

Vote Attorney-General

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Attorney-General (M5)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Crown Law Office (A2)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR CROWN LAW OFFICE: Attorney-General

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2024/25		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Crown Law Office - Capital Expenditure PLA (M5) (A2) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Crown Law Office, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	1,065	(812)	253
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	1,065	(812)	253
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Law Officer Functions MCA (M5) (A2) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the discharge of the Law Officers' constitutional, criminal law, and system leadership responsibilities including legal advice and representation.	133,269	2,690	135,959
Departmental Output Expenses			
Conduct of Criminal Appeals from Crown Prosecutions This category is limited to conducting appeals arising from Crown prosecutions.	12,115	(700)	11,415
Law Officer Constitutional and Criminal Law Duties This category is limited to providing assistance to the Principal Law Officers in the exercise of their functions, and providing advice on constitutional, criminal law, mutual assistance and extradition matters.	10,965	1,190	12,155
Public Prosecution Services This category is limited to the provision and supervision of a national Crown prosecution service and oversight of public prosecutions.	79,130	-	79,130
Strategic and Operational Legal Advice and Representation This category is limited to leading and developing the collective strength of government lawyers and providing legal advice and representation to State Sector entities.	31,059	2,200	33,259
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	133,269	2,690	135,959
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	134,334	1,878	136,212

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2024/25		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Crown Law Office - Capital Injection (M5) (A2)	300	-	300

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2024/25				
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates			Total \$000
		Departmental Transactions \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions \$000	Total Transactions \$000	
Appropriations					
Output Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	1,065	(812)	-	(812)	253
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	133,269	2,690	-	2,690	135,959
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	134,334	1,878	-	1,878	136,212
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

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Crown Law Office - Capital Expenditure PLA (M5) (A2)

Scope of Appropriation

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Capital Expenditure

	2024/25		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	415	(162)	253
Intangibles	650	(650)	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	1,065	(812)	253

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$812,000 to \$253,000 for 2024/25 due to:

- a decrease of \$650,000 in the capital expenditure spend in computer software, and
- a decrease of \$162,000 in the capital expenditure spend in computer hardware.

Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Crown Law Office

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2024/25 Main Estimates Projections \$000	2024/25 Supplementary Estimates Projections \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2024/25
Opening Balance	8,305	9,123	The opening balance stated in the 2024/25 Supplementary Estimates column reflects the audited results as at 30 June 2024.
Capital Injections	300	300	
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	(1,500)	Forecast reduction in the memorandum account balance for 2024/25.
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	8,605	7,923	

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Law Officer Functions (M5) (A2)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the discharge of the Law Officers' constitutional, criminal law, and system leadership responsibilities including legal advice and representation.

Scope of Appropriation

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This category is limited to conducting appeals arising from Crown prosecutions.

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Public Prosecution Services

This category is limited to the provision and supervision of a national Crown prosecution service and oversight of public prosecutions.

Strategic and Operational Legal Advice and Representation

This category is limited to leading and developing the collective strength of government lawyers and providing legal advice and representation to State Sector entities.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2024/25		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	133,269	2,690	135,959
Departmental Output Expenses			
Conduct of Criminal Appeals from Crown Prosecutions	12,115	(700)	11,415
Law Officer Constitutional and Criminal Law Duties	10,965	1,190	12,155
Public Prosecution Services	79,130	-	79,130
Strategic and Operational Legal Advice and Representation	31,059	2,200	33,259

	2024/25		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	103,979	1,190	105,169
Conduct of Criminal Appeals from Crown Prosecutions	12,065	(700)	11,365
Law Officer Constitutional and Criminal Law Duties	10,895	1,190	12,085
Public Prosecution Services	79,110	-	79,110
Strategic and Operational Legal Advice and Representation	1,909	700	2,609
Revenue from Others	29,290	1,500	30,790
Conduct of Criminal Appeals from Crown Prosecutions	50	-	50
Law Officer Constitutional and Criminal Law Duties	70	-	70
Public Prosecution Services	20	-	20
Strategic and Operational Legal Advice and Representation	29,150	1,500	30,650

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

	2024/25		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
The Attorney-General is satisfied with the services provided by Crown Law (see Note 1)	Yes	At least 3 out of 5	At least 3 out of 5

Note 1 - This performance measure is calculated based on the result of the annual Attorney-General's Satisfaction Survey. The survey asks the Attorney-General to provide a score out of five for several factors that contribute to their satisfaction with Crown Law's advice and representation. The budget standard is achieved if the average score is at least 3 out of 5. The 2024/25 standard has been updated to reflect this.

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

	2024/25		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Strategic and Operational Legal Advice and Representation			
Number of continuous professional development compatible hours delivered annually to the Government Legal Network (see Note 1)	60 -70	30	30
Departmental lawyers consider Government Legal Network activities and opportunities for participation are good to excellent (see Note 2)	85%	Measure removed	Measure removed

Note 1 - This performance standard has been decreased to reflect the reduced number of hours provided, due to changed priorities.

Note 2 - This performance measure has been removed in 2024/25 as it does not provide a meaningful account of performance.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The appropriation increased by \$2.690 million to \$135.959 million for 2024/25 due to:

- an increase of \$1.500 million in the amount appropriated for the revenue department part of the MCA - strategic and operational legal advice and representation which is funded fiscally neutral on a cost recovery basis, and
- an increase of \$1.200 million in the Law Officer Functions MCA that is transferred from 2023/24 to fund the deferred and reprioritised IT work programmes, and offset by
- a one-off funding transfer of \$10,000 from the Law Officer Functions MCA to the Ministry of Justice to fund a non-departmental ex-gratia payment.