

# *Vote Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety*

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APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister of Agriculture (M2), Minister for Biosecurity (M7), Minister for Food Safety (M33), Minister for Oceans and Fisheries (M102)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry for Primary Industries (A14)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES: Minister of Agriculture

# Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

## Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
<b>Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Ministry for Primary Industries - Capital Expenditure PLA (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for Primary Industries, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	66,453	62,472	128,925
<b>Total Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>	66,453	62,472	128,925
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Support for Walking Access (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to the operation of the New Zealand Walking Access Commission.	3,595	-	3,595
<b>Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>	3,595	-	3,595
<b>Benefits or Related Expenses</b>			
<b>Agriculture: Rural Veterinarians Bonding Scheme (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to the provision of payments to veterinary professionals agreeing to work in understaffed, rural areas, in accordance with government approved criteria and guidelines.	1,650	-	1,650
<b>Total Benefits or Related Expenses</b>	1,650	-	1,650
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Fisheries: Provision for Fisheries Debt Write Downs (M102) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to commercial fishing sector quota holder debt write-offs.	1,000	-	1,000
<b>Settlement of Obligations and Claims (M102) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred in achieving long-term certainty in relation to the settlement of obligations and claims.	-	47,000	47,000
<b>Subscriptions to International Organisations (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to New Zealand's membership of primary industry-related international organisations.	3,208	1,150	4,358
<b>Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>	4,208	48,150	52,358
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Agriculture: Programmes Supporting Sustainability MCA (M2) (A14)</b> The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector through implementing and delivering programmes, and undertaking research.	97,867	8,858	106,725
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes</b> This category is limited to the administration of government approved schemes, grants and assistance to the agricultural sector.	20,136	1,950	22,086
<b>Animal Welfare: Education and Enforcement</b> This category is limited to education and enforcement intended to improve animal welfare in New Zealand.	28,456	(2,300)	26,156

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<i>Climate Emergency Response implementation and administration</i> This category is limited to expenses incurred in implementing and administering programmes under the Climate Emergency Response Fund in the Primary Sector other than Forestry.	13,195	-	13,195
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<i>Agriculture: Grants Supporting Sustainability</i> This category is limited to funding of grants to support a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector.	-	8,318	8,318
<i>Agriculture: Recovery Assistance</i> This category is limited to providing recovery assistance to the primary sector to prevent or repair damage or minimise losses or provide professional advice following a response or adverse event such as a fire or biosecurity incursion.	747	890	1,637
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
<i>Agriculture: Climate Emergency Response Fund Joint Venture</i> This appropriation is limited to the Crowns' investment in a public-private joint venture established to drive product development and commercialisation of agricultural emission mitigation tools.	35,333	-	35,333
<b>Biosecurity: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management MCA (M7) (A14)</b> The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to improve biosecurity risk management by providing operational support to prevent harmful organisms from crossing the borders and working to reduce the unwanted harm caused by organisms already established in New Zealand.	425,833	<b>60,676</b>	486,509
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<i>Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management</i> This category is limited to the assessment, containment and possible eradication of suspected biosecurity risk organisms within New Zealand.	80,952	22,832	103,784
<i>Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance</i> This category is limited to biosecurity monitoring and clearance programmes that manage the biosecurity risk associated with international trade and travel.	170,605	6,333	176,938
<i>Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance</i> This category is limited to the development and maintenance of standards and systems that manage biosecurity risk associated with imports and exports.	35,184	(6,779)	28,405
<i>Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance</i> This category is limited to domestic biosecurity surveillance activities.	70,339	15,882	86,221
<i>Response to Mycoplasma bovis</i> This category is limited to the eradication and long-term management of Mycoplasma bovis.	6,055	-	6,055
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<i>Biosecurity: Control of Bovine TB</i> This category is limited to the Crown's contribution to implementing the National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Plan.	24,000	-	24,000
<i>Biosecurity: Grants Supporting Biosecurity Programmes and Initiatives</i> This category is limited to the funding of grants to capture data and information, undertake research and development projects, carry out disease and pest management and other activities supporting biosecurity.	25,688	9,034	34,722

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<i>Biosecurity: Compensation and ex-gratia payments following a Biosecurity Event</i> This category is limited to the expenses incurred as a result of compensation and ex-gratia payments arising from Biosecurity events.	10	374	384
<i>Compensation and Ex-Gratia Payments in Response to Mycoplasma bovis</i> This category is limited to the payment of compensation and ex-gratia payments relating to actions taken to manage Mycoplasma bovis under the Biosecurity Act 1993.	13,000	13,000	26,000
<b>Development and Implementation of Primary Industries Policy Advice MCA (M2) (A14)</b> The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide both policy and operational advice and support to Ministers in discharging their policy and operational decision-making responsibilities with regards to primary industries.	156,392	(13,160)	143,232
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<i>Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing</i> This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to agriculture and climate change.	73,552	(18,144)	55,408
<i>Animal Welfare: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing</i> This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to animal welfare.	8,238	552	8,790
<i>Biosecurity: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing</i> This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to biosecurity.	7,004	603	7,607
<i>Fisheries Policy Advice</i> This category is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on Government policy matters relating to the development of standards and guidelines for the sustainable and efficient utilisation of New Zealand's fisheries and promotion of New Zealand's interests in an international context.	9,157	2,685	11,842
<i>Food Safety: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing</i> This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to food safety.	6,911	400	7,311
<i>Operational Advice on Sustainability and Management Controls in Fisheries</i> This category is limited to operational advice to support decision-making by Ministers on Government policy matters relating to operational advice on sustainability and management controls for New Zealand's fisheries.	35,165	(1,120)	34,045
<i>Trade and Market Access Primary Industries</i> This category is limited to the implementation of government interventions, including the coordination of activities, development and delivery of frameworks that facilitate international trade in primary products with the exception of food-related safety aspects, and implementation of agreements and arrangements which influence and improve multilateral, regional and bilateral relationships.	16,365	1,864	18,229

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<b>Fisheries: Managing the Resource Sustainably MCA (M102) (A14)</b>	84,262	(360)	83,902
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to manage the sustainable use of fisheries resources and protection of the aquatic environment.			
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<i>Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring</i>	65,931	(1,620)	64,311
This category is limited to informing, assisting, directing and enforcing adherence to New Zealand fisheries laws.			
<i>Fisheries Management</i>	13,666	700	14,366
This category is limited to implementing ministerial decisions on sustainability and management controls for New Zealand fisheries.			
<i>Fisheries: Aquaculture</i>	3,316	400	3,716
This category is limited to implementing aquaculture policy advice, supporting and monitoring the growth of the aquaculture industry.			
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<i>Fisheries: Grants to Manage Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources</i>	1,200	160	1,360
This category is limited to the funding of grants to manage the sustainable use of fisheries resources, protection of the aquatic environment and delivery of aquaculture.			
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<i>Fisheries Quota Shares &amp; ACE Administration Costs</i>	149	-	149
This category is limited to the administration of the sale of Crown Quota Shares and Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE).			
<b>Food Safety: Protecting Consumers MCA (M33) (A14)</b>	146,712	12,901	159,613
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from food borne disease and maintain and enhance New Zealand's reputation as a trusted supplier of safe and suitable food.			
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<i>Food Safety: Assurance</i>	98,805	7,609	106,414
This category is limited to justifying and delivering assurances to consumers, the public, overseas authorities and other stakeholders that food, food-related products and inputs into the production of food (whether undertaken or produced in New Zealand or imported) are managed, audited, approved, registered and/or monitored in accordance with New Zealand legislation and, for exports, relevant importing countries' market access requirements.			
<i>Food Safety: Information</i>	5,078	715	5,793
This category is limited to engagement of, and information for, stakeholders about food safety and suitability, to encourage participation in, and compliance with, the food regulatory programme, and to enable consumers to make appropriate food choices.			
<i>Food Safety: Response</i>	10,101	949	11,050
This category is limited to the investigation of, preparedness for, and response to, food related events, incidents, emergencies, complaints and suspected breaches of legislation and taking appropriate sanctions and enforcement action.			
<i>Food Safety: Standards</i>	22,247	481	22,728
This category is limited to the scientific inputs and development and implementation of food related standards (including as appropriate international and joint Australia/New Zealand standards) and standards related to inputs into food production, imports, exports, new and emerging issues and the domestic market.			

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<i>Food Safety: Trade and Market Access Food Safety</i> This category is limited to the coordination of activities, development and delivery of frameworks that facilitate the food-related safety aspects of international trade in primary products, and implementation of agreements and arrangements which influence and improve multilateral, regional and bilateral relationships.	7,681	2,547	10,228
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</i>			
<i>Food Safety Science and Research</i> This category is limited to the promotion, coordination and delivery of food safety science and research.	700	-	700
<i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i>			
<i>Food Safety: Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty</i> This category is limited to the development of joint food standards, codes of practice, and guidance material for Australia and New Zealand by Food Standards Australia New Zealand in accordance with the Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty.	2,100	600	2,700
<b>Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>	911,066	68,915	979,981
<b>Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations</b>	986,972	179,537	1,166,509

## Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>		
<b>Plant Health and Environmental Capability (M7) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to the design, construction, and commissioning of the new Plant Health and Environment Laboratory.  Commences: 01 July 2023  Expires: 30 June 2028	Original Appropriation Adjustments to 2024/25 Adjustments for 2025/26 Adjusted Appropriation  Actual to 2024/25 Year End Estimated Actual for 2025/26 Estimate for 2026/27 Estimated Appropriation Remaining	4,342 5,464 55,419 65,225  7,815 6,494 21,952 28,964
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>		
<b>Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to accelerating greenhouse gas mitigations research and development, innovation, growing capability and streamlining the path to market to support reducing agricultural emissions.  Commences: 01 July 2024  Expires: 30 June 2029	Original Appropriation Adjustments to 2024/25 Adjustments for 2025/26 Adjusted Appropriation  Actual to 2024/25 Year End Estimated Actual for 2025/26 Estimate for 2026/27 Estimated Appropriation Remaining	353,264 (6,486) - 346,778  30,964 72,621 77,514 165,679

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to obtaining science, technology, capacity and capability in sustainable land management and climate change-related research relevant to the primary land-based sectors.  Commences: 01 July 2022  Expires: 30 June 2027	Original Appropriation	109,311
	Adjustments to 2024/25	(17,569)
	Adjustments for 2025/26	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	91,742
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	60,892
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	14,395
	Estimate for 2026/27	16,455
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>		
<b>Agriculture: Farm Advisor Scheme (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to the making of contributions to farm consultancies capable of delivering integrated farm plans as required by the Minister of Agriculture and in accordance with government approved criteria and guidelines.  Commences: 01 July 2021  Expires: 30 June 2026	Original Appropriation	5,679
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	5,679
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	3,314
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	2,365
	Estimate for 2026/27	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-
<b>Agriculture: Integrated Farm Plan Accelerator Fund (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred in conjunction with co-funding from industry, community and catchment groups, and regional councils, that significantly accelerate or reduce barriers to the implementation of integrated farm plans.  Commences: 01 July 2021  Expires: 30 June 2026	Original Appropriation	14,441
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	14,441
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	10,679
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	3,762
	Estimate for 2026/27	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-
<b>Fisheries: Aquaculture Settlements (M102) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to the recognition of settlements negotiated under the Māori Aquaculture Commercial Claims Settlement Act 2004.  Commences: 01 July 2023  Expires: 30 June 2028	Original Appropriation	17,768
	Adjustments to 2024/25	89,589
	Adjustments for 2025/26	8,000
	Adjusted Appropriation	115,357
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	39,434
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	67,923
	Estimate for 2026/27	8,000
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-
<b>Primary Sector Growth Fund (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred in conjunction with co-funding from industry and community groups on supporting the development of New Zealand's primary industries.  Commences: 01 July 2025  Expires: 30 June 2030	Original Appropriation	353,779
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	29,742
	Adjusted Appropriation	383,521
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	84,505
	Estimate for 2026/27	74,754
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	224,262

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures Fund (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred in conjunction with co-funding from community and industry groups on supporting the sustainable development of New Zealand's primary industries.  Commences: 01 July 2024  Expires: 30 June 2029	Original Appropriation	402,717
	Adjustments to 2024/25	(307,970)
	Adjustments for 2025/26	(29,742)
	Adjusted Appropriation	65,005
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	65,005
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	-
	Estimate for 2026/27	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

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

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	986,972	179,537	1,166,509
Total Forecast MYA Departmental Output Expenses	1,278	5,216	6,494
Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Output Expenses	74,916	12,100	87,016
Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Other Expenses	56,484	102,071	158,555
<b>Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations</b>	<b>1,119,650</b>	<b>298,924</b>	<b>1,418,574</b>

## Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Ministry for Primary Industries - Capital Injection (M2) (A14)	34,245	83,844	118,089

# Supporting Information

## Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

### 1.2 - Trends in the Vote

#### Summary of Financial Activity

	2025/26				
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates			Total \$000
		Departmental Transactions \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions \$000	Total Transactions \$000	
<b>Appropriations</b>					
Output Expenses	79,789	5,216	12,100	17,316	97,105
Benefits or Related Expenses	1,650	N/A	-	-	1,650
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	60,692	-	150,221	150,221	210,913
Capital Expenditure	66,453	62,472	-	62,472	128,925
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	860,474	36,539	18,402	54,941	915,415
<i>Other Expenses</i>	15,259	-	13,974	13,974	29,233
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	35,333	N/A	-	-	35,333
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	1,119,650	104,227	194,697	298,924	1,418,574
<b>Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	67,430	N/A	(2,700)	(2,700)	64,730
Capital Receipts	-	N/A	-	-	-
<b>Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>	67,430	N/A	(2,700)	(2,700)	64,730

## Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

### 2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

#### Plant Health and Environmental Capability (M7) (A14)

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

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Plant Health and Environmental Capability (M7) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to the design, construction, and commissioning of the new Plant Health and Environment Laboratory.  Commences: 01 July 2023  Expires: 30 June 2028	Original Appropriation	4,342
	Adjustments to 2024/25	5,464
	Adjustments for 2025/26	55,419
	Adjusted Appropriation	65,225
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	7,815
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	6,494
	Estimate for 2026/27	21,952
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	28,964

##### *Revenue*

	Budget \$000
Revenue from the Crown to end of 2026/27	36,261
Revenue from Others to end of 2026/27	-
Total Revenue	36,261

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

The appropriation increased by \$55.419 million to \$65.225 million for 2025/26 for the operating costs associated with the construction of the new Plant Health and Environmental Laboratory facility in Auckland.

## 2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

### Ministry for Primary Industries - Capital Expenditure PLA (M2) (A14)

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

#### *Capital Expenditure*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	28,034	87,540	115,574
Intangibles	38,419	(25,068)	13,351
Other	-	-	-
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>66,453</b>	<b>62,472</b>	<b>128,925</b>

#### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The appropriation increased by \$62.472 million to \$128.925 million for 2025/26, due to the construction of a new facility in Mount Albert to replace the current Plant Health and Environment Laboratory and associated greenhouses located in Tamāki, Auckland.

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

##### Ministry for Primary Industries

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2025/26 Main Estimates Projections \$000	2025/26 Supplementary Estimates Projections \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2025/26
Opening Balance	542,607	566,549	Supplementary Estimates opening balance reflects the audited results as at 30 June 2025.
Capital Injections	34,245	118,089	The increase was due to \$83.844 million for the Plant Health and Environmental Capability programme in 2025/26.
Capital Withdrawals	(3,256)	(38,182)	The decrease was driven by a \$29.926 million upfront repayment of capital funding for the replacement, consolidation, and modernisation of New Zealand's export and import certification system; and, a \$5 million capital withdrawal to reclassify funding from capital to operating expenditure for the SharePoint Online migration project.
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	39,749	42,117	The increase was driven by the increased surplus forecast in memorandum accounts.
Other Movements	-	-	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>613,345</b>	<b>688,573</b>	

# Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

## 3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

### Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund (M2) (A14)

#### *Scope of Appropriation and Expenses*

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Accelerating Development of Greenhouse Gas Mitigations Research and Development Fund (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to accelerating greenhouse gas mitigations research and development, innovation, growing capability and streamlining the path to market to support reducing agricultural emissions.  Commences: 01 July 2024  Expires: 30 June 2029	Original Appropriation	353,264
	Adjustments to 2024/25	(6,486)
	Adjustments for 2025/26	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	346,778
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	30,964
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	72,621
	Estimate for 2026/27	77,514
Estimated Appropriation Remaining	165,679	

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		Total Standard
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	
Percentage of forecast investment dispersed each year according to the Accelerating New Mitigations programme's annual budget (see Note 1)	85%	-	85%
Number of mitigation technologies projected to be commercially available by 2030 (see Note 2)	Increasing trend	-	Increasing trend

Note 1 - The wording of this performance indicator has been changed to reflect a more straightforward approach using the annual budget instead of the programme's strategic funding plan.

As a result of the creation of this Multi-Year Appropriation (MYA), the budget standard of 85% is now a cumulative standard for five years across the lifespan of this MYA funding. However, the progress towards this standard will be reported annually.

Note 2 - MPI projections take into account policy decisions that are outside the control of this programme. This is due to changes in Government policy including the removal of pricing. This performance indicator should be viewed in combination with other indicators under this appropriation category as they collectively reflect the effectiveness of accelerating new mitigations (ANM) programme. This performance indicator is reporting on the number of expected mitigation technologies and the estimated date they will be available to use in New Zealand.

In late 2025, the Government approved (subject to final detailed design) funding to support early adoption of proven tools to reduce agricultural emissions (the AgriZeroNZ Early Adoption Accelerator).

By supporting early adoption on farms and helping create the conditions for wider uptake, the programme can support technologies to progress more quickly toward commercial use. This contextual note has been updated for clarity.

## Support for Walking Access (M2) (A14)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the operation of the New Zealand Walking Access Commission.

### *Expenses*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	3,595	-	3,595

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

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Number of cases opened relating to new access opportunities (see Note 1)	25	2	27
Number of service hits to our public maps (see Note 2)	145,000	20,000	165,000

Note 1 - The standard was increased for 2025/26 to align with the Statement of Performance Expectations <https://www.herengaanuku.govt.nz/assets/Publication/Files/SPEs-and-SOIs/SPE-2025-2026-for-web-and-email.pdf>.

Note 2 - Outdoor access maps are available at <https://www.herengaanuku.govt.nz/maps/outdoor-access-maps>.

## Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research (M2) (A14)

### *Scope of Appropriation and Expenses*

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to obtaining science, technology, capacity and capability in sustainable land management and climate change-related research relevant to the primary land-based sectors.  Commences: 01 July 2022  Expires: 30 June 2027	Original Appropriation	109,311
	Adjustments to 2024/25	(17,569)
	Adjustments for 2025/26	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	91,742
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	60,892
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	14,395
	Estimate for 2026/27	16,455
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Percentage of Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Freshwater Mitigation and Adaptation projects completed in the financial year that met their contracted deliverables (see Note 1)	70%	Equal to or greater than 70%	Equal to or greater than 70%

Note 1 - The performance indicator (Percentage projects and programmes completed on time and within budget in the financial year) has been updated to clarify funding scope.

## 3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

### Agriculture: Farm Advisor Scheme (M2) (A14)

#### *Scope of Appropriation and Expenses*

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Agriculture: Farm Advisor Scheme (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to the making of contributions to farm consultancies capable of delivering integrated farm plans as required by the Minister of Agriculture and in accordance with government approved criteria and guidelines.	Original Appropriation	5,679
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	5,679
Commences: 01 July 2021	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	3,314
Expires: 30 June 2026	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	2,365
	Estimate for 2026/27	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

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

This appropriation is intended to achieve a rapid increase in the number of skilled farm advisors that can support farmers in developing integrated farm plans.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Number of farm advisors participating in MPI's Careers Pathway Scheme per annum (see Note 1)	Reinstated performance indicator	20-30	20-30

Note 1 - As the programme has progressed towards completion, the number of advisers participating in the scheme during the year has declined as participants have successfully completed their involvement. Any reduction reflects the planned wind-down of the scheme rather than a reduction in programme delivery or effectiveness. The performance indicator has been reinstated due to technical budget adjustment.

## Fisheries: Aquaculture Settlements (M102) (A14)

### *Scope of Appropriation and Expenses*

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Fisheries: Aquaculture Settlements (M102) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to the recognition of settlements negotiated under the Māori Aquaculture Commercial Claims Settlement Act 2004.  Commences: 01 July 2023  Expires: 30 June 2028	Original Appropriation	17,768
	Adjustments to 2024/25	89,589
	Adjustments for 2025/26	8,000
	Adjusted Appropriation	115,357
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	39,434
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	67,923
	Estimate for 2026/27	8,000
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

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

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of activities related to the Crown's settlement of aquaculture obligations under the Māori Aquaculture Commercial Claims Settlement Act 2004.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		Total Standard
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	
Regional Agreements required under the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Settlement Act are negotiated and agreed by statutory deadline (see Note 1)	Reinstated performance indicator	Achieved	Achieved

Note 1 - Regional Agreements required under the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Settlement Act are negotiated and agreed by statutory deadline:

- Waikato West Regional Settlement due March 2026 (FY 2025/26)
- Bay of Plenty Regional Agreement due February 2026 (FY 2025/26), and
- Otago Regional Agreement due May 2026 (FY 2025/26).

The performance indicator has been reinstated due to technical budget adjustments.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$8 million to \$115.357 million for 2025/26, due to additional funding received to deliver on the Crown's legislative obligations.

## Primary Sector Growth Fund (M2) (A14)

### *Scope of Appropriation and Expenses*

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Primary Sector Growth Fund (M2) (A14)</b> This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred in conjunction with co-funding from industry and community groups on supporting the development of New Zealand's primary industries.  Commences: 01 July 2025  Expires: 30 June 2030	Original Appropriation	353,779
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	29,742
	Adjusted Appropriation	383,521
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	84,505
	Estimate for 2026/27	74,754
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	224,262

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

This appropriation is intended to achieve the provision of support for the development of New Zealand's primary industries.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Total committed value of active projects and programmes under active management in the Primary Sector Growth Fund (see Note 1)	Minimum \$200 million	Minimum \$100 million	Minimum \$300 million
Percentage of projects and programmes completed in the financial year funded through Primary Sector Growth Fund that met their intended objectives (see Note 2)	90-100%	Equal to or greater than 90%	Equal to or greater than 90%

Note 1 - Minimum \$300 million is an aggregated total of MPI funding of all live projects and programmes (whole of life cost). Active management means in-progress projects and programmes that have been contracted are being individually managed. The annual standard has been increased to better reflect the reality of the portfolio and the contextual note has been updated to reflect the change in standard. This performance indicator includes new Primary Sector Growth Fund (PSGF) projects as well as on-going projects funded under legacy funds including SFF Futures, PGP and Sustainable Farming Fund.

Note 2 - Information on completed and current projects co-funded through PSGF can be found at: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/sustainable-food-fibre-futures/primary-sector-investment-projects>. The link to this contextual note has been added for additional information on PSGF.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This is a newly created multi-year appropriation, with funding transferred from the multi-year appropriation: Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures Fund.

## Settlement of Obligations and Claims (M102) (A14)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to expenses incurred in achieving long-term certainty in relation to the settlement of obligations and claims.

### *Expenses*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	47,000	47,000

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

This appropriation is intended to achieve long-term certainty in relation to the settlement of obligations and claims.

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

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Required obligations and claims settled	-	Achieved	Achieved

### *End of Year Performance Reporting*

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries in a report appended to the Ministry for Primary Industries' Annual Report.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This is a new appropriation to fund expenses incurred in achieving long-term certainty in relation to the settlement of obligations and claims.

## Subscriptions to International Organisations (M2) (A14)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to New Zealand's membership of primary industry-related international organisations.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The appropriation increased by \$1.150 million to \$4.358 million for 2025/26 due to exchange rate fluctuations and price increases for MPI's payment obligation to international primary industries organisations.

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

## 4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

### Agriculture: Programmes Supporting Sustainability (M2) (A14)

#### *Overarching Purpose Statement*

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector through implementing and delivering programmes, and undertaking research.

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

###### *Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes*

This category is limited to the administration of government approved schemes, grants and assistance to the agricultural sector.

###### *Animal Welfare: Education and Enforcement*

This category is limited to education and enforcement intended to improve animal welfare in New Zealand.

###### *Climate Emergency Response implementation and administration*

This category is limited to expenses incurred in implementing and administering programmes under the Climate Emergency Response Fund in the Primary Sector other than Forestry.

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

###### *Agriculture: Grants Supporting Sustainability*

This category is limited to funding of grants to support a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector.

###### *Agriculture: Recovery Assistance*

This category is limited to providing recovery assistance to the primary sector to prevent or repair damage or minimise losses or provide professional advice following a response or adverse event such as a fire or biosecurity incursion.

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

###### *Agriculture: Climate Emergency Response Fund Joint Venture*

This appropriation is limited to the Crown's investment in a public-private joint venture established to drive product development and commercialisation of agricultural emission mitigation tools.

*Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>97,867</b>	<b>8,858</b>	<b>106,725</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes	20,136	1,950	22,086
Animal Welfare: Education and Enforcement	28,456	(2,300)	26,156
Climate Emergency Response implementation and administration	13,195	-	13,195
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Agriculture: Grants Supporting Sustainability	-	8,318	8,318
Agriculture: Recovery Assistance	747	890	1,637
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
Agriculture: Climate Emergency Response Fund Joint Venture	35,333	-	35,333
<b>Funding for Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Revenue from the Crown</b>	<b>61,751</b>	<b>(350)</b>	<b>61,401</b>
Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes	20,106	1,950	22,056
Animal Welfare: Education and Enforcement	28,450	(2,300)	26,150
Climate Emergency Response implementation and administration	13,195	-	13,195
<b>Revenue from Others</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36</b>
Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes	30	-	30
Animal Welfare: Education and Enforcement	6	-	6

*How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation*

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
When a project or programme funded through the Primary Sector Growth Fund and Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Fund is completed within the financial year, a summary of outcomes is published on MPI website (see Note 1)	Achieved	-	Achieved
Percentage of animal welfare cases taken to court that achieve their objective (see Note 2)	90-95%	90% or more	90% or more

Note 1 - This performance indicator provides tangible examples of outputs and outcomes of co-invested projects and programmes. This indicator focuses on the Primary Sector Growth Fund and Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change projects and programmes where Crown investment is more than \$1 million and provides tangible examples of the work undertaken. The wording of this performance indicator has been updated for clarity.

Note 2 - A case is considered to have achieved its objective if at least one charge has been proven against at least one defendant in the case. This is determined when the case file shows a charge decision of "Convicted" or "Convicted and Discharged" for at least one defendant. The objective is still considered achieved if:

- a defendant is acquitted on public interest grounds (eg, in extreme situations, such as when a defendant's death leads to the withdrawal of charges)
- a judge discharges all defendants without conviction due to mitigating factors, as long as no deficiencies in the prosecution's case contributed to the decision, or
- less serious charges are withdrawn or dismissed in favour of guilty pleas to more serious charges.

A case is considered to have not achieved its objective if none of these outcomes applies. The contextual note for this performance indicator has been updated for clarity.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Agriculture: Administration of Grants and Programmes</b>			
Percentage of funding applications processed in the agreed timeframes (see Note 1)	80%	Equal to or greater than 80%	Equal to or greater than 80%
Number of Māori landowners, Māori businesses, and iwi/hapū entities participating in services provided by Māori Agribusiness (as part of the Integrated Advisory Services) each year (see Note 2)	Equal or greater than 80	20	Equal to or greater than 100
<b>Animal Welfare: Education and Enforcement</b>			
Percentage of priority 1 (Grade 1 - significant/acute) complaints addressed within 24 hours (see Note 3)	95-100%	95% or more	95% or more
Undertake preventative inspections contributing to better animal welfare outcomes (see Note 4)	200	200 or more	200 or more
<b>Climate Emergency Response implementation and administration</b>			
Number of entities participating in MPI's climate change and emissions reductions programmes (see Note 5)	20	Equal to or greater than 20	Equal to or greater than 20
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Agriculture: Grants Supporting Sustainability</b>			
This category is intended to achieve effective support for the agricultural sector in enhancing its competitiveness and sustainability by effectively providing grants that foster regional collaboration and resource management. (see Note 6)			
Number of new catchments established through MPI's Catchment Extension Services Programme (see Note 6)	Reinstated performance indicator	10 or more	10 or more
<b>Agriculture: Recovery Assistance</b>			
Percentage of those within the Primary Sector affected by adverse events who were eligible and took up recovery assistance funding (see Note 7)	85%	Equal to or greater than 85%	Equal to or greater than 85%

Note 1 - The application and assessment processes for each fund administered has its own criteria and timeframes. Funds covered are: Primary Sector Growth Fund and Voluntary Bonding Scheme for Veterinarians. This contextual note has been updated to reflect change in scope.

Note 2 - The annual standard has been increased to reflect high results in FY 2024/25.

Note 3 - For this measure, "Grade 1 complaints" refer to the situation where animals are comatose / recumbent, having broken limb(s), severely injured, receiving aggravated / severe ill treatment, or dying. "Addressed" is defined as the complaint being acknowledged and an appropriate initial action commenced within 24 hours of receipt, even if resolution occurs later, actions have been taken to manage or mitigate the issue promptly. This contextual note has been updated for clarity.

Note 4 - "Preventive inspections" is defined as, but not limited to, inspecting farms known to engage in intensive winter grazing practices, broiler chicken farms, monitoring rodeos, etc. The annual standard has been updated for clarity.

Note 5 - This measure tracks the number of entities supported by climate change and emissions reduction programmes within He Taurikura Māori, providing an indicator of programme reach and capability uplift. An entity is any legal entity liable for emissions levies or responsible for decision making that affects practice and land use changes eg, producer businesses (farmer/grower/Māori agribusiness), landowner organisations (trusts, iwi, hapū). This contextual note has been updated for clarity.

Note 6 - 'Catchments' are farmer-led, community-based groups operating within a defined catchment area to support improved on-farm practices and environmental outcomes. They enable farmers to share knowledge, access expertise, research and tools, understand regulatory requirements, and make informed land-use and farm management decisions. Catchment group activities commonly support environmental planning, sustainable land management, and community capability building. The Intention Statement for this category has been updated, and a contextual note has been added for clarity. The Intention Statement at the category level and performance indicator have been reinstated due to technical budget adjustments.

Note 7 - This is a placeholder measure for monitoring recovery assistance funding for major or severe adverse events to support the primary sector. In previous years this has been used for adverse events eg, cyclone, drought but not limited to weather events. This contextual note has been updated to clarify scope.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The appropriation increased by \$8.858 million to \$106.725 million for 2025/26 due to:

- transfer of \$7.568 million for the conditional grants to support productive sustainable land use
- transfer of \$4.500 million due to the baseline change driven by cost allocation rules, and
- transfer of \$250,000 for the response to the impacts of recent adverse weather events.

The increase has been offset by transfer out of \$3.300 million to fund National Animal Identification and Tracing system, and \$160,000 to fund the Seafood Sector Support Network Trust.

## Biosecurity: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management (M7) (A14)

### *Overarching Purpose Statement*

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to improve biosecurity risk management by providing operational support to prevent harmful organisms from crossing the borders and working to reduce the unwanted harm caused by organisms already established in New Zealand.

### *Scope of Appropriation*

#### **Departmental Output Expenses**

##### *Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management*

This category is limited to the assessment, containment and possible eradication of suspected biosecurity risk organisms within New Zealand.

##### *Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance*

This category is limited to biosecurity monitoring and clearance programmes that manage the biosecurity risk associated with international trade and travel.

##### *Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance*

This category is limited to the development and maintenance of standards and systems that manage biosecurity risk associated with imports and exports.

##### *Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance*

This category is limited to domestic biosecurity surveillance activities.

##### *Response to Mycoplasma bovis*

This category is limited to the eradication and long-term management of Mycoplasma bovis.

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

##### *Biosecurity: Control of Bovine TB*

This category is limited to the Crown's contribution to implementing the National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Plan.

##### *Biosecurity: Grants Supporting Biosecurity Programmes and Initiatives*

This category is limited to the funding of grants to capture data and information, undertake research and development projects, carry out disease and pest management and other activities supporting biosecurity.

#### **Non-Departmental Other Expenses**

##### *Biosecurity: Compensation and ex-gratia payments following a Biosecurity Event*

This category is limited to the expenses incurred as a result of compensation and ex-gratia payments arising from Biosecurity events.

##### *Compensation and Ex-Gratia Payments in Response to Mycoplasma bovis*

This category is limited to the payment of compensation and ex-gratia payments relating to actions taken to manage Mycoplasma bovis under the Biosecurity Act 1993.

*Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>425,833</b>	<b>60,676</b>	<b>486,509</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management	80,952	22,832	103,784
Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance	170,605	6,333	176,938
Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance	35,184	(6,779)	28,405
Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance	70,339	15,882	86,221
Response to Mycoplasma bovis	6,055	-	6,055
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Biosecurity: Control of Bovine TB	24,000	-	24,000
Biosecurity: Grants Supporting Biosecurity Programmes and Initiatives	25,688	9,034	34,722
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
Biosecurity: Compensation and ex-gratia payments following a Biosecurity Event	10	374	384
Compensation and Ex-Gratia Payments in Response to Mycoplasma bovis	13,000	13,000	26,000
<b>Funding for Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Revenue from the Crown</b>	<b>175,662</b>	<b>26,537</b>	<b>202,199</b>
Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management	80,177	19,666	99,843
Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance	639	1,522	2,161
Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance	26,485	(6,779)	19,706
Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance	66,067	12,128	78,195
Response to Mycoplasma bovis	2,294	-	2,294
<b>Revenue from Others</b>	<b>187,473</b>	<b>11,731</b>	<b>199,204</b>
Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management	775	3,166	3,941
Border Biosecurity Monitoring and Clearance	169,966	4,811	174,777
Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance	8,699	-	8,699
Domestic Biosecurity Surveillance	4,272	3,754	8,026
Response to Mycoplasma bovis	3,761	-	3,761

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Border Biosecurity Systems Development and Maintenance</b>			
Percentage of export certificates issued annually that meet biosecurity and phytosanitary technical requirements of overseas competent authorities (see Note 1)	99%	99% or more	99% or more

Note 1 - 'Overseas competent authorities' is a World Trade Organisation term that defines a specific group of authorities. This measure applies to biosecurity and phytosanitary export certificates for plants, plant products, forestry, live animals, germplasm and hatching eggs. The annual standard has been updated for clarity.

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The appropriation increased by \$60.676 million to \$486.509 million for 2025/26 mainly due to:

- \$16.500 million retention of 2024/25 underspends to fund biosecurity responses
- \$13 million transfer from 2024/25 to fund Mycoplasma bovis compensation payments
- \$10 million of new funding in response to Vespa velutina (yellow-legged hornets)
- \$4.467 million of baseline funding uplift to meet volume and demand pressures
- \$3.300 million fund transferred in to support the National Animal Identification and Tracing (NAIT) system
- \$3 million funding transfer from Department of Conservation to support Wilding Conifer Control programme
- \$2.543 million transfer from MBIE to support the implementation of the Gene Technology Bill
- \$2.200 million funding transferred from 2024/25 to support Exotic caulerpa management programme
- \$1.876 million fund transferred in to support the Animal Health Laboratory, and
- \$1.201 million increase in the third-party funding for the extended Biosecurity Surveillance Programme.

## Development and Implementation of Primary Industries Policy Advice (M2) (A14)

### *Overarching Purpose Statement*

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide both policy and operational advice and support to Ministers in discharging their policy and operational decision-making responsibilities with regards to primary industries.

### *Scope of Appropriation*

#### **Departmental Output Expenses**

##### *Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing*

This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to agriculture and climate change.

##### *Animal Welfare: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing*

This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to animal welfare.

##### *Biosecurity: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing*

This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to biosecurity.

##### *Fisheries Policy Advice*

This category is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on Government policy matters relating to the development of standards and guidelines for the sustainable and efficient utilisation of New Zealand's fisheries and promotion of New Zealand's interests in an international context.

##### *Food Safety: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing*

This category is limited to supporting Ministers on Government policy matters through the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies), implementation of policy decisions, operational policy, administering legislation, and ministerial servicing relating to food safety.

##### *Operational Advice on Sustainability and Management Controls in Fisheries*

This category is limited to operational advice to support decision-making by Ministers on Government policy matters relating to operational advice on sustainability and management controls for New Zealand's fisheries.

##### *Trade and Market Access Primary Industries*

This category is limited to the implementation of government interventions, including the coordination of activities, development and delivery of frameworks that facilitate international trade in primary products with the exception of food-related safety aspects, and implementation of agreements and arrangements which influence and improve multilateral, regional and bilateral relationships.

*Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>156,392</b>	<b>(13,160)</b>	<b>143,232</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	73,552	(18,144)	55,408
Animal Welfare: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	8,238	552	8,790
Biosecurity: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	7,004	603	7,607
Fisheries Policy Advice	9,157	2,685	11,842
Food Safety: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	6,911	400	7,311
Operational Advice on Sustainability and Management Controls in Fisheries	35,165	(1,120)	34,045
Trade and Market Access Primary Industries	16,365	1,864	18,229
<b>Funding for Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Revenue from the Crown</b>	<b>153,438</b>	<b>(13,341)</b>	<b>140,097</b>
Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	73,233	(18,325)	54,908
Animal Welfare: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	8,229	552	8,781
Biosecurity: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	6,938	603	7,541
Fisheries Policy Advice	6,865	2,685	9,550
Food Safety: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	6,837	400	7,237
Operational Advice on Sustainability and Management Controls in Fisheries	34,971	(1,120)	33,851
Trade and Market Access Primary Industries	16,365	1,864	18,229
<b>Revenue from Others</b>	<b>2,954</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>3,135</b>
Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	319	181	500
Animal Welfare: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	9	-	9
Biosecurity: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	66	-	66
Fisheries Policy Advice	2,292	-	2,292
Food Safety: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	74	-	74
Operational Advice on Sustainability and Management Controls in Fisheries	194	-	194

*How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation*

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Technical quality assessment level for MPI policy advice papers, on a scale of 1 to 5 (see Note 1)	3.5 or higher	-	3.5 or higher

Note 1 - This performance indicator assesses the quality of MPI's policy advice using the Policy Quality Review (PQR) process. The process aligns with guidance from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Policy Quality Framework (A guide for panels assessing policy advice papers with the Policy Quality Framework), which sets expectations for high-quality policy advice. From 2025/26 onward, MPI policy papers will be reviewed by an internal quality assessment panel. This contextual note has been updated to better reflect change in process.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Agriculture: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing</b>			
Percentage of agriculture-related requests completed within either specified or statutory timeframes:			
Written Parliamentary Questions (Proposed responses completed within agreed timeframes) (see Note 1)	95-100%	95-100%	95-100%
<b>Animal Welfare: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing</b>			
Percentage of animal welfare-related requests completed within either specified or statutory timeframes:			
Written Parliamentary Questions (Proposed responses completed within agreed timeframes) (see Note 1)	95-100%	95-100%	95-100%
<b>Biosecurity: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing</b>			
Percentage of biosecurity-related requests completed within either specified or statutory timeframes:			
Written Parliamentary Questions (Proposed responses completed within agreed timeframes) (see Note 1)	95-100%	95-100%	95-100%
<b>Food Safety: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing</b>			
Percentage of food safety-related requests completed within either specified or statutory timeframes:			
Written Parliamentary Questions (Proposed responses completed within agreed timeframes) (see Note 1)	95-100%	95-100%	95-100%

Note 1 - The parliamentary timeframe to respond to a WPQ is six working days. MPI aims to provide the Minister with a proposed response within agreed timeframes. The performance indicator has been updated to better reflect process.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The appropriation decreased by \$13.160 million to \$143.232 million for 2025/26 due to:

- \$8.168 million fund transferred out resulting from appropriation changes driven by cost allocation rules
- \$7.568 million fund transferred out for conditional grants to support productive and sustainable land use
- \$1 million fund transferred out to fund Subscriptions to International Organisations

- \$600,000 fund transferred out to fund Food Standards Australia New Zealand membership
- \$480,000 reduction related to services provided to the fishing industry
- \$250,000 fund transferred out for the response to the impacts of recent adverse weather events, and
- \$150,000 fund transferred out to fund increase in subscription payable to international organisations.

The decrease has been offset by increase of \$5.056 million as follows:

- \$4.875 million additional funding by swapping capital expenditure for operating expenditure for the SharePoint Project, and
- \$181,000 additional funding from other public agencies for the Head of Communications position.

## **Fisheries: Managing the Resource Sustainably (M102) (A14)**

### *Overarching Purpose Statement*

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to manage the sustainable use of fisheries resources and protection of the aquatic environment.

### *Scope of Appropriation*

#### **Departmental Output Expenses**

##### *Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring*

This category is limited to informing, assisting, directing and enforcing adherence to New Zealand fisheries laws.

##### *Fisheries Management*

This category is limited to implementing ministerial decisions on sustainability and management controls for New Zealand fisheries.

##### *Fisheries: Aquaculture*

This category is limited to implementing aquaculture policy advice, supporting and monitoring the growth of the aquaculture industry.

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

##### *Fisheries: Grants to Manage Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources*

This category is limited to the funding of grants to manage the sustainable use of fisheries resources, protection of the aquatic environment and delivery of aquaculture.

#### **Non-Departmental Other Expenses**

##### *Fisheries Quota Shares & ACE Administration Costs*

This category is limited to the administration of the sale of Crown Quota Shares and Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE).

*Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>84,262</b>	<b>(360)</b>	<b>83,902</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring	65,931	(1,620)	64,311
Fisheries Management	13,666	700	14,366
Fisheries: Aquaculture	3,316	400	3,716
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Fisheries: Grants to Manage Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources	1,200	160	1,360
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
Fisheries Quota Shares & ACE Administration Costs	149	-	149
<b>Funding for Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Revenue from the Crown</b>	<b>78,467</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>79,147</b>
Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring	62,376	(420)	61,956
Fisheries Management	12,791	700	13,491
Fisheries: Aquaculture	3,300	400	3,700
<b>Revenue from Others</b>	<b>4,446</b>	<b>(1,200)</b>	<b>3,246</b>
Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring	3,555	(1,200)	2,355
Fisheries Management	875	-	875
Fisheries: Aquaculture	16	-	16

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Fisheries Enforcement and Monitoring</b>			
Percentage of commercial operators inspected are found to be voluntarily compliant (see Note 1)	80% or above	-	80% or above
Percentage of recreational fishers inspected are found to be voluntarily compliant (see Note 2)	90% or above	-	90% or above
<b>Fisheries Management</b>			
Percentage of fisheries management-related requests completed within either specified or statutory timeframes:			
Written Parliamentary Questions (Proposed responses completed within agreed timeframes) (see Note 3)	95-100%	95-100%	95-100%
<b>Fisheries: Aquaculture</b>			
Percentage of agreed New Zealand Aquaculture Development Plan deliverables completed (see Note 4)	80%	80% or above	80% or above

Note 1 - The measure assesses the impact and effectiveness of education programmes, risk of detection, severity of punishment and other compliance drivers on observed compliance rates. 'Voluntarily compliant' means that routine inspection finds the operators to be compliant by their own volition, without any intervention by compliance officers. This contextual note has been updated for clarity.

Note 2 - The performance indicator assesses the impact and effectiveness of education programmes, risk of detection, severity of punishment and other compliance drivers on observed compliance rates. This contextual note has been added to provide more context.

Note 3 -The parliamentary timeframe to respond to a WPQ is six working days. MPI aims to provide the Minister with a proposed response within agreed timeframes. The performance indicator has been updated to better reflect process.

Note 4 - The Aquaculture Development Plan sets out actions the Government will take to enable the aquaculture industry to reach \$3 billion in annual revenue by 2035. Deliverables under this plan aim to maximise the value from existing space, extend aquaculture into the open ocean, realise the potential of the aquaculture settlement, and identify and implement the best new opportunities. The wording of performance indicator (Percentage of agreed annual Aquaculture Strategy Implementation Plan deliverables that are completed) has been updated to reflect change of scope, and this contextual note has also been updated to reflect the change in performance indicator.

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The appropriation decreased by \$360,000 to \$83.902 million for 2025/26 due to a \$1.420 million reduction resulting from lower Fisheries and Conservation Services levies, offset by \$900,000 fund transferred in due to appropriation changes driven by cost allocation rules and \$160,000 fund transferred in to support the Seafood Sector Support Network Trust.

## Food Safety: Protecting Consumers (M33) (A14)

### *Overarching Purpose Statement*

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from food borne disease and maintain and enhance New Zealand's reputation as a trusted supplier of safe and suitable food.

### *Scope of Appropriation*

#### **Departmental Output Expenses**

##### *Food Safety: Assurance*

This category is limited to justifying and delivering assurances to consumers, the public, overseas authorities and other stakeholders that food, food-related products and inputs into the production of food (whether undertaken or produced in New Zealand or imported) are managed, audited, approved, registered and/or monitored in accordance with New Zealand legislation and, for exports, relevant importing countries' market access requirements.

##### *Food Safety: Information*

This category is limited to engagement of, and information for, stakeholders about food safety and suitability, to encourage participation in, and compliance with, the food regulatory programme, and to enable consumers to make appropriate food choices.

##### *Food Safety: Response*

This category is limited to the investigation of, preparedness for, and response to, food related events, incidents, emergencies, complaints and suspected breaches of legislation and taking appropriate sanctions and enforcement action.

##### *Food Safety: Standards*

This category is limited to the scientific inputs and development and implementation of food related standards (including as appropriate international and joint Australia/New Zealand standards) and standards related to inputs into food production, imports, exports, new and emerging issues and the domestic market.

##### *Food Safety: Trade and Market Access Food Safety*

This category is limited to the coordination of activities, development and delivery of frameworks that facilitate the food-related safety aspects of international trade in primary products, and implementation of agreements and arrangements which influence and improve multilateral, regional and bilateral relationships.

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

##### *Food Safety Science and Research*

This category is limited to the promotion, coordination and delivery of food safety science and research.

#### **Non-Departmental Other Expenses**

##### *Food Safety: Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty*

This category is limited to the development of joint food standards, codes of practice, and guidance material for Australia and New Zealand by Food Standards Australia New Zealand in accordance with the Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty.

*Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>146,712</b>	<b>12,901</b>	<b>159,613</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Food Safety: Assurance	98,805	7,609	106,414
Food Safety: Information	5,078	715	5,793
Food Safety: Response	10,101	949	11,050
Food Safety: Standards	22,247	481	22,728
Food Safety: Trade and Market Access Food Safety	7,681	2,547	10,228
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Food Safety Science and Research	700	-	700
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
Food Safety: Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty	2,100	600	2,700
<b>Funding for Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Revenue from the Crown</b>	<b>42,770</b>	<b>7,217</b>	<b>49,987</b>
Food Safety: Assurance	16,874	2,914	19,788
Food Safety: Information	5,076	715	5,791
Food Safety: Response	9,741	949	10,690
Food Safety: Standards	5,464	481	5,945
Food Safety: Trade and Market Access Food Safety	5,615	2,158	7,773
<b>Revenue from Others</b>	<b>101,142</b>	<b>5,084</b>	<b>106,226</b>
Food Safety: Assurance	81,931	4,695	86,626
Food Safety: Information	2	-	2
Food Safety: Response	360	-	360
Food Safety: Standards	16,783	-	16,783
Food Safety: Trade and Market Access Food Safety	2,066	389	2,455

*How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation*

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Rate of domestically acquired foodborne campylobacteriosis per 100,000 people (see Note 1)	New performance indicator	Reduction from 76 to 65/100,000 people by Dec 2030	Reduction from 76 to 65/100,000 people by Dec 2030

Note 1 - This performance indicator of "a 15% reduction from 76 to 65 cases per 100,000 people for notified foodborne campylobacteriosis" is tracked annually (per calendar year) until December 2030. This performance indicator has been re-introduced in the financial year 2025-26. The proportion of overall campylobacteriosis attributed to food sources, rather than other pathways of transmission such as water or animal contact, is calculated using an attribution factor of 75%.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Food Safety: Assurance</b>			
Percentage of corrective actions issued to operators, during verification activities by MPI's verification services, are closed by the operator as per the agreed date (see Note 1)	85%	85% or above	85% or above
Percentage of complete applications submitted by new food businesses registered within 20 working days (see Note 2)	90%	5% or above	95% or above
<b>Food Safety: Information</b>			
Average rating of customer satisfaction from exporters rates the overall satisfaction level with MPI's Exporter Help as 5 or higher on a rating scale of 1 to 7. (Satisfaction rating - 1 being completely dissatisfied to 7 being completely satisfied) (see Note 3)	75%	Equal to or more than 5	Equal to or more than 5
<b>Food Safety: Response</b>			
Percentage of Food Compliance investigations resolved within the required timeframe (see Note 4)	90%	90% or above	90% or above
Percentage of Serious Food Compliance investigations commenced within 24 hours (see Note 5)	95-100%	95% or above	95% or above
Percentage of Food Compliance recall files closed within the required timeframe (see Note 6)	95%	95% or above	95% or above
<b>Food Safety: Standards</b>			
Percentage of export certificates issued annually that enabled exports of Animal Products and Wine as per certification requirements of overseas competent authorities (see Note 7)	99%	99% or above	99% or above
Minimum number of new or updated standards and/or guidance published for the financial year for cost recovered sectors (see Note 8)	Achieved	20	20

Note 1 - Corrective Action Requests are identified during verification activities as issued by MPI's Verification Services to the operator. A date for completion is agreed between the verifier and the operator based on the severity of the Corrective Action Request and the realistic time required to rectify. The performance indicator (Percentage of Verification Services corrective actions that are closed out by the agreed date) and contextual note have been updated for clarity.

Note 2 - All applications are assessed before registration. Both risk-based measures and food importer registration applications under the Food Act are included in the scope of this measure. The annual standard has been updated for clarity.

Note 3 - The performance indicator "Percentage of exporters rate the overall satisfaction level with Exporter Regulatory Advice Service as 5 or higher (satisfaction rating - 1 being completely dissatisfied to 7 being completely satisfied)" has been updated to better reflect performance by focusing on the overall customer satisfaction. The annual standard has been updated to align with the change in performance indicator.

Note 4 - Food Compliance Services uses two categories of timeframes for investigations:

- percentage of non-complex investigations resolved within 6 months, and
- percentage of complex investigations resolved within legislative requirements (eg, under the Food Act 2014, the Animal Products Act 1999, the Wine Act 2003 and/or the Criminal Procedure Act 2011).

Calculations for this performance indicator include Food Compliance investigations created in January of the calendar year, as the indicator assesses whether an investigation is resolved within 6 months. The assessment for this can only occur at the point in which an investigation is due to close.

The performance indicator (Percentage of investigations resolved within the required timeframe) has been updated for clarity, and contextual note has been updated also to align with the change in performance indicator and clarify the timeline of reporting period.

Note 5 - MPI considers 'Serious Food Compliance investigations' to include reports where there is imminent risk to public health, any deliberate action to contaminate food, actual or potential damage to New Zealand's trading reputation, and foodborne illness outbreaks. The performance indicator (Percentage of serious food safety complaints where investigations are commenced within 24 hours of the MPI assessment being made) has been updated to clarify scope of measure. The annual standard and contextual note have been updated also for clarity.

Note 6 - The performance indicator (Percentage of food recall investigations are closed within the required timeframe) has been updated for clarity. The annual standard and contextual note have been updated also for clarity.

- Food recall files are created if action may be required to remove product from distribution. This is determined following an assessment of information by Food Compliance Services.
- Calculations for this performance indicator will include Food Compliance recall files from April in the calendar year, as the indicator assesses whether a recall file was closed within 60 working days. The assessment can only occur at the point in which a recall file is due to close.

Note 7 - 'Overseas competent authorities' is a World Trade Organisation term that defines a specific group of authorities. Certificate requirements are the export documentation requirements of importing countries, which vary from country to country. The annual standard has been updated for clarity.

Note 8 - Cost recovery helps fund a range of core regulatory services that benefit industry sectors. Costs are recovered either through levies or fees. The development of standards and guidance are predominantly funded by levies and Crown revenue. The performance indicator (New or updated standards and/or guidance developed for the year, as agreed with cost recovered sectors) has been updated to quantify the result, and the contextual note has been updated to align with the change in wording of performance indicator.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The appropriation increased by \$12.901 million to \$159.613 million for 2025/26 due to:

- \$5.084 million additional funding as a result of Annual Package Adjustments for the Dairy Processor Levy and Dairy Exporter Activity Levy
- \$4.449 million fund transferred from 2024/25 to support the Future of Certification Programme
- \$2.768 million fund transferred in due to appropriation changes driven by cost allocation rules, and
- \$600,000 fund transferred in for Food Standards Australia New Zealand membership.