

Vote Parliamentary Counsel

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

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Parliamentary Counsel Office (A34)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL OFFICE: Attorney-General

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

	2024/25		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Drafting of and Access to Legislation (M5) (A34) This appropriation is limited to the drafting and publishing of and providing access to legislation, and examining and providing advice and assistance on the design, drafting, and publication of legislation, and any other related functions directed by the Attorney-General.	25,798	413	26,211
Total Departmental Output Expenses	25,798	413	26,211
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Parliamentary Counsel Office - Capital Expenditure PLA (M5) (A34) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Parliamentary Counsel Office, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	2,830	-	2,830
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	2,830	-	2,830
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	28,628	413	29,041

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2024/25		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Parliamentary Counsel Office - Capital Injection (M5) (A34)	-	-	-

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	25,798	413	-	413	26,211
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	2,830	-	-	-	2,830
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	28,628	413	-	413	29,041
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

Drafting of and Access to Legislation (M5) (A34)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the drafting and publishing of and providing access to legislation, and examining and providing advice and assistance on the design, drafting, and publication of legislation, and any other related functions directed by the Attorney-General.

Expenses and Revenue

	2024/25		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	25,798	413	26,211
Revenue from the Crown	25,598	400	25,998
Revenue from Others	200	13	213

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$413,000 to \$26.211 million for 2024/25 due to:

- an expense transfer of \$400,000 from 2023/2024 to 2024/2025 for the implementation of the Parliamentary Counsel Office's Business Transformation Programme
- \$13,000 for miscellaneous third-party revenue received.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2024/25		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
The satisfaction rating given by the Attorney-General with the performance of the Parliamentary Counsel Office (see Note 1)	The Attorney-General is satisfied	The Attorney-General is satisfied	The Attorney-General is satisfied
Bills and secondary legislation drafted by the PCO undergo a quality assurance process to ensure they are reviewed for errors and to assess their constitutional soundness, legal effectiveness, workability, compliance with current drafting practice, structure and clarity (see Note 2)	New measure	100%	100%
All certified revision Bills and their accompanying certificates have been provided to the Attorney-General in accordance with section 98 of the Legislation Act 2019 (see Note 3)	New measure	100%	100%
Legislation is published within set timeframes (see Note 4)	100%	100%	100%

Note 1 - The wording of the performance measure was updated slightly to reflect the change in measurement methodology. The Attorney-General's satisfaction is sought through an annual satisfaction survey. The rating measures the Attorney-General's satisfaction across 5 categories (general satisfaction, quality of advice, overall trust, overall confidence, overall performance) on a scale of 1-5, where 1-2 means unsatisfied, 3-4 means satisfied, and 5 means extremely satisfied.

Note 2 - This was previously included as a standard under the prior version of the Attorney-General's satisfaction measure. The PCO has established it as a standalone performance measure to provide increased public visibility over this quality assurance process. Changes to this performance measure were made through the 2024/25 Supplementary Estimates process.

Note 3 - This was previously included as a standard under the prior version of the Attorney-General's satisfaction measure. The PCO has established it as a standalone performance measure because it is a legislative obligation to provide the Attorney General with all certified revision Bills and their accompanying certificates, and it is the PCO's responsibility to monitor whether this has been met. Changes to this performance measure were made through the 2024/25 Supplementary Estimates process.

Note 4 - The performance measure and target remain unchanged. The note to the performance measure was updated using plain language to clarify the measurement criteria through the 2024/25 Supplementary Estimates process:

- new Government Bills are available within one working day after they are introduced to the House
- subsequent versions of Bills are available within one working day after the printed version is made available to the House
- Amendment Papers (APs) are available within one working day after circulation to Members of Parliament
- Secondary legislation that is drafted by the PCO is made available within one working day after notification in the New Zealand Gazette
- Acts are available within five working days after Royal assent.

For these measures, an item is considered published when it is made available on the New Zealand Legislation Website

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Parliamentary Counsel Office in its 2024/2025 Annual report to be tabled in the House.