

Vote Internal Affairs

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery (M11), Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector (M15), Minister for Ethnic Communities (M30), Minister of Internal Affairs (M41), Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services (M47), Minister of Local Government (M49), Minister for Racing (M55), Minister for the Public Service and Digitising Government (M66)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Department of Internal Affairs (A6)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS: Minister of Internal Affairs

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 Output Expenses			
Contestable Services RDA (M41) (A6) Providing translation and other language services to government agencies and the public, and support services to government agencies.	3,200	(1,200)	2,000
Local Government Policy and Related Services (M49) (A6) This appropriation is limited to the provision of policy advice, system stewardship and leadership, and services to support Ministers to discharge their responsibilities relating to the local government portfolio.	33,806	8,300	42,106
Total Departmental Output Expenses	37,006	7,100	44,106
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Department of Internal Affairs - Capital Expenditure PLA (M41) (A6) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Department of Internal Affairs, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	100,000	(34,414)	65,586
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	100,000	(34,414)	65,586
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Classification of Films, Videos and Publications (M41) (A6) This appropriation is limited to the examination and classification of films, videos and publications by the Office of Film and Literature Classification under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993.	3,278	188	3,466
Fire and Emergency New Zealand - Public Good Services (M41) (A6) This appropriation is limited to the Crown contribution towards the public good component of services provided by Fire and Emergency New Zealand.	8,000	-	8,000
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	11,278	188	11,466
Benefits or Related Expenses			
Rates Rebate Scheme (M49) (A6) This appropriation is limited to assistance with rates for low-income residential ratepayers, as authorised by the Rates Rebate Act 1973.	114,000	-	114,000
Total Benefits or Related Expenses	114,000	-	114,000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Executive Council and Members of the Executive - Salaries and Allowances PLA (M47) (A6) This appropriation is limited to the cost of salaries and allowances for the Executive Council and Members of the Executive, as authorised by section 8(4) of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Services) Act 2013.	12,380	-	12,380
Former Governors-General - Annuities and Other Payments PLA (M47) (A6) This appropriation is limited to annuities and payments in respect of other benefits and privileges to former Governors-General and their surviving spouses or partners, as authorised by section 12 of the Governor-General Act 2010.	608	-	608

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Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Former Prime Ministers - Annuities PLA (M47) (A6) This appropriation is limited to annuities for former Prime Ministers and their surviving spouses or partners, as authorised by section 43(6) of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Services) Act 2013.	319	27	346
Former Prime Ministers - Domestic Travel PLA (M47) (A6) This appropriation is limited to costs of domestic travel by former Prime Ministers and their spouses or partners, as authorised by Section 44(4) of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Services) Act 2013.	481	25	506
Local Authority Emergency Expenses PLA (M11) (A6) This appropriation is limited to reimbursing a local authority for, or meeting, expenses incurred by a local authority in connection with an emergency as authorised by section 115A of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.	-	4,630	4,630
Miscellaneous Grants - Internal Affairs (M41) (A6) This appropriation is limited to payments to individuals or organisations to assist in building a strong and safe nation through serving and connecting citizens, communities and Government.	-	1,214	1,214
Racing Safety Development Fund (M55) (A6) This appropriation is limited to matching racing industry contributions towards enhancing racecourse safety and raising the quality of facilities at racecourses.	990	-	990
Supporting Local Government with Natural Hazard Events (M49) (A6) This appropriation is limited to assisting local authorities to deliver effective local government services associated with preventing or responding to adverse natural events or natural hazards.	10,178	5,700	15,878
Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board PLA (M49) (A6) This appropriation is limited to payment to Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board to provide for continued public access to Lake Taupō, based upon a 2007 agreement between the Crown and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and in accordance with section 10(2) of the Māori Trust Boards Act 1955.	1,554	2	1,556
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	26,510	11,598	38,108
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Chatham Islands Wharves MCA (M41) (A6) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to achieve the recognition of operational, maintenance, minor capital and depreciation expenditure associated with Chatham Islands Wharves.	2,880	648	3,528
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Chatham Islands Wharves - Administration Costs</i> This category is limited to the administration of funding for the Chatham Islands wharves.	50	-	50
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs</i> This category is limited to the costs of operation, maintenance and depreciation associated with the Chatham Islands wharves.	2,630	648	3,278
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
<i>Capital Investments - Chatham Islands Wharves</i> This category is limited to upgrading of Crown owned wharf facilities associated with the Chatham Islands.	200	-	200

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Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Civic Information Services MCA (M41) (A6)	234,492	9,737	244,229
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to contribute to the collection, management and provision of access to New Zealand's civic and identity information.			
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Managing and Accessing Identity Information</i>	233,479	9,983	243,462
This category is limited to providing effective management of New Zealand's records of identity, authenticating official documents and coordinating the congratulatory message service.			
<i>Publishing Civic Information</i>	897	(246)	651
This category is limited to publishing information through the New Zealand Gazette.			
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Development of On-line Authentication Services</i>	116	-	116
This category is limited to services provided by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner related to identity authentication, identity assertion and identity verification, and information sharing agreements.			
Community Development and Funding Schemes MCA (M15) (A6)	26,706	8,684	35,390
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support communities and voluntary sector organisations so they become stronger, more cohesive and resilient.			
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Administration of Grants</i>	2,825	-	2,825
This category is limited to administration of the processes supporting government grant funding schemes, from receiving applications to monitoring grant recipients.			
<i>Community Development and Engagement Advice</i>	4,948	-	4,948
This category is limited to the provision of advisory support and information (including information related to accessing grants) to support community groups with community development.			
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Community and Volunteering Capability Fund</i>	1,933	-	1,933
This category is limited to providing funding to community and volunteer groups to promote and strengthen their capability and capacity.			
<i>Community Organisation Grants Scheme</i>	12,500	-	12,500
This category is limited to providing locally distributed grants to community organisations for programmes that provide social services.			
<i>Community-led Development</i>	4,400	-	4,400
This category is limited to providing grants to community organisations for projects to achieve improved economic, social and cultural wellbeing.			
<i>Disarmament Education Grants</i>	100	-	100
This category is limited to providing grants to fund activities to support New Zealand non-government organisations in the disarmament education field.			
<i>National Day of Reflection Fund</i>	-	1,000	1,000
This category is limited to providing grants to non-government organisations representing survivors of abuse in care who are organising and/or hosting events and activities as part of the National Day of Reflection on 12 November 2025.			
<i>Public Apology for Abuse in Care Fund</i>	-	2,684	2,684
This category is limited to providing grants to non-government organisations delivering support services to survivors of abuse in care and to local authorities to memorialise unmarked graves associated with psychiatric hospitals and psychopaedic sites, or other institutions.			
<i>Safer Communities Fund</i>	-	5,000	5,000
This category is limited to providing grants for initiatives to provide increased security for at-risk communities against hate crimes and terrorism.			

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Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Emergency Management Leadership and Support MCA (M11) (A6)	-	50,980	50,980
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support leadership of the all-hazards, all-risk emergency management system so that it reduces risk and is ready and able to provide an effective and integrated response to, and recovery from, emergencies.			
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery</i>	-	44,402	44,402
This category is limited to advice to Ministers and the emergency management sector on the design, operation and performance of the emergency management system; building the capability and capacity of the emergency management sector (including communities) to plan for, respond to and recover from emergencies; and leading and supporting response to and recovery from emergencies.			
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery</i>	-	6,185	6,185
This category is limited to grants, contributions and other payments to support communities and the emergency management sector in New Zealand and Pacific Realm countries on matters relating to emergency risk reduction, readiness, response and recovery.			
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
<i>Emergency Risk Reduction and Readiness - Capital Expenditure</i>	-	393	393
This category is limited to capital expenditure and capital contributions to the emergency management sector in New Zealand for matters relating to emergency risk reduction and readiness.			
Government Digital Services MCA (M66) (A6)	49,765	(14,709)	35,056
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to lead digital transformation across government.			
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Digital Identity Services Trust Framework</i>	2,711	(780)	1,931
This category is limited to the establishment and operation of the Digital Identity Regulator and associated regime.			
<i>Digital Skills Development in the Public Sector</i>	1,428	(153)	1,275
This category is limited to the delivery and management of Digital Skills in the Public Sector, and to advance the implementation of the Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA) in the public sector.			
<i>Government Digital Strategy, System Investment and Leadership</i>	13,485	(4,015)	9,470
This category is limited to the development and support of the system leadership role of the Government Chief Digital Officer, providing oversight of the Government's digital investments, and advice services to implement the government digital strategy, architecture and assurance framework.			
<i>System Capabilities, Services and Platforms</i>	32,141	(9,761)	22,380
This category is limited to the development, support and governance of cross-government system capabilities, services and platforms to deliver digital and data transformation.			

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Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Local Government Administration MCA (M49) (A6)	14,622	-	14,622
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to administer local government legislation and relevant regulations and assets.			
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Local Government Services</i>	4,926	(750)	4,176
This category is limited to administering the Local Government related legislations and regulations, including the Rates Rebate Scheme, providing regulatory and boating services for Lake Taupō (including providing the Harbourmaster and managing the Lake Taupō Landing Reserve) and governance and management of the National Dog Control Information Database.			
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Water Services Regulator</i>	4,642	-	4,642
This category is limited to supporting the water services regulator in meeting its statutory responsibilities.			
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Chatham Islands Council</i>	4,203	-	4,203
This category is limited to contribution to the cost of the Chatham Islands Council meeting its statutory responsibilities.			
<i>Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance Costs</i>	771	750	1,521
This category is limited to depreciation and maintenance costs associated with Crown-owned assets at Lake Taupō.			
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
<i>Capital Investments - Lake Taupō</i>	80	-	80
This category is limited to upgrading of boating facilities at Lake Taupō.			
National Archival and Library Services MCA (M41) (A6)	177,425	271	177,696
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to contribute to the collection, management and provision of access to knowledge and information for New Zealand and support government accountability.			
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Knowledge and Information Services</i>	170,833	271	171,104
This category is limited to the collection, acquisition, preservation, management and provision of access to heritage information and public archives, provision of operational advice and services to enable government accountability, provision of services to schools and to assist access to library collections and other information.			
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Public Lending Right for New Zealand Authors</i>	2,400	-	2,400
This category is limited to payment to New Zealand authors in recognition that their books are available for use in New Zealand libraries.			
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
<i>Heritage Collections - Annual</i>	4,192	-	4,192
This category is limited to the purchase and preservation of heritage content held and managed by Archives New Zealand and the National Library of New Zealand.			

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Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Offshore Betting Charges MCA (M55) (A6) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is for the operation of the offshore betting charges regime and distribution in accordance with the Racing Industry Act 2020 and related regulations.	5,050	-	5,050
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Administration of Offshore Betting Charges Regime</i> This category is limited to operational policy advice and services to administer the offshore betting charges regime in accordance with the Racing Industry Act 2020 and related regulations.	210	-	210
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Distribution of Offshore Betting Charges</i> This category is limited to distribution of funds for the purposes outlined in Section 118 of the Racing Industry Act 2020 and related regulations.	4,840	-	4,840
Policy and Related Services MCA (M41) (A6) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide policy advice and services to Ministers in order to support them to discharge their portfolio responsibilities.	13,416	4,335	17,751
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Crown Entity Monitoring</i> This category is limited to providing support, information and advice to Ministers to enable them to discharge their responsibilities (other than policy decision-making) for the Crown entities for which they are responsible.	647	-	647
<i>Machinery of Government Changes</i> This category is limited to providing advice on and giving effect to machinery of government changes.	-	4,014	4,014
<i>Policy and Related Services - Community and Voluntary Sector</i> This category is limited to the provision of policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to the community and voluntary sector.	1,468	-	1,468
<i>Policy and Related Services - Digitising Government</i> This category is limited to the provision of policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to digitising government.	2,027	-	2,027
<i>Policy and Related Services - Internal Affairs</i> This category is limited to the provision of policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to Internal Affairs.	7,310	(788)	6,522
<i>Policy and Related Services - Ministerial Services</i> This category is limited to the provision of policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to Ministerial Services.	522	-	522
<i>Policy and Related Services - Racing</i> This category is limited to the provision of policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to racing.	1,442	1,109	2,551
Regulatory Services MCA (M41) (A6) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the effective delivery of regulatory functions and services that are assigned to the Department of Internal Affairs (excluding Archives New Zealand).	70,624	(1,411)	69,213
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Charities Regulation</i> This category is limited to registration and monitoring of charities.	7,419	-	7,419

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Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
<i>Monitoring of TAB New Zealand</i> This category is limited to monitoring compliance with the TAB New Zealand's online monopoly and TAB New Zealand's compliance with its reporting obligations.	500	-	500
<i>Regulatory Services</i> This category is limited to the operational policy advice and services to administer all aspects of the regulatory functions and services (excluding public sector recordkeeping) that are assigned to the Department of Internal Affairs.	62,705	(1,411)	61,294
Services Supporting the Executive MCA (M47) (A6) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support the Government and the Executive to perform their role.	68,816	(447)	68,369
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Coordination of Official Visits and Events</i> This category is limited to managing programmes for visiting guests of Government, visiting guests of Parliament, State and ministerial functions, coordinating a range of services in support of ceremonial and commemorative events and facilitating passage of New Zealand and foreign dignitaries and others authorised by the Crown into and out of New Zealand.	7,220	1,162	8,382
<i>Support Services to Members of the Executive</i> This category is limited to providing support services for Members of the Executive, including in their capacity as a Member of Parliament, primarily through office personnel and administrative services, information and communication technology, and the provision and management of residential and office accommodation.	36,092	(3,602)	32,490
<i>VIP Transport Services</i> This category is limited to providing chauffeur-driven and self-drive vehicle services for parties specified in legislation, as authorised by Members of the Executive, or who otherwise meet qualifying criteria.	9,700	100	9,800
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Depreciation on Official Residences</i> This category is limited to depreciation on official residences owned by the Crown.	297	-	297
<i>Official Residences - Maintenance Costs</i> This category is limited to costs for maintaining official residences owned by the Crown.	1,048	493	1,541
<i>Services Supporting the Executive - Travel</i> This category is limited to domestic and international travel by Members of the Executive and approved accompanying parties.	14,459	400	14,859
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
<i>Capital Investments - Official Residences</i> This category is limited to capital improvements at official residences.	-	1,000	1,000
Support for Statutory and Other Bodies MCA (M41) (A6) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support statutory, advisory and other bodies to discharge their responsibilities.	36,036	4,928	40,964
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Commissions of Inquiry and Similar Bodies</i> This category is limited to supporting commissions of inquiry and similar bodies.	18,656	3,646	22,302
<i>Statutory Body Support - Gambling Commission</i> This category is limited to the provision of services and advice to the Gambling Commission to enable the Commission to discharge its responsibilities.	1,158	-	1,158

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Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
<i>Statutory Body Support - Local Government Commission</i> This category is limited to the provision of advisory and support services to the Local Government Commission in respect of its statutory functions.	1,440	-	1,440
<i>Support for Grant Funding Bodies - Community and Voluntary Sector</i> This category is limited to the provision of operational and secretariat support for grant funding bodies, and includes supporting member appointment processes. The focus of operational support is on processing grant applications and grant decisions on behalf of the grant funding bodies.	381	-	381
<i>Support for Grant Funding Bodies - Internal Affairs</i> This category is limited to the provision of operational and secretariat support for grant funding bodies, including supporting member appointment processes. The focus of operational support is on processing grant applications and grant decisions on behalf of the grant funding bodies.	13,811	599	14,410
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Statutory Inquiries</i> This category is limited to the payment of fees for statutory inquiries.	590	683	1,273
Supporting Ethnic Communities MCA (M30) (A6) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to improve the wellbeing of ethnic communities.	18,225	381	18,606
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Advisory and Information Services to assist Ethnic Communities</i> This category is limited to the provision of information, advisory and support services to ethnic communities.	9,012	381	9,393
<i>Policy and Related Services - Ethnic Communities</i> This category is limited to the provision of policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to ethnic communities.	4,981	-	4,981
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Ethnic Communities Grants</i> This category is limited to grants to improve wellbeing and participation in New Zealand society of ethnic communities.	4,232	-	4,232
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	718,057	63,397	781,454
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	1,006,851	47,869	1,054,720

Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Departmental Output Expenses		
Digital Safety Initiatives for the Pacific (M41) (A6) This appropriation is limited to the provision of advice, information, expertise and technology to improve digital safety for countries in the South Pacific. Commences: 01 July 2021 Expires: 30 June 2026	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	860 845 (150) 1,555 1,042 513 - -

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$'000
Tāhuhu - Preserving the Nation's Memory (M41) (A6) This appropriation is limited to supporting the upgrade and expansion of archival and library facilities and associated activities under the Tāhuhu - Preserving the Nation's Memory Programme. Commences: 01 July 2022 Expires: 30 June 2027	Original Appropriation	63,101
	Adjustments to 2024/25	15,283
	Adjustments for 2025/26	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	78,384
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	44,163
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	14,028
	Estimate for 2026/27	20,193
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-
Non-Departmental Output Expenses		
North Island Severe Weather Events - Administrative Services (M49) (A6) This appropriation is limited to the purchase of administrative services associated with delivery of the Crown's response to the 2023 North Island severe weather events. Commences: 01 July 2025 Expires: 30 June 2030	Original Appropriation	6,802
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	(2,377)
	Adjusted Appropriation	4,425
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	4,425
	Estimate for 2026/27	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-
Non-Departmental Other Expenses		
North Island Severe Weather Events (M49) (A6) This appropriation is limited to payments of grants and other payments associated with the Crown's response to the impacts of the 2023 North Island severe weather events. Commences: 01 July 2025 Expires: 30 June 2030	Original Appropriation	1,000
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	85,254
	Adjusted Appropriation	86,254
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	86,254
	Estimate for 2026/27	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-
Water Services Reform: Better Off Support Package (M49) (A6) This appropriation is limited to grants to support investment into community wellbeing, placemaking, housing, and climate related initiatives. Commences: 01 August 2022 Expires: 30 June 2027	Original Appropriation	500,000
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	(30,379)
	Adjusted Appropriation	469,621
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	342,285
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	127,336
	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	1,006,851	47,869	1,054,720
Total Forecast MYA Departmental Output Expenses	15,719	(1,178)	14,541
Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Output Expenses	3,625	800	4,425
Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Other Expenses	83,694	129,896	213,590
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations	1,109,889	177,387	1,287,276

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Department of Internal Affairs - Capital Injection (M41) (A6)	12,000	11,391	23,391

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	67,628	5,922	988	6,910	74,538
Benefits or Related Expenses	114,000	N/A	-	-	114,000
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	110,204	-	141,494	141,494	251,698
Capital Expenditure	100,000	(34,414)	-	(34,414)	65,586
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	661,582	44,161	-	44,161	705,743
<i>Other Expenses</i>	52,003	-	17,843	17,843	69,846
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	4,472	N/A	1,393	1,393	5,865
Total Appropriations	1,109,889	15,669	161,718	177,387	1,287,276
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

Contestable Services RDA (M41) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

Providing translation and other language services to government agencies and the public, and support services to government agencies.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$1.200 million to \$2 million in 2025/26 due to a decrease in demand for Translation Services.

Digital Safety Initiatives for the Pacific (M41) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Digital Safety Initiatives for the Pacific (M41) (A6) This appropriation is limited to the provision of advice, information, expertise and technology to improve digital safety for countries in the South Pacific. Commences: 01 July 2021 Expires: 30 June 2026	Original Appropriation	860
	Adjustments to 2024/25	845
	Adjustments for 2025/26	(150)
	Adjusted Appropriation	1,555
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	1,042
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	513
	Estimate for 2026/27	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$150,000 to \$1.555 million in 2025/26 due to a transfer of funding to the new multi-year appropriation, Digital Safety Initiatives for the Pacific 2027.

Local Government Policy and Related Services (M49) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the provision of policy advice, system stewardship and leadership, and services to support Ministers to discharge their responsibilities relating to the local government portfolio.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$8.300 million to \$42.106 million for 2025/26 due to:

- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to meet the costs of activities supporting the implementation of Local Water Done Well including supporting councils in the development of water services delivery operating models (increase of \$5 million), and
- funding to reconsider the structure of local government, given that the resource management reform will significantly reduce the role, discretion and functions of regional councils (increase of \$3.500 million).

These increases were partially offset by:

- a transfer of funding to the Policy and Related Services Multi-Category Appropriation to contribute towards the change management costs associated with Machinery of Government changes (decrease of \$200,000).

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Department of Internal Affairs - Capital Expenditure PLA (M41) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Department of Internal Affairs, 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	52,050	(8,414)	43,636
Intangibles	46,700	(26,000)	20,700
Other	1,250	-	1,250
Total Appropriation	100,000	(34,414)	65,586

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$34.414 million to \$65.586 million for 2025/26 due to:

- a realignment of the Department's capital expenditure programme (decrease of \$38 million).

This decrease was partially offset by:

- a transfer of funding from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs to reflect the transfer of hosting for the National Emergency Management Agency (increase of \$3.586 million).

*Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets***Department of Internal Affairs**

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	733,850	703,580	Supplementary Estimates opening balance reflects the audited results as at 30 June 2025.
Capital Injections	12,000	23,391	The increase of \$11.391 million reflects the transfer of the National Emergency Management Agency from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs (increase of \$7.423 million) and the transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer function to the Public Service Commission (increase of \$3.968 million).
Capital Withdrawals	(3,000)	(3,000)	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	(18,701)	(55,835)	The increase of \$37.134 million reflects the forecast increase in the net deficit of the memorandum account administered by the Department of Internal Affairs as at 30 June 2026.
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	724,149	668,136	

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Classification of Films, Videos and Publications (M41) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the examination and classification of films, videos and publications by the Office of Film and Literature Classification under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993.

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 entertainment classification decisions made within 30 working days (see Note 1)	New measure	90%	90%
Percentage of forensic classification decisions made within 55 working days (see Note 1)	New measure	85%	85%

Note 1 - These are new performance measures for 2025/26 and replace 'Percentage of classification decisions that are consistent with standards'.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$188,000 to \$3.466 million for 2025/26 due to a transfer of funding from the Policy and Related Services Multi-Category Appropriation to cover the costs associated with the transfer of the labelling body functions from the Film Video Labelling Body to the Office of Film and Literature Classification.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand - Public Good Services (M41) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the Crown contribution towards the public good component of services provided by Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

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 career crews who respond to medical emergencies within 8 minutes (see Note 1)	New measure	85%	85%
Percentage of volunteer crews who respond to medical emergencies within 11 minutes (see Note 1)	New measure	80%	80%

Note 1 - These are new performance measures for 2025/26 and replace 'Crown contributions are spent on public good services that are unrelated to property or motor vehicle insurance'.

North Island Severe Weather Events - Administrative Services (M49) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
North Island Severe Weather Events - Administrative Services (M49) (A6) This appropriation is limited to the purchase of administrative services associated with delivery of the Crown's response to the 2023 North Island severe weather events. Commences: 01 July 2025 Expires: 30 June 2030	Original Appropriation	6,802
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	(2,377)
	Adjusted Appropriation	4,425
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	4,425
	Estimate for 2026/27	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$2.377 million to \$4.425 million in 2025/26 due to:

- a transfer of funding associated with the transfer of Local Government functions to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport (decrease of \$3.177 million).

This decrease was partially offset by:

- a transfer of funding from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs for residual North Island Event Recovery activities (increase of \$800,000).

3.2 - Non-Departmental Benefits or Related Expenses

Rates Rebate Scheme (M49) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to assistance with rates for low-income residential ratepayers, as authorised by the Rates Rebate Act 1973.

Conditions on Use of Appropriation

Reference	Conditions
Rates Rebates Act 1973, section 3 Reference	Rebates are granted on the basis of a formula taking into account income, the number of dependants, the amount of rates owing, and whether the applicant is a SuperGold card holder.

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Former Prime Ministers - Annuities PLA (M47) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to annuities for former Prime Ministers and their surviving spouses or partners, as authorised by section 43(6) of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Services) Act 2013.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$27,000 to \$346,000 for 2025/26 due to a forecast increase in costs pursuant to the Parliamentary Annuities Determination 2024.

Former Prime Ministers - Domestic Travel PLA (M47) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to costs of domestic travel by former Prime Ministers and their spouses or partners, as authorised by Section 44(4) of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Services) Act 2013.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$25,000 to \$506,000 for 2025/26 due to a forecast increase to reflect the impact of cost increases on entitlements available to former Prime Ministers based on the Members of Parliament (Former Prime Ministers Travel Services) Determination 2017.

Local Authority Emergency Expenses PLA (M11) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to reimbursing a local authority for, or meeting, expenses incurred by a local authority in connection with an emergency as authorised by section 115A of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.

Expenses

	2025/26		Total \$000
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	
Total Appropriation	-	4,630	4,630

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve reimbursement of local authorities for the purposes of reimbursing, or meeting, expenses incurred by them in connection with an emergency as authorised by section 115A of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Percentage of claims received are assessed in conjunction with approved criteria as set out in section 33 of the Guide to the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan 2015 (see Note 1)	New measure	100%	100%

Note 1 - This is a new appropriation and new performance measures for 2025/26.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery in a report appended to the Department of Internal Affairs' Annual Report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation was established in 2025/26 to provide funding for reimbursing a local authority for, or meeting, expenses incurred by a local authority in connection with an emergency as authorised by section 115A of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (increase of \$4.630 million).

Miscellaneous Grants - Internal Affairs (M41) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to payments to individuals or organisations to assist in building a strong and safe nation through serving and connecting citizens, communities and Government.

Expenses

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	1,214	1,214

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve support for Fire and Emergency New Zealand to address unavoidable increases in fuel costs associated with critical operational activities.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation was re-established in 2025/26 to provide funding to address unavoidable increases in fuel costs associated with Fire and Emergency New Zealand's critical operational activities.

North Island Severe Weather Events (M49) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
North Island Severe Weather Events (M49) (A6) This appropriation is limited to payments of grants and other payments associated with the Crown's response to the impacts of the 2023 North Island severe weather events. Commences: 01 July 2025 Expires: 30 June 2030	Original Appropriation	1,000
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	85,254
	Adjusted Appropriation	86,254
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	86,254
	Estimate for 2026/27	-
Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-	

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$85.254 million to \$86.254 million in 2025/26 due to a transfer of funding from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs for residual North Island Event Recovery activities.

Racing Safety Development Fund (M55) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to matching racing industry contributions towards enhancing racecourse safety and raising the quality of facilities at racecourses.

Conditions on Use of Appropriation

Reference	Conditions
Cabinet Decision	The Racing Safety Development Fund supports projects that enhance safety in the racing industry and is open to all racing clubs and racing code bodies. Organisations that may receive grants from this fund are registered thoroughbred, harness racing clubs. The Department of Internal Affairs administers the Fund and supports a working group that makes final decisions on applications for funding. Further information on the Fund's criteria can be obtained from the application form, which is available from the Department of Internal Affairs.

Supporting Local Government with Natural Hazard Events (M49) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to assisting local authorities to deliver effective local government services associated with preventing or responding to adverse natural events or natural hazards.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$5.700 million to \$15.878 million for 2025/26 due to:

- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to realign funding for the Crown's co-investment in the Westport Flood Resilience programme for changes to construction delivery (increase of \$4.250 million), and
- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to allow for sufficient consideration of the Adaption Relief Fund parameters for allocation, ahead of the release of funds (increase of \$1.450 million).

Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board PLA (M49) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to payment to Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board to provide for continued public access to Lake Taupō, based upon a 2007 agreement between the Crown and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and in accordance with section 10(2) of the Māori Trust Boards Act 1955.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$2,000 to \$1.556 million for 2025/26 due to the CPI adjustment associated with the annual Deed of License in respect of the Taupō Waters payment to the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board.

Water Services Reform: Better Off Support Package (M49) (A6)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Water Services Reform: Better Off Support Package (M49) (A6) This appropriation is limited to grants to support investment into community wellbeing, placemaking, housing, and climate related initiatives. Commences: 01 August 2022 Expires: 30 June 2027	Original Appropriation	500,000
	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	(30,379)
	Adjusted Appropriation	469,621
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	342,285
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	127,336
	Estimate for 2026/27	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$30.379 million to \$469.621 million due to a transfer of funding associated with the transfer of Local Government functions to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport.

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Chatham Islands Wharves (M41) (A6)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to achieve the recognition of operational, maintenance, minor capital and depreciation expenditure associated with Chatham Islands Wharves.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Chatham Islands Wharves - Administration Costs

This category is limited to the administration of funding for the Chatham Islands wharves.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs

This category is limited to the costs of operation, maintenance and depreciation associated with the Chatham Islands wharves.

Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

Capital Investments - Chatham Islands Wharves

This category is limited to upgrading of Crown owned wharf facilities associated with the Chatham Islands.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	2,880	648	3,528
Departmental Output Expenses			
Chatham Islands Wharves - Administration Costs	50	-	50
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs	2,630	648	3,278
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Capital Investments - Chatham Islands Wharves	200	-	200
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	50	-	50
Chatham Islands Wharves - Administration Costs	50	-	50

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$648,000 to \$3.528 million for 2025/26.

The increase in the Chatham Islands Wharves - Operating Costs category was due to:

- a transfer of the 2024/25 underspend from the Chatham Islands Wharves - Operational Costs appropriation to the newly established Chatham Islands Wharves Multi-Category Appropriation, to help meet costs associated with improvements for wharves.

Civic Information Services (M41) (A6)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to contribute to the collection, management and provision of access to New Zealand's civic and identity information.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Managing and Accessing Identity Information

This category is limited to providing effective management of New Zealand's records of identity, authenticating official documents and coordinating the congratulatory message service.

Publishing Civic Information

This category is limited to publishing information through the New Zealand Gazette.

Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Development of On-line Authentication Services

This category is limited to services provided by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner related to identity authentication, identity assertion and identity verification, and information sharing agreements.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	234,492	9,737	244,229
Departmental Output Expenses			
Managing and Accessing Identity Information	233,479	9,983	243,462
Publishing Civic Information	897	(246)	651
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Development of On-line Authentication Services	116	-	116
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	29,939	3,162	33,101
Managing and Accessing Identity Information	29,939	3,162	33,101

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Revenue from Others	196,350	(28,709)	167,641
Managing and Accessing Identity Information	195,506	(28,698)	166,808
Publishing Civic Information	844	(11)	833

Components of the Appropriation

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Managing and Accessing Identity Information			
Passports	145,844	6,821	152,665
Citizenship	38,960	-	38,960
Births, Deaths and Marriages and Civil Unions, authenticating official documents and congratulatory message service	26,083	3,162	29,245
RealMe	20,752	-	20,752
Life Events	1,840	-	1,840
Total	233,479	9,983	243,462
Publishing Civic Information			
New Zealand Gazette	897	(246)	651
Total	897	(246)	651
Non-Departmental Output Expense			
Developing On-line Authentication Services			
Developing On-line Authentication Services	116	-	116
Total	116	-	116

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$9.737 million to \$244.229 million for 2025/26.

The increase in the Managing and Accessing Identity Information category was due to:

- an increase in expenditure to reflect courier fee charges for Passports (increase of \$6.821 million), and
- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 for civil registration (increase of \$3.524 million).

These increases were partially offset by:

- an expense transfer from 2025/26 to 2026/27 to progress a business case for investment in modernising the civil registration system (decrease of \$362,000).

The decrease in the Publishing Civic Information category was due to:

- the transfer of the New Zealand Gazette to the Public Service Commission with effect from 1 April 2026 (decrease of \$246,000).

Memorandum Account

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Passport Products			
Opening Balance at 1 July	22,467	(1,478)	20,989
Revenue	156,134	(28,698)	127,436
Expenses	145,247	6,821	152,068
Transfers and Adjustments	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June	33,354	(36,997)	(3,643)

Lower revenue is due to a retiming of the high period of demand following the decision to change the Adult Passport validity from five to ten years.

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Citizenship Products			
Opening Balance at 1 July	(12,466)	3,226	(9,240)
Revenue	21,956	-	21,956
Expenses	37,050	-	37,050
Transfers and Adjustments	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June	(27,560)	3,226	(24,334)

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Issue of Birth, Death and Marriage Certifications and other Products			
Opening Balance at 1 July	(1,322)	478	(844)
Revenue	15,256	-	15,256
Expenses	16,642	-	16,642
Transfers and Adjustments	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June	(2,708)	478	(2,230)

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
New Zealand Gazette			
Opening Balance at 1 July	(86)	157	71
Revenue	844	(11)	833
Expenses	897	(246)	651
Transfers and Adjustments	-	(253)	(253)
Closing Balance at 30 June	(139)	139	-

This memorandum account transferred to the Public Service Commission with effect from 1 April 2026.

Community Development and Funding Schemes (M15) (A6)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support communities and voluntary sector organisations so they become stronger, more cohesive and resilient.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Administration of Grants

This category is limited to administration of the processes supporting government grant funding schemes, from receiving applications to monitoring grant recipients.

Community Development and Engagement Advice

This category is limited to the provision of advisory support and information (including information related to accessing grants) to support community groups with community development.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Community and Volunteering Capability Fund

This category is limited to providing funding to community and volunteer groups to promote and strengthen their capability and capacity.

Community Organisation Grants Scheme

This category is limited to providing locally distributed grants to community organisations for programmes that provide social services.

Community-led Development

This category is limited to providing grants to community organisations for projects to achieve improved economic, social and cultural wellbeing.

Disarmament Education Grants

This category is limited to providing grants to fund activities to support New Zealand non-government organisations in the disarmament education field.

National Day of Reflection Fund

This category is limited to providing grants to non-government organisations representing survivors of abuse in care who are organising and/or hosting events and activities as part of the National Day of Reflection on 12 November 2025.

Public Apology for Abuse in Care Fund

This category is limited to providing grants to non-government organisations delivering support services to survivors of abuse in care and to local authorities to memorialise unmarked graves associated with psychiatric hospitals and psychopaedic sites, or other institutions.

Safer Communities Fund

This category is limited to providing grants for initiatives to provide increased security for at-risk communities against hate crimes and terrorism.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	26,706	8,684	35,390
Departmental Output Expenses			
Administration of Grants	2,825	-	2,825
Community Development and Engagement Advice	4,948	-	4,948
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Community and Volunteering Capability Fund	1,933	-	1,933
Community Organisation Grants Scheme	12,500	-	12,500
Community-led Development	4,400	-	4,400
Disarmament Education Grants	100	-	100
National Day of Reflection Fund	-	1,000	1,000
Public Apology for Abuse in Care Fund	-	2,684	2,684
Safer Communities Fund	-	5,000	5,000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	7,773	-	7,773
Administration of Grants	2,825	-	2,825
Community Development and Engagement Advice	4,948	-	4,948

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
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
National Day of Reflection Fund			
This category is intended to achieve support to non-government organisations representing survivors of abuse in care who are organising and/or hosting events and activities as part of the National Day of Reflection on 12 November 2025.			
An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million	Exempted	Exempted	Exempted
Safer Communities Fund			
This category is intended to achieve an increase in security for at-risk communities against hate crimes and terrorism.			
Percentage of Jewish and Muslim 'at-risk' sites applying for funding, where security measures have been improved	At least 80%	At least 80%	At least 80%

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$8.684 million to \$35.390 million for 2025/26.

The increase in the National Day of Reflection Fund category was due to:

- funding to support a community-led approach to the National Day of Reflection and next steps for the Survivor Support and Recognition Fund (increase of \$1 million).

The increase in the Public Apology for Abuse in Care Fund category was due to:

- funding to support a community-led approach to the National Day of Reflection and next steps for the Survivor Support and Recognition Fund (increase of \$2 million), and
- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to provide grants to non-government organisations delivering support services to survivors of abuse in care and to local authorities to memorialise unmarked graves associated with psychiatric hospitals and psychopaedic sites, or other institutions (increase of \$684,000).

The increase in the Safer Communities Fund category was due to:

- the re-establishment of this category to provide funding for high priority security projects for communities at risk from hate crime and terrorism (increase of \$5 million).

Emergency Management Leadership and Support (M11) (A6)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support leadership of the all-hazards, all-risk emergency management system so that it reduces risk and is ready and able to provide an effective and integrated response to, and recovery from, emergencies.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery

This category is limited to advice to Ministers and the emergency management sector on the design, operation and performance of the emergency management system; building the capability and capacity of the emergency management sector (including communities) to plan for, respond to and recover from emergencies; and leading and supporting response to and recovery from emergencies.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery

This category is limited to grants, contributions and other payments to support communities and the emergency management sector in New Zealand and Pacific Realm countries on matters relating to emergency risk reduction, readiness, response and recovery.

Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

Emergency Risk Reduction and Readiness - Capital Expenditure

This category is limited to capital expenditure and capital contributions to the emergency management sector in New Zealand for matters relating to emergency risk reduction and readiness.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	50,980	50,980
Departmental Output Expenses			
Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery	-	44,402	44,402
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery	-	6,185	6,185
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Emergency Risk Reduction and Readiness - Capital Expenditure	-	393	393

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	-	42,185	42,185
Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery	-	42,185	42,185
Revenue from Others	-	2,217	2,217
Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery	-	2,217	2,217

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve an all-hazards, all-risk emergency management system that reduces risk, and is ready and able to respond to, and assist recovery from, emergencies.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
The National Emergency Management Agency maintains a score above the average public reputation score (see Notes 1 and 2)	New measure	At least 5 points above average score	At least 5 points above average score
Overall preparedness - New Zealanders are actively preparing for emergencies and know how to protect themselves against life safety risks posed by our most dangerous natural hazards (see Notes 1 and 2)	New measure	67%	67%

Note 1 - This is a new appropriation and new performance measures for 2025/26. This was previously measured and reported under Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Note 2 - Maintaining a positive reputation is measured using the annual Public Sector Reputation Index across 16 attributes, which are combined into a single reputation score and compared with the average score across public sector agencies.

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
Departmental Output Expenses			
Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery			
This category is intended to achieve the provision of advice to Ministers and the emergency management sector on the design, operation and performance of the emergency management system; building the capability and capacity of the emergency management sector (including communities) to plan for, respond to and recover from, emergencies; and leading and supporting response to and recovery from emergencies (see Note 1).			
Community Awareness and Readiness			
Percentage of New Zealanders who have taken action to prepare for an emergency in the last 12 months (see Note 1)	New measure	50%	50%
Percentage of New Zealanders who know the correct action to take during an earthquake (see Note 1)	New measure	67%	67%
Percentage of New Zealanders who know the correct action to take if they feel a long or strong earthquake near the coast (see Note 1)	New measure	85%	85%
Emergency Sector Support and Management			
Civil Defence Emergency Management sector agencies' satisfaction that if a Guideline, Technical Standard, or Code was required, it met the CDEM sector users' needs (see Notes 1, 2, 3 and 4)	New measure	6 out of 10	6 out of 10
Civil Defence Emergency Management sector agencies' satisfaction that the National Emergency Management Agency supports the capability development by facilitating learning and training activities for organisations with responsibilities under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (see Notes 1, 2, 3 and 4)	New measure	6 out of 10	6 out of 10
Number of Tsunami Monitoring and Detection Network DART buoys maintained to minimum manufacturer's standard (see Note 1)	New measure	12	12
Policy Advice			
The Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery is satisfied with the policy advice service provided by the National Emergency Management Agency (see Note 5)	New measure	4 out of 5	4 out of 5
Average score for assessed policy papers (see Note 6)	New measure	4 out of 5	4 out of 5
Quality of policy advice papers - 70% score 3 or higher, 30% score 4 or higher and no more than 10% score 2 or less (see Note 6)	New measure	Achieved	Achieved

	2025/26		
Assessment of Performance	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery			
This category is intended to provide for grants, contributions and other payments to support communities in the emergency management sector in New Zealand and Pacific Realm countries (Niue, Tokelau and the Cook Islands).			
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 Officer of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under section 15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative, because this category is solely for discretionary contributions towards local authority and communities' preparedness for, and recovery from, emergency events	New exemption	Exempted	Exempted
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Emergency Risk Reduction and Readiness - Capital Expenditure			
This category is intended to support the emergency management sector through capital contributions for monitoring equipment that enables the observation and assessment of natural hazards for emergency risk reduction and preparedness.			
Percentage of funds paid within agreed criteria and timeframes to support the emergency management sector (see Note 7)	New measure	100%	100%

Note 1 - This is a new appropriation and new performance measures for 2025/26. This was previously measured and reported under Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Note 2 - Satisfaction with guidance and support to the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) sector is measured on a scale from 1-10, where 1 means has not met needs and 10 means exceeded needs.

Note 3 - CDEM sector agencies refer to CDEM Groups, emergency services, relevant government agencies with statutory CDEM responsibilities, and other related agencies.

Note 4 - Relevant publications are those found on the National Emergency Management Agency website: <https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/resources/publications>.

Note 5 - The Minister's Satisfaction Survey measures satisfaction with the quality of policy advice on a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means never met expectations and 5 means always exceeded expectations.

Note 6 - A sample of the National Emergency Management Agency's policy advice will be assessed by a panel using the Policy Quality Framework. There are two targets for reporting on overall policy advice: an average score and a distribution score. Policy advice will be scored on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means unacceptable and 5 means outstanding.

Note 7 - This is a new category and new performance measure for 2025/26.

Note 8 - One measure "Number of times the National Emergency Management Agency improvement action plan is reviewed" is removed as it is no longer fit for purpose and doesn't add value.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported in National Emergency Management Agency's report appended to the Department of Internal Affairs' Annual Report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation was established in 2025/26.

The increase in the Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery category was due to:

- a funding transfer from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs to reflect the transfer of hosting for the National Emergency Management Agency (increase of \$42.595 million)
- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to ensure funding is available for Deep-Ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunami Buoys maintenance (increase of \$1.422 million)
- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to ensure funding is available for continuing work on the Emergency Management System Improvement Programme (increase of \$1.100 million)
- an increase in revenue and expenditure associated with the overseas posting of National Emergency Management Agency staff supporting the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Pacific nations (increase of \$1.050 million)
- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to ensure funding is available for development of a business case for Emergency Management Sector Operation Systems to support future National Crisis Management Centre responses (increase of \$1 million)
- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to ensure funding remains available for the Whakaari White Island Coronial Inquiry in 2025/26, the North Island Severe Weather Events Coronial Inquiry and the Royal Commission of Inquiry into COVID-19 Lessons Learned (increase of \$1 million)
- a transfer of funding from Vote Foreign Affairs to Vote Internal Affairs for Pacific Disaster Risk Management and Secondments (increase of \$399,000)
- a transfer of funding from third parties associated with delivering Whakaari White Island Monitoring (increase of \$338,000)
- a contribution from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade towards costs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Pacific Partnership Programme (increase of \$330,000)
- a contribution from the Tertiary Education Commission towards the costs of administration of Civil Defence Emergency Management sector training (increase of \$100,000)
- a transfer of funding from the Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery category for a contribution to the Nelson Tasman Mayoral Relief Fund associated with the June 2025 weather event (increase of \$100,000), and
- a capital to operating swap for the National Crisis Management Centre and the Alternative National Crisis Management Centre (increase of \$94,000).

These increases were partially offset by:

- an expense transfer from 2025/26 to 2026/27 due to the timing of expenditure associated with the maintenance of the Deep-Ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunami Buoys (decrease of \$4.500 million), and
- a transfer of funding to the Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery and Emergency Risk Reduction and Readiness - Capital Expenditure categories for delivering Whakaari White Island monitoring (decrease of \$626,000).

The increase in the Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery category was due to:

- a funding transfer from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs to reflect the transfer of hosting for the National Emergency Management Agency (increase of \$2.652 million)
- a contribution from the Tertiary Education Commission towards the cost of training in the Civil Defence Emergency Management sector (increase of \$1.700 million)
- funding for Crown contributions to disaster relief funds established by local authorities to cover contributions for the January 2026 Upper North Island severe weather event (increase of \$1.200 million)
- funding for Government contributions to local authority disaster relief funds for the Tropical Cyclone Vaianu (increase of \$500,000), and
- a transfer of funding from the Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery category for delivering Whakaari White Island monitoring (increase of \$233,000).

These increases were partially offset by:

- a transfer of funding to the Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery category for a contribution to the Nelson Tasman Mayoral Relief Fund associated with the June 2025 weather event (decrease of \$100,000).

The increase in the Emergency Risk Reduction and Readiness - Capital Expenditure category was due to:

- a transfer of funding from the Advice and Support for Emergency Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery category for delivering Whakaari White Island monitoring (increase of \$393,000).

Government Digital Services (M66) (A6)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to lead digital transformation across government.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Digital Identity Services Trust Framework

This category is limited to the establishment and operation of the Digital Identity Regulator and associated regime.

Digital Skills Development in the Public Sector

This category is limited to the delivery and management of Digital Skills in the Public Sector, and to advance the implementation of the Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA) in the public sector.

Government Digital Strategy, System Investment and Leadership

This category is limited to the development and support of the system leadership role of the Government Chief Digital Officer, providing oversight of the Government's digital investments, and advice services to implement the government digital strategy, architecture and assurance framework.

System Capabilities, Services and Platforms

This category is limited to the development, support and governance of cross-government system capabilities, services and platforms to deliver digital and data transformation.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	49,765	(14,709)	35,056
Departmental Output Expenses			
Digital Identity Services Trust Framework	2,711	(780)	1,931
Digital Skills Development in the Public Sector	1,428	(153)	1,275
Government Digital Strategy, System Investment and Leadership	13,485	(4,015)	9,470
System Capabilities, Services and Platforms	32,141	(9,761)	22,380
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	32,179	(11,216)	20,963
Digital Identity Services Trust Framework	2,711	(780)	1,931
Digital Skills Development in the Public Sector	1,428	(153)	1,275
Government Digital Strategy, System Investment and Leadership	13,485	(4,015)	9,470
System Capabilities, Services and Platforms	14,555	(6,268)	8,287
Revenue from Others	17,803	(5,343)	12,460
System Capabilities, Services and Platforms	17,803	(5,343)	12,460

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
Departmental Output Expenses			
Digital Skills Development in the Public Sector			
Percentage of agencies that rate their digital workforce capability as meeting expectations or above (see Note 1)	New measure	At least 65%	At least 65%
Government Digital Strategy, System Investment and Leadership			
Digital accessibility score of public-facing government digital web services is reduced (see Note 2)	Baseline determined 2025/26	At least 10% per annum	At least 10% per annum
System Capabilities, Services and Platforms			
The number of Public Sector agencies that are consuming Back-office Digital Transformation Services and Common Process Model (see Note 3)	Baseline determined 2025/26	At least 120	At least 120

Note 1 - This is a new performance measure for 2025/26 and replaces "Percentage of Public Service agencies using the common Skills Framework for the Information Age 2024 job descriptions for core digital roles since 1 July 2024".

Note 2 - A minor update to the measure wording to explain it clearer. A standard has now been established, based on the first round of data collected.

Note 3 - A minor update to the measure wording to clarify the scope of Back-office Digital Transformation Service work. A standard has now been established, based on the first round of data collected.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$14.709 million to \$35.056 million for 2025/26.

The decrease in the Digital Identity Services Trust Framework category was due to:

- a transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer's functions from the Department of Internal Affairs to the Public Service Commission with effect from 1 April 2026 (decrease of \$780,000).

The decrease in the Digital Skills Development in the Public Sector category was due to:

- a transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer's functions from the Department of Internal Affairs to the Public Service Commission with effect from 1 April 2026 (decrease of \$153,000).

The decrease in the Government Digital Strategy, System Investment and Leadership category was due to:

- a transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer's functions from the Department of Internal Affairs to the Public Service Commission with effect from 1 April 2026 (decrease of \$4.015 million).

The decrease in the System Capabilities, Services and Platforms category was due to:

- a transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer's functions from the Department of Internal Affairs to the Public Service Commission with effect from 1 April 2026 (decrease of \$11.611 million), and
- a transfer of funding to the Policy and Related Services Multi-Category Appropriation to meet the transition and change management costs associated with the transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer's functions to the Public Service Commission (decrease of \$1.500 million).

These decreases were partially offset by:

- an increase in expenditure to fund the development of an All of Government Common Capability (Govt.nz.app), including the procurement and implementation of an All of Government shared Digital Credential Issuance Platform (increase of \$3.350 million).

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	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
System Capabilities, Services and Platforms			
Opening Balance at 1 July	(9,241)	1,274	(7,967)
Revenue	17,795	(5,343)	12,452
Expenses	17,040	(3,493)	13,547
Transfers and Adjustments	-	10,213	10,213
Closing Balance at 30 June	(8,486)	9,637	1,151

This memorandum account transferred to the Public Service Commission with effect from 1 April 2026 as approved by Cabinet.

Local Government Administration (M49) (A6)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to administer local government legislation and relevant regulations and assets.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Local Government Services

This category is limited to administering the Local Government related legislations and regulations, including the Rates Rebate Scheme, providing regulatory and boating services for Lake Taupō (including providing the Harbourmaster and managing the Lake Taupō Landing Reserve) and governance and management of the National Dog Control Information Database.

Non-Departmental Output Expenses*Water Services Regulator*

This category is limited to supporting the water services regulator in meeting its statutory responsibilities.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses*Chatham Islands Council*

This category is limited to contribution to the cost of the Chatham Islands Council meeting its statutory responsibilities.

Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance Costs

This category is limited to depreciation and maintenance costs associated with Crown-owned assets at Lake Taupō.

Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure*Capital Investments - Lake Taupō*

This category is limited to upgrading of boating facilities at Lake Taupō.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	14,622	-	14,622
Departmental Output Expenses			
Local Government Services	4,926	(750)	4,176
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Water Services Regulator	4,642	-	4,642
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Chatham Islands Council	4,203	-	4,203
Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance Costs	771	750	1,521
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Capital Investments - Lake Taupō	80	-	80
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	3,621	(750)	2,871
Local Government Services	3,621	(750)	2,871
Revenue from Others	1,380	-	1,380
Local Government Services	1,380	-	1,380

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in the Local Government Services category was due to:

- a transfer of funding to the Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance costs category to support urgent maintenance to address health and safety issues at Lake Taupō (decrease of \$750,000).

The increase in the Crown-owned Assets at Lake Taupō - Depreciation and Maintenance Costs category was due to:

- a transfer of funding from the Local Government Services category to support urgent maintenance to address health and safety issues at Lake Taupō (increase of \$750,000).

Memorandum Account

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Use of Facilities and Access to Lake Taupō by Boat Users			
Opening Balance at 1 July	(537)	(41)	(578)
Revenue	980	-	980
Expenses	1,097	-	1,097
Transfers and Adjustments	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June	(654)	(41)	(695)

This memorandum account transferred to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
National Dog Control Information Database			
Opening Balance at 1 July	1,016	61	1,077
Revenue	400	-	400
Expenses	491	-	491
Transfers and Adjustments	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June	925	61	986

This memorandum account transferred to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport with effect from 1 July 2026.

National Archival and Library Services (M41) (A6)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to contribute to the collection, management and provision of access to knowledge and information for New Zealand and support government accountability.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Knowledge and Information Services

This category is limited to the collection, acquisition, preservation, management and provision of access to heritage information and public archives, provision of operational advice and services to enable government accountability, provision of services to schools and to assist access to library collections and other information.

Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Public Lending Right for New Zealand Authors

This category is limited to payment to New Zealand authors in recognition that their books are available for use in New Zealand libraries.

Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

Heritage Collections - Annual

This category is limited to the purchase and preservation of heritage content held and managed by Archives New Zealand and the National Library of New Zealand.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	177,425	271	177,696
Departmental Output Expenses			
Knowledge and Information Services	170,833	271	171,104
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Public Lending Right for New Zealand Authors	2,400	-	2,400
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Heritage Collections - Annual	4,192	-	4,192
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	159,877	(832)	159,045
Knowledge and Information Services	159,877	(832)	159,045
Revenue from Others	11,066	1,103	12,169
Knowledge and Information Services	11,066	1,103	12,169

Components of the Appropriation

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Knowledge and Information Services			
National Library and Archives Property	-	83,454	83,454
National Library collection, preservation and information access	74,399	(16,840)	57,559
Access, management and preservation of public archives	80,882	(61,768)	19,114
Provision of electronic resources and Te Puna products to New Zealand Libraries	5,229	93	5,322
Public Records Act 2005 Regulation	7,644	(4,668)	2,976
Kōtui - Shared integrated library management and resource discovery	2,679	-	2,679
Total	170,833	271	171,104
Non-Departmental Output Expense			
Public Lending Right for New Zealand Authors			
Public Lending Right for New Zealand Authors	2,400	-	2,400
Total	2,400	-	2,400
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Heritage Collections - Annual			
Library Heritage Collections	2,406	1,786	4,192
Audio-Visual preservation	1,786	(1,786)	-
Heritage Collections - Annual	4,192	-	4,192

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$271,000 to \$177.696 million for 2025/26.

The increase in the Knowledge and Information Services category was due to:

- a grant from the Australian Government for the Pacific Virtual Museum Programme (increase of \$500,000)
- an increase in revenue and expenditure associated with the National Library of New Zealand hosting the International Conference on Digital Preservation (increase of \$330,000)
- an increase in revenue and expenditure associated with sub-leasing space at Archives Auckland to the Auckland City Council (increase of \$153,000), and
- an increase in revenue and expenditure associated with managing the AnyQuestions.govt.nz website (increase of \$120,000).

These increases were partially offset by:

- a return of funding associated with the Government's mandated savings (decrease of \$500,000), and
- a reduction in capital charge following the 2024/25 revaluation of land and buildings (decrease of \$332,000).

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	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Kōtui Library Services			
Opening Balance at 1 July	2,320	43	2,363
Revenue	2,840	-	2,840
Expenses	2,679	-	2,679
Transfers and Adjustments	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June	2,481	43	2,524

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Electronic Purchasing in Collaboration (EPIC)			
Opening Balance at 1 July	377	(45)	332
Revenue	4,780	-	4,780
Expenses	4,831	-	4,831
Transfers and Adjustments	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June	326	(45)	281

Policy and Related Services (M41) (A6)*Overarching Purpose Statement*

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide policy advice and services to Ministers in order to support them to discharge their portfolio responsibilities.

*Scope of Appropriation***Departmental Output Expenses***Crown Entity Monitoring*

This category is limited to providing support, information and advice to Ministers to enable them to discharge their responsibilities (other than policy decision-making) for the Crown entities for which they are responsible.

Machinery of Government Changes

This category is limited to providing advice on and giving effect to machinery of government changes.

Policy and Related Services - Community and Voluntary Sector

This category is limited to the provision of policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to the community and voluntary sector.

Policy and Related Services - Digitising Government

This category is limited to the provision of policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to digitising government.

Policy and Related Services - Internal Affairs

This category is limited to the provision of policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to Internal Affairs.

Policy and Related Services - Ministerial Services

This category is limited to the provision of policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to Ministerial Services.

Policy and Related Services - Racing

This category is limited to the provision of policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to racing.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	13,416	4,335	17,751
Departmental Output Expenses			
Crown Entity Monitoring	647	-	647
Machinery of Government Changes	-	4,014	4,014
Policy and Related Services - Community and Voluntary Sector	1,468	-	1,468
Policy and Related Services - Digitising Government	2,027	-	2,027
Policy and Related Services - Internal Affairs	7,310	(788)	6,522
Policy and Related Services - Ministerial Services	522	-	522
Policy and Related Services - Racing	1,442	1,109	2,551
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	13,380	4,335	17,715
Crown Entity Monitoring	647	-	647
Machinery of Government Changes	-	4,014	4,014
Policy and Related Services - Community and Voluntary Sector	1,468	-	1,468
Policy and Related Services - Digitising Government	2,027	-	2,027
Policy and Related Services - Internal Affairs	7,274	(788)	6,486
Policy and Related Services - Ministerial Services	522	-	522
Policy and Related Services - Racing	1,442	1,109	2,551
Revenue from Others	36	-	36
Policy and Related Services - Internal Affairs	36	-	36

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
Departmental Output Expenses			
Crown Entity Monitoring			
Ministers' satisfaction with the quality of support, information, and advice to enable them to discharge their Crown Entity monitoring responsibilities (see Note 1)	New measure	4 out of 5	4 out of 5
Machinery of Government Changes			
This category is limited to giving effect to machinery of government changes.			
Machinery of Government changes are successfully implemented (see Note 2)	New measure	Achieved	Achieved

Note 1 - This is new performance measure for 2025/26 and replaces 'Advice on accountability and performance documents delivered within statutory or agreed timeframes (based on delivery of documents to the Minister by the Crown entity)'.

Note 2 - This is a new category and new performance measure for 2025/26.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$4.335 million to \$17.751 million for 2025/26.

The increase in Machinery of Government Changes category was due to:

- a transfer of funding from the Government Digital Services Multi-Category Appropriation and the Policy and Related Services - Internal Affairs category to meet the transition and change management costs associated with the transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer's functions to the Public Service Commission and the transfer of the Local Government portfolio to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport (increase of \$2 million)
- funding for the Department of Internal Affairs to provide for the transition costs associated with hosting the National Emergency Management Agency as part of strengthening and streamlining the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (increase of \$1.814 million), and
- a transfer of funding from the Local Government Policy and Related Services appropriation to contribute towards the change management costs associated with the transfer of Local Government functions to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport (increase of \$200,000).

The decrease in the Policy and Related Services - Internal Affairs category was due to:

- a transfer of funding to the Machinery of Government category to meet the transition and change management costs associated with the transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer's functions to the Public Service Commission and the transfer of the Local Government portfolio to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport (decrease of \$1 million)

- a return of funding associated with the Government's mandated savings (decrease of \$800,000), and
- a transfer of funding to the Classification of Films, Videos and Publications appropriation to cover the costs associated with the transfer of the labelling body functions from the Film Video Labelling Body to the Office of Film and Literature Classification (decrease of \$188,000).

These decreases were partially offset by funding to provide for the development of policy and regulatory options associated with consideration of social media minimum age proposals (increase of \$1.200 million).

The increase in Policy and Related Services - Racing category was due to:

- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to fund the Ministerial Advisory Committee supporting the Greyhound Racing Industry Reform (increase of \$1.109 million).

Regulatory Services (M41) (A6)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the effective delivery of regulatory functions and services that are assigned to the Department of Internal Affairs (excluding Archives New Zealand).

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Charities Regulation

This category is limited to registration and monitoring of charities.

Monitoring of TAB New Zealand

This category is limited to monitoring compliance with the TAB New Zealand's online monopoly and TAB New Zealand's compliance with its reporting obligations.

Regulatory Services

This category is limited to the operational policy advice and services to administer all aspects of the regulatory functions and services (excluding public sector recordkeeping) that are assigned to the Department of Internal Affairs.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	70,624	(1,411)	69,213
Departmental Output Expenses			
Charities Regulation	7,419	-	7,419
Monitoring of TAB New Zealand	500	-	500
Regulatory Services	62,705	(1,411)	61,294

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	32,619	(1,499)	31,120
Charities Regulation	6,567	-	6,567
Regulatory Services	26,052	(1,499)	24,553
Revenue from Others	26,989	88	27,077
Charities Regulation	852	-	852
Monitoring of TAB New Zealand	500	-	500
Regulatory Services	25,637	88	25,725

Components of the Appropriation

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Charities Regulation			
Charities Services	7,419	-	7,419
Total	7,419	-	7,419
Monitoring of TAB New Zealand			
Monitoring of TAB New Zealand	500	-	500
Total	500	-	500
Regulatory Services			
Gaming	28,718	64	28,782
Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism	13,553	(458)	13,095
Digital Safety	11,840	(1,002)	10,838
Online Gambling	7,423	-	7,423
Complaints, Investigation and Prosecution Unit	1,171	(15)	1,156
Total	62,705	(1,411)	61,294

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Number of regulatory actions (see Note 1 and 2)	New measure	At least 900	At least 900

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
Departmental Output Expenses			
Regulatory Services			
Gambling			
Percentage of recommendations that are actioned by casinos following an audit or inspection (see Note 3)	New measure	At least 90%	At least 90%
Percentage of venues that have rectified non-compliance following a regulatory intervention (see Note 3)	New measure	At least 85%	At least 85%
Percentage of societies that meet their community return obligations (see Note 3)	New measure	At least 95%	At least 95%
Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism			
The number of suspicious activity reports submitted (see Note 4)	New measure	At least 14,400	At least 14,400
The number of enforcement actions (defined as formal warnings, injunctions, enforceable undertakings, civil proceedings, and prosecutions) (see Note 4)	New measure	At least 10	At least 10

Note 1 - This is a new performance measure for 2025/26 and replaces 'Regulatory regimes are in place to deliver all legislated responsibilities'.

Note 2 - Regulatory actions are the formal compliance and enforcement steps taken when regulated parties don't meet their obligations.

Note 3 - These are new performance measures for 2025/26 and replace the following measures:

- percentage of audited gambling providers that are compliant by year
- percentage of venues assessed as compliant by year
- percentage of societies and clubs that are distributing their required returns by year
- number of unique visits to the granted.govt.nz website per year.

Note 4 - These are new performance measures for 2025/26 and replace the following measures:

- number of desk-based reviews of reporting entities' Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism risk assessments and compliance programmes completed
- number of onsite and online inspections auditing reporting entities' compliance with Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism obligations completed
- number of education-focused proactive engagements with reporting entities regarding Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism obligations.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$1.411 to \$69.213 million for 2025/26.

The decrease in the Regulatory Services category was due to:

- a technical adjustment to reverse the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism: Funding to Establish a Single Supervisor technical initiative approved as part of Budget 2025 (decrease of \$2 million)
- a return of funding associated with the Government's mandated savings (decrease of \$864,000), and
- a transfer of funding to Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet and Vote Finance for stranded overheads associated with the transfer of hosting the National Emergency Management Agency (decrease of \$300,000).

These decreases were partially offset by:

- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to fund the transition costs associated with establishing the Department of Internal Affairs as New Zealand's single supervisor for the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism regulatory system (increase of \$1.665 million)
- a reimbursement of legal fees associated with Land based gambling (increase of \$64,000), and
- a reimbursement of legal fees associated with Anti-Money Laundering (increase of \$24,000).

Memorandum Account

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Gaming			
Opening Balance at 1 July	14,125	923	15,048
Revenue	25,611	64	25,675
Expenses	28,718	64	28,782
Transfers and Adjustments	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June	11,018	923	11,941

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Online Casino Gambling Regulation			
Opening Balance at 1 July	2,195	(340)	1,855
Revenue	-	-	-
Expenses	7,423	-	7,423
Transfers and Adjustments	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June	(5,228)	(340)	(5,568)

Services Supporting the Executive (M47) (A6)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support the Government and the Executive to perform their role.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Coordination of Official Visits and Events

This category is limited to managing programmes for visiting guests of Government, visiting guests of Parliament, State and ministerial functions, coordinating a range of services in support of ceremonial and commemorative events and facilitating passage of New Zealand and foreign dignitaries and others authorised by the Crown into and out of New Zealand.

Support Services to Members of the Executive

This category is limited to providing support services for Members of the Executive, including in their capacity as a Member of Parliament, primarily through office personnel and administrative services, information and communication technology, and the provision and management of residential and office accommodation.

VIP Transport Services

This category is limited to providing chauffeur-driven and self-drive vehicle services for parties specified in legislation, as authorised by Members of the Executive, or who otherwise meet qualifying criteria.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Depreciation on Official Residences

This category is limited to depreciation on official residences owned by the Crown.

Official Residences - Maintenance Costs

This category is limited to costs for maintaining official residences owned by the Crown.

Services Supporting the Executive - Travel

This category is limited to domestic and international travel by Members of the Executive and approved accompanying parties.

Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

Capital Investments - Official Residences

This category is limited to capital improvements at official residences.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	68,816	(447)	68,369
Departmental Output Expenses			
Coordination of Official Visits and Events	7,220	1,162	8,382
Support Services to Members of the Executive	36,092	(3,602)	32,490
VIP Transport Services	9,700	100	9,800
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Depreciation on Official Residences	297	-	297
Official Residences - Maintenance Costs	1,048	493	1,541
Services Supporting the Executive - Travel	14,459	400	14,859
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Capital Investments - Official Residences	-	1,000	1,000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	43,312	(2,538)	40,774
Coordination of Official Visits and Events	7,220	1,064	8,284
Support Services to Members of the Executive	36,092	(3,602)	32,490
Revenue from Others	9,700	198	9,898
Coordination of Official Visits and Events	-	98	98
VIP Transport Services	9,700	100	9,800

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			
VIP Transport Services			
Reduction in Crown Fleet emissions (see Note 1)	New measure	At least 6%	At least 6%
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Capital Investments - Official Residences			
This category is intended to achieve necessary capital improvements to official residences.			
An exemption was granted as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental capital expenditure is less than \$15 million	Exempted	Exempted	Exempted

Note 1 - This is a new performance measure for 2025/26 and replaces 'Proportion of Electric Vehicles in the Crown Fleet'.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$447,000 to \$68.369 million for 2025/26.

The increase in the Coordination of Official Visits and Events category was due to:

- funding to support an increase in official visits from Pacific nations under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Pacific Resilience interagency programme submission (increase of \$1.464 million), and
- an increase in revenue and expenditure for the Visits and Ceremonial office to lead a programme of work to deliver two conferences in 2027 (increase of \$98,000).

These increases were partially offset by:

- a reallocation of funding to the Services Supporting the Executive - Travel category to provide funding for a higher level of travel for the Executive (decrease of \$400,000).

The decrease in the Support Services to Members of the Executive category was due to:

- a transfer of funding to Parliamentary Services for core information technology services (decrease of \$3.602 million).

The increase in the VIP Transport Services category was due to:

- an increase in revenue and expenditure to reflect increased costs of operating VIP Transport (increase of \$100,000).

The increase in the Official Residences - Maintenance Costs category was due to:

- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to meet the costs of critical remedial works proposed and underway at Premier House (increase of \$493,000).

The increase in the Services Supporting the Executive - Travel category was due to:

- a reallocation of funding from the Coordination of Official Visits and Events category to provide funding for a higher level of travel for the Executive (increase of \$400,000).

The increase in the Capital Investments - Official Residences category was due to:

- a capital transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to meet the costs of critical remedial works proposed and underway at Premier House (increase of \$1 million).

Support for Statutory and Other Bodies (M41) (A6)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support statutory, advisory and other bodies to discharge their responsibilities.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Commissions of Inquiry and Similar Bodies

This category is limited to supporting commissions of inquiry and similar bodies.

Statutory Body Support - Gambling Commission

This category is limited to the provision of services and advice to the Gambling Commission to enable the Commission to discharge its responsibilities.

Statutory Body Support - Local Government Commission

This category is limited to the provision of advisory and support services to the Local Government Commission in respect of its statutory functions.

Support for Grant Funding Bodies - Community and Voluntary Sector

This category is limited to the provision of operational and secretariat support for grant funding bodies, and includes supporting member appointment processes. The focus of operational support is on processing grant applications and grant decisions on behalf of the grant funding bodies.

Support for Grant Funding Bodies - Internal Affairs

This category is limited to the provision of operational and secretariat support for grant funding bodies, including supporting member appointment processes. The focus of operational support is on processing grant applications and grant decisions on behalf of the grant funding bodies.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Statutory Inquiries

This category is limited to the payment of fees for statutory inquiries.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	36,036	4,928	40,964
Departmental Output Expenses			
Commissions of Inquiry and Similar Bodies	18,656	3,646	22,302
Statutory Body Support - Gambling Commission	1,158	-	1,158
Statutory Body Support - Local Government Commission	1,440	-	1,440
Support for Grant Funding Bodies - Community and Voluntary Sector	381	-	381
Support for Grant Funding Bodies - Internal Affairs	13,811	599	14,410

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Statutory Inquiries	590	683	1,273
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	21,120	3,646	24,766
Commissions of Inquiry and Similar Bodies	18,656	3,646	22,302
Statutory Body Support - Local Government Commission	1,440	-	1,440
Support for Grant Funding Bodies - Community and Voluntary Sector	381	-	381
Support for Grant Funding Bodies - Internal Affairs	643	-	643
Revenue from Others	14,326	599	14,925
Statutory Body Support - Gambling Commission	1,158	-	1,158
Support for Grant Funding Bodies - Internal Affairs	13,168	599	13,767

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			
Commissions of Inquiry and Similar Bodies			
Percentage of people who respond positively about the Survivor Experiences Service (see Note 1)	At least 85%	At least 90%	At least 90%

Note 1 - The standard has been updated. 90% represents a more challenging standard and reflects the value the Survivor Experiences Services provides.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Department of Internal Affairs in its Annual Report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$4.928 million to \$40.964 million for 2025/26.

The increase in the Commissions of Inquiry and Similar Bodies category was due to:

- funding to meet the departmental costs associated with the Public Inquiry into the Disappearance of the Phillips Children (increase of \$2.756 million)
- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to provide for the departmental operating expenses associated with the Royal Commission of Inquiry into COVID-19 Lessons Learned (increase of \$2.174 million)

- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to fund current and future litigation associated with the Royal Commission into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions (increase of \$1.266 million), and
- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to enable the continuation of the Survivor Experiences Service in 2025/26 (increase of \$500,000).

These increases were partially offset by:

- an expense transfer from 2025/26 to 2026/27 to fund litigation costs and the archival of over one million files associated with the Royal Commission into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions (decrease of \$2 million)
- a return of funding associated with the Government's mandated savings (decrease of \$857,000), and
- a transfer of funding to the Statutory Inquiries category for the Government Inquiry into the Fatal Landslides in Tauranga (decrease of \$193,000).

The increase in the Support for Grant Funding Bodies - Internal Affairs category was due to:

- a one-off increase in funding from the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board to support work on evolving the lottery grants system (increase of \$947,000).

This increase was partially offset by:

- a decrease in administration costs associated with the provision of services to the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board (decrease of \$348,000).

The increase in the Statutory Inquiries category was due to:

- an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to provide for the non-departmental operating expenses associated with the Royal Commission into COVID-19 Lessons Learned (increase of \$288,000)
- funding to meet the non-departmental costs associated with the Public Inquiry into the Disappearance of the Phillips Children (increase of \$202,000), and
- a transfer of funding from the Commissions of Inquiry and Similar Bodies category for the Government Inquiry into the Fatal Landslides in Tauranga (increase of \$193,000).

Supporting Ethnic Communities (M30) (A6)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to improve the wellbeing of ethnic communities.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Advisory and Information Services to assist Ethnic Communities

This category is limited to the provision of information, advisory and support services to ethnic communities.

Policy and Related Services - Ethnic Communities

This category is limited to the provision of policy advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to ethnic communities.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Ethnic Communities Grants

This category is limited to grants to improve wellbeing and participation in New Zealand society of ethnic communities.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	18,225	381	18,606
Departmental Output Expenses			
Advisory and Information Services to assist Ethnic Communities	9,012	381	9,393
Policy and Related Services - Ethnic Communities	4,981	-	4,981
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Ethnic Communities Grants	4,232	-	4,232
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	13,848	145	13,993
Advisory and Information Services to assist Ethnic Communities	8,867	145	9,012
Policy and Related Services - Ethnic Communities	4,981	-	4,981
Revenue from Others	145	236	381
Advisory and Information Services to assist Ethnic Communities	145	236	381

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$381,000 to \$18.606 million for 2025/26.

The increase in the Advisory and Information Services to assist Ethnic Communities category was due to:

- an increase in revenue and expenditure associated with the Interpreter Development Fund which supports training and certification for New Zealand resident interpreters to better serve ethnic communities (increase of \$260,000), and
- a transfer of funding from the Ministry for Women and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and contributions from third-party entities for the Ethnic Business Symposium 2025 (increase of \$121,000).