

Vote Oranga Tamariki

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Children (M93)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children (A32)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR ORANGA TAMARIKI - MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN: Minister for Children

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			
Adoption Services (M93) (A32) This appropriation is limited to the management of services, incorporating education, assessment, reporting, counselling, and mediation, to all people who are party to adoption-related matters, past or present.	10,978	(246)	10,732
Total Departmental Output Expenses	10,978	(246)	10,732
Departmental Other Expenses			
Loss on disposal of Crown-owned assets for Stafford litigation settlement (M93) (A32) This appropriation is limited to the loss on disposal of assets that are part of the Stafford v Attorney-General litigation settlement.	-	1,042	1,042
Total Departmental Other Expenses	-	1,042	1,042
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Oranga Tamariki-Ministry for Children - Capital Expenditure PLA (M93) (A32) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of Oranga Tamariki-Ministry for Children; as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	37,986	17,210	55,196
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	37,986	17,210	55,196
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Connection and Advocacy Service (M93) (A32) This appropriation is limited to supporting an independent connection and advocacy service for children and young people in statutory care.	4,000	-	4,000
Independent Advice on Oranga Tamariki (M93) (A32) This appropriation is limited to independent advice and assurance to the Minister for Children.	1,044	80	1,124
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	5,044	80	5,124
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Investing in Children and Young People MCA (M93) (A32) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to ensure New Zealand's vulnerable children and young people have positive outcomes.	1,549,893	7,726	1,557,619
Departmental Output Expenses			
Intensive Response This category is limited to intensive response services for children and young people exhibiting needs which place them at risk of harm and/or requiring a statutory intervention.	13,460	(10)	13,450
Policy Advice and Ministerial Services This category is limited to providing policy advice and other support to the Ministers in discharging their policy decision-making and other portfolio responsibilities.	9,924	49	9,973

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
<i>Prevention and Early Support</i> This category is limited to providing prevention, awareness and early support programmes and services to identify and support children, young people and their families at risk of poor life outcomes.	470,449	(4,882)	465,567
<i>Statutory Intervention and Transition</i> This category is limited to providing statutory care and youth justice services, and services to transition children and young people from statutory intervention.	1,056,060	12,569	1,068,629
Redress for Abuse in Care MCA (M93) (A32) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to enable the Government's response to redress recommendations made by the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care.	3,266	800	4,066
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Delivering redress for abuse in care</i> This category is limited to responding to, designing, implementing and delivering redress for abuse in care.	1,368	400	1,768
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Support Services</i> This category is limited to providing third party support services to people who report experiencing abuse in care.	405	-	405
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Redress Payments</i> This category is limited to providing financial redress to people who experienced abuse in care.	1,493	400	1,893
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	1,553,159	8,526	1,561,685
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	1,607,167	26,612	1,633,779

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children - Capital Injection (M93) (A32)	13,186	17,210	30,396

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	16,022	(246)	80	(166)	15,856
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	1,042	-	1,042	1,042
Capital Expenditure	37,986	17,210	-	17,210	55,196
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	1,551,666	8,126	-	8,126	1,559,792
<i>Other Expenses</i>	1,493	-	400	400	1,893
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	1,607,167	26,132	480	26,612	1,633,779
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

Adoption Services (M93) (A32)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the management of services, incorporating education, assessment, reporting, counselling, and mediation, to all people who are party to adoption-related matters, past or present.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$246,000 to \$10.732 million due to an expense transfer from 2025/26 to 2026/27 and to 2027/28 of funding for the Frontline Technology Systems Upgrade due to delays in the procurement phase.

2.2 - Departmental Other Expenses

Loss on disposal of Crown-owned assets for Stafford litigation settlement (M93) (A32)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the loss on disposal of assets that are part of the Stafford v Attorney-General litigation settlement.

Expenses

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	1,042	1,042

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the recognition of technical expenses incurred in relation to the transfer of land and assets under the Stafford v Attorney General resolution agreement.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Assets have been derecognised in accordance with relevant accounting standards	New measure	Achieved	Achieved

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported in the Oranga Tamariki-Ministry for Children's Annual Report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2025/26 Final Budgeted \$000	2026/27 Budget \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000	2028/29 Estimated \$000	2029/30 Estimated \$000
Loss on disposal of Crown-owned assets for Stafford litigation resolution	2025/26	1,042	-	-	-	-

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The appropriation was established in 2025 to provide funding to the technical expenses incurred in relation to the transfer of land and assets under the Stafford v Attorney General resolution agreement.

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Oranga Tamariki-Ministry for Children - Capital Expenditure PLA (M93) (A32)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of Oranga Tamariki-Ministry for Children; 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	27,986	27,210	55,196
Intangibles	10,000	(10,000)	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	37,986	17,210	55,196

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation by \$17.210 million to \$55.196 million for 2025/26 is due to:

- an increase of \$12.592 million of funding for the Infrastructure Remediation for Residences initiative to bring residences up to a standard that is fit for purpose, and
- an increase of \$4.618 million of funding for the Secure Residences - Re-opening of Te Oranga Residence initiative to reopen the Te Oranga residence for children's care in Christchurch.

*Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets***Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children**

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	503,911	489,263	Supplementary Estimates opening balance reflects the audited results as at 30 June 2025.
Capital Injections	13,186	30,396	This is made up of \$2 million for Military Style Academies, \$11.186 million for Safety Improvements in Youth Justice Residences, \$4.618 million for Secure Residences - Re-opening of Te Oranga Residence and \$12.592 million for Infrastructure Remediation for Residences.
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	(1,042)	This deficit is due to the recognition of a loss on the transfer of land and other assets under the Stafford v Attorney General resolution agreement.
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	517,097	518,617	

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Independent Advice on Oranga Tamariki (M93) (A32)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to independent advice and assurance to the Minister for Children.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The appropriation increased by \$80,000 due to the transfer of funding from the Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Investing in Children and Young People appropriation to support an increase in costs of the Oranga Tamariki Ministerial Advisory Board.

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Investing in Children and Young People (M93) (A32)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to ensure New Zealand's vulnerable children and young people have positive outcomes.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Intensive Response

This category is limited to intensive response services for children and young people exhibiting needs which place them at risk of harm and/or requiring a statutory intervention.

Policy Advice and Ministerial Services

This category is limited to providing policy advice and other support to the Ministers in discharging their policy decision-making and other portfolio responsibilities.

Prevention and Early Support

This category is limited to providing prevention, awareness and early support programmes and services to identify and support children, young people and their families at risk of poor life outcomes.

Statutory Intervention and Transition

This category is limited to providing statutory care and youth justice services, and services to transition children and young people from statutory intervention.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	1,549,893	7,726	1,557,619
Departmental Output Expenses			
Intensive Response	13,460	(10)	13,450
Policy Advice and Ministerial Services	9,924	49	9,973
Prevention and Early Support	470,449	(4,882)	465,567
Statutory Intervention and Transition	1,056,060	12,569	1,068,629

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	1,538,747	3,447	1,542,194
Intensive Response	13,460	(10)	13,450
Policy Advice and Ministerial Services	9,924	49	9,973
Prevention and Early Support	470,449	(4,882)	465,567
Statutory Intervention and Transition	1,044,914	8,290	1,053,204
Revenue from Others	11,146	4,279	15,425
Statutory Intervention and Transition	11,146	4,279	15,425

Components of the Appropriation

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Departmental			
Intensive Response			
Personnel	9,018	12	9,030
Children's Costs	1,750	-	1,750
Other Costs	2,692	(22)	2,670
Total	13,460	(10)	13,450
Policy Advice and Ministerial Services			
Personnel	7,840	49	7,889
Other Costs	2,084	-	2,084
Total	9,924	49	9,973
Prevention and Early Support			
Preventative Programmes	298,577	(120)	298,457
Other Costs	127,108	(3,991)	123,117
Personnel	44,764	(771)	43,993
Total	470,449	(4,882)	465,567
Statutory Intervention and Transition			
Personnel	508,570	434	509,004
Placements (bed nights)	231,875	17,689	249,564
Other Children's Costs	177,798	59	177,857
Other Costs	137,817	(5,613)	132,204
Total	1,056,060	12,569	1,068,629

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation by \$7.726 million to \$1,557.619 million for 2025/26 is due to:

- an expense transfer of \$22.200 million from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to support social service contracting
- an increase of \$4.911 million of funding for cost pressure support for frontline staff remuneration
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$3.538 million to recognise revenue from the Ministry of Social Development - Disability Support Services to help support severely disabled children and young people as well as young adults while they transition to Disability Support Services
- an increase of \$2.282 million funded through Budget 2025 for Infrastructure Remediation for Residences drawn down from the tagged contingency
- a net increase of \$1.783 million funded through Budget 2025 for strengthening the professional leadership and uplifting the capability of the residential workforce drawn down from the tagged contingency
- an increase of \$1.152 million for Consumer Price Index adjustments and volume changes to Foster Care and other allowances
- an expense transfer of \$800,000 from 2024/25 to 2025/26 for work on an improved redress pathway and interim enhancements to current processes
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$600,000 to recognise revenue from the Ministry of Social Development for access to historical Oranga Tamariki records
- an increase of \$341,000 through Budget 2025 for increasing the capacity of secure residences through re-operationalising the Te Oranga residence in Christchurch
- an increase of \$141,000 to recognise revenue from insurance proceeds for 2025/26, and
- an increase of \$140,000 for lease payments and other costs resulting from the Stafford v Attorney General resolution agreement.

The above is partially offset by:

- a combined expense transfer of \$11.454 million from 2025/26 to 2026/27 and to 2027/28 of funding for the Frontline Technology Systems Upgrade - to improve outcomes for children and family due to delays in the procurement phase
- an expense transfer of \$10.500 million from 2025/26 to 2026/27 for the Enabling Communities initiative to align with partners' revised timelines
- an expense transfer of \$3.555 million from 2025/26 to 2026/27 to align the timing of the Government's response to care system safety recommendations made by the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care with work on responding to the Dame Karen Poutasi recommendations
- an expense transfer of \$1.400 million from 2025/26 to 2026/27 for addressing critical safety risks in five secure Youth Justice Residences and implement legislative changes to enable universal searches on entry into residences
- a net decrease of \$1.073 million in funding in 2025/26 from the proceeds of crime due to the transfer of remaining funding to the Ministry of Justice

- a decrease of \$800,000 for the fiscally neutral transfer of \$400,000 of funding to the Departmental Output Expenses: Delivering redress for abuse in care and \$400,000 of funding to Non-Departmental Other Expenses: Redress Payments to support Oranga Tamariki's response to the Recommendations of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care
- an expense transfer of \$800,000 from 2025/26 to 2027/28 for Military Style Academies and transitional support for Young Serious Offenders
- a net decrease of \$500,000 for the Addressing Serious Youth Offending programme. This reflects an expense transfer of \$2 million from 2024/25 to 2025/26 offset by an expense transfer of \$2.500 million from 2025/26 to 2027/28 for the Addressing Serious Youth Offending programme due to delays in the legislative programme, and
- a decrease of \$80,000 for the fiscally neutral transfer of funding to Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Independent Advice on Oranga Tamariki to support the Oranga Tamariki Ministerial Advisory Board.

Redress for Abuse in Care (M93) (A32)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to enable the Government's response to redress recommendations made by the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Delivering redress for abuse in care

This category is limited to responding to, designing, implementing and delivering redress for abuse in care.

Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Support Services

This category is limited to providing third party support services to people who report experiencing abuse in care.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Redress Payments

This category is limited to providing financial redress to people who experienced abuse in care.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	3,266	800	4,066
Departmental Output Expenses			
Delivering redress for abuse in care	1,368	400	1,768
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Support Services	405	-	405
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Redress Payments	1,493	400	1,893
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	1,368	400	1,768
Delivering redress for abuse in care	1,368	400	1,768

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Institute a redress process by June 2026 for people who experience abuse in care (see Note 1)	Achieved	Measure and standard replaced	-
The percentage of eligibility requirements completed for redress applications are completed within 20 working days will be at least: (see Note 2)	Updated measure and standard	85%	85%

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			
Delivering redress for abuse in care			
The percentage of lodged claims that receive a complete resolution process for abuse or neglect while in care is no less than: (see Note 3)	95%	Measure and standard replaced	-
The percentage of inquiries received by Oranga Tamariki are responded to within 20 working days of receipt of inquiry will be at least: (see Note 4)	Updated measure and standard	85%	85%

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Support Services			
The percentage of claimants who receive a support service(s) as part of their settlement offer have a support plan in place at the time of settlement is no less than: (see Note 5 below)	95%	Measure and standard replaced	-
The percentage of support services requested by claimants are confirmed within 20 working days will be at least: (see Note 6)	Updated measure and standard	85%	85%

Note 1 - This measure has been removed. This measure will have expired in June 2026.

Note 2 - This is a new performance measure for 2025/26. The performance measure will endure beyond 2026 and will also provide assurance that redress applications are delivered to the right people.

Note 3 - This performance measure has been removed for 2025/26. Reliable data could not be obtained in a way that would support robust end-of-year reporting.

Note 4 - This is a new performance measure for 2025/26. The measure is focused on performance against best practice for responding to all inquiries. This provides assurance that the redress system is responding effectively and efficiently to inquiries and claims.

Note 5 - This performance measure has been removed for 2025/26. Reliable data could not be obtained in a way that would support robust end-of-year reporting.

Note 6 - This is a new performance measure for 2025/26. The measure is focused on the timeliness of providing support services to claimants. This will measure performance against best practice for our role in responding to requests for support services.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported in the Oranga Tamariki-Ministry for Children's Annual Report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The appropriation increased by \$800,000 to \$4.066 million due to:

- a one-off fiscally neutral transfer of \$400,000 of funding from the Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Investing in Children and Young People appropriation to the Departmental Output Expenses: Delivering redress for abuse in care appropriation to provide additional funding to respond to, design, implement and deliver redress for abuse in care, and
- a one-off fiscally neutral transfer of \$400,000 of funding from the Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Investing in Children and Young People appropriation to the Non-Departmental Other Expenses: Redress Payments appropriation to provide additional funding for the financial redress to people who experienced abuse in care.