

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	2025/26		
	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.	1,086	-	1,086
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	1,086	-	1,086
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Stafford Litigation Settlement Costs (M5) (A2) This appropriation is limited to Crown settlement costs as part of the Stafford v Attorney-General litigation.	-	422,500	422,500
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	-	422,500	422,500
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.	134,807	(1,700)	133,107
Departmental Output Expenses			
Conduct of Criminal Appeals from Crown Prosecutions This category is limited to conducting appeals arising from Crown prosecutions.	11,177	-	11,177
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.	12,448	(2,700)	9,748
Public Prosecution Services This category is limited to the provision and supervision of a national Crown prosecution service and oversight of public prosecutions.	77,573	-	77,573
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.	33,609	1,000	34,609
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	134,807	(1,700)	133,107
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	135,893	420,800	556,693

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		
	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

	2025/26				
	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	-	-	422,500	422,500	422,500
Capital Expenditure	1,086	-	-	-	1,086
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	134,807	(1,700)	-	(1,700)	133,107
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	135,893	(1,700)	422,500	420,800	556,693
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 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Stafford Litigation Settlement Costs (M5) (A2)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to Crown settlement costs as part of the Stafford v Attorney-General litigation.

Expenses

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	422,500	422,500

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve processing of a one-off Crown settlement for the Stafford v Attorney-General litigation.

End of Year Performance Reporting

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the PFA, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is established to process a one-off Crown settlement for the Stafford v Attorney-General litigation.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This non-departmental appropriation was established in 2025/26 to process a one-off Crown settlement for the Stafford v Attorney-General litigation.

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

Departmental Output Expenses

Conduct of Criminal Appeals from Crown Prosecutions

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

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.

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

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	134,807	(1,700)	133,107
Departmental Output Expenses			
Conduct of Criminal Appeals from Crown Prosecutions	11,177	-	11,177
Law Officer Constitutional and Criminal Law Duties	12,448	(2,700)	9,748
Public Prosecution Services	77,573	-	77,573
Strategic and Operational Legal Advice and Representation	33,609	1,000	34,609

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	104,017	(2,700)	101,317
Conduct of Criminal Appeals from Crown Prosecutions	11,127	-	11,127
Law Officer Constitutional and Criminal Law Duties	12,378	(2,700)	9,678
Public Prosecution Services	77,553	-	77,553
Strategic and Operational Legal Advice and Representation	2,959	-	2,959
Revenue from Others	30,790	1,000	31,790
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	30,650	1,000	31,650

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

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Strategic and Operational Legal Advice and Representation			
Departmental lawyers who access System Advice agree it saves them time and/or improves the quality of their work	Baseline standard to be determined	75%	75%

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$1.700 million to \$133.107 million for 2025/26 due to:

- a \$1 million increase in the amount appropriated for the revenue department portion of the MCA - strategic and operational legal advice and representation to allow incurring expenditure on a cost recovery basis, offset by
- an expense transfer of \$2.700 million from 2025/26 to the next three years to fund the implementation and licencing costs associated with the legal practice management system and the financial management information system.