sections 8 and 9 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975.	463	42	505
Total Departmental Other Expenses	463	42	505
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Office of the Ombudsman - Capital Expenditure PLA (M78) (A31) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Office of the Ombudsman, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	3,035	-	3,035
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	3,035	-	3,035
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	54,291	(3,451)	50,840

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2022/23		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Office of the Ombudsman - Capital Injection (M78) (A31)	1,781	-	1,781

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	
Appropriations					
Output Expenses	50,793	(3,493)	-	(3,493)	47,300
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	463	42	-	42	505
Capital Expenditure	3,035	-	-	-	3,035
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	54,291	(3,451)	-	(3,451)	50,840
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	-	-	-

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Investigation and Resolution of Complaints About Government Administration (M78) (A31)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the investigation, resolution of complaints and the provision of advice relating to central and local government administrative actions, monitoring compliance with international conventions, and the provision of advice and support for international ombudsman communities and forums.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$3.493 million to \$47.300 million for 2022/23 due to:

- a decrease of \$5.563 million for an expense transfer to 2023/24. This is due to the continued direct and indirect impact of COVID-19 on the Ombudsman's annual work programme, resulting in a number of scheduled projects being deferred for completion in 2023/24
- an increase of \$2.070 million for an expense transfer from 2021/22. This was sought to help mitigate the effects of COVID-19, and ensure the Ombudsman can continue to deliver high quality services and carry out delayed projects from the annual work programme.

2.2 - Departmental Other Expenses

Remuneration of Ombudsmen PLA (M78) (A31)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to remuneration expenses for the Ombudsmen as authorised by sections 8 and 9 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation by \$42,000 to \$505,000 for 2022/23 is due to an adjustment to determination by the Remuneration Authority.