

Vote Ombudsmen

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Speaker of the House of Representatives (M78)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Office of the Ombudsman (A31)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN: Speaker of the House of Representatives

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			
Investigations, Resolution, Monitory, Advisory and Support Functions (M78) (A31) This appropriation is limited to the investigation, resolution of complaints and the provision of advice relating to central and local government administrative actions, monitoring compliance with international conventions, and the provision of advice and support for international ombudsman communities and forums.	52,659	-	52,659
Total Departmental Output Expenses	52,659	-	52,659
Departmental Other Expenses			
Remuneration of Ombudsmen PLA (M78) (A31) This appropriation is limited to remuneration expenses for the Ombudsmen as authorised by sections 8 and 9 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975.	577	29	606
Total Departmental Other Expenses	577	29	606
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Office of the Ombudsman - Capital Expenditure PLA (M78) (A31) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Office of the Ombudsman, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	2,844	(991)	1,853
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	2,844	(991)	1,853
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	56,080	(962)	55,118

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Office of the Ombudsman - Capital Injection (M78) (A31)	-	-	-

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	52,659	-	-	-	52,659
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	577	29	-	29	606
Capital Expenditure	2,844	(991)	-	(991)	1,853
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	56,080	(962)	-	(962)	55,118
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

Investigations, Resolution, Monitory, Advisory and Support Functions (M78) (A31)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the investigation, resolution of complaints and the provision of advice relating to central and local government administrative actions, monitoring compliance with international conventions, and the provision of advice and support for international ombudsman communities and forums.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Number of requests for advice or comment from public sector agencies responded to	300	-	300
Number of inspections and visits to places of detention	105	10	115
Number of official information complaints completed	1,900	1,100	3,000
Number of Ombudsmen Act complaints completed	3,200	3,600	6,800

Adjustments have been made to account for a significant and ongoing increase in complaints being received, and our focus on and expected ability to complete these.

2.2 - Departmental Other Expenses

Remuneration of Ombudsmen PLA (M78) (A31)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to remuneration expenses for the Ombudsmen as authorised by sections 8 and 9 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$29,000 to \$606,000 for 2025/26 due to a determination issued by the Remuneration Authority.

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Office of the Ombudsman - Capital Expenditure PLA (M78) (A31)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Office of the Ombudsman, 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	2,634	(781)	1,853
Intangibles	210	(210)	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	2,844	(991)	1,853

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$991,000 to \$1.853 million for 2025/26 due to technical adjustments to align capital expenditure with the capital expenditure management plan.

Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Office of the Ombudsman

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	15,023	15,023	Supplementary Estimates opening balance reflects the audited results as at 30 June 2025.
Capital Injections	-	-	
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	15,023	15,023	