

Vote Pacific Peoples

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Pacific Peoples (M50)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry for Pacific Peoples (A13)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY FOR PACIFIC PEOPLES: Minister for Pacific Peoples

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Ministry for Pacific Peoples - Capital Expenditure PLA (M50) (A13)	127	-	127
This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for Pacific Peoples, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.			
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	127	-	127
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Community Policing - Pasifika Wardens (M50) (A13)	250	-	250
This appropriation is limited to supporting Pasifika Wardens.			
Promotions - Business Development (M50) (A13)	6,292	-	6,292
This output class involves the purchase of a range of services that will provide opportunities for Pacific peoples to gain the information and skills necessary to succeed in business.			
Skills Training and Employment (M50) (A13)	6,352	-	6,352
This appropriation is limited to the purchase of services from third party providers to support improved education, skills development, employment and entrepreneurship of Pacific peoples.			
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	12,894	-	12,894
Benefits or Related Expenses			
Study and Training Awards for Business Development (M50) (A13)	1,222	-	1,222
This is for the promotion of positive role models for young Pacific people in New Zealand and the provision of scholarships for further education.			
Total Benefits or Related Expenses	1,222	-	1,222
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Housing Pacific Families (M50) (A13)	40,290	(30,000)	10,290
This appropriation is limited to contributions toward the costs of developing new affordable homes for Pacific peoples.			
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	40,290	(30,000)	10,290
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing MCA (M50) (A13)	28,407	-	28,407
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide support to Ministers in discharging their policy decision-making and other portfolio responsibilities in relation to improving outcomes for Pacific Peoples in New Zealand.			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Communications, Projects & Relationships	26,307	-	26,307
This category is limited to ministerial servicing, nominations services, the development, implementation and monitoring of innovative projects and the establishment and maintenance of relationships with Pacific communities and key stakeholders, to improve outcomes for Pacific Peoples in New Zealand.			

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
<i>Policy Advice</i> This category is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributions to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on government policy matters.	2,100	-	2,100
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	28,407	-	28,407
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	82,940	(30,000)	52,940

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Ministry for Pacific Peoples - Capital Injection (M50) (A13)	-	-	-

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	12,894	-	-	-	12,894
Benefits or Related Expenses	1,222	N/A	-	-	1,222
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	40,290	-	(30,000)	(30,000)	10,290
Capital Expenditure	127	-	-	-	127
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	28,407	-	-	-	28,407
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	82,940	-	(30,000)	(30,000)	52,940
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

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Ministry for Pacific Peoples - Capital Expenditure PLA (M50) (A13)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for Pacific Peoples, 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	127	-	127
Intangibles	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	127	-	127

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Expenditure is in accordance with the Ministry's capital expenditure plan (see Note 1)	100%	Changed measure	100%

Note 1 - The Ministry's planned capital expenditure involves business-as-usual Information Technology replacement only.

*Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets***Ministry for Pacific Peoples**

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	1,140	1,138	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	1,140	1,138	

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Promotions - Business Development (M50) (A13)

Scope of Appropriation

This output class involves the purchase of a range of services that will provide opportunities for Pacific peoples to gain the information and skills necessary to succeed in business.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Pacific business growth			
Supporting Pacific businesses to create new jobs, and extend its support and advisory services to the Pacific business sector.			
New jobs created in Pacific owned businesses every year (see Notes 1 and 2)	At least 130	Changed measure	At least 200
Businesses supported and advised (see Note 2)	At least 350	Changed measure	At least 350
Businesses report high relevance and usability of advisory services and support (see Note 3)	-	New measure	At least 75%

New qualitative descriptor indicator (performance measure detail):

A minimum of three case studies demonstrate how Pacific businesses supported through the Pacific Business Trust develop and apply business skills to support business sustainability and growth.

Case studies are developed using a structured approach that includes representative selection, evidence collection (eg, training completion, operational changes), and internal quality assurance.

Notes

Note 1 - This measure was amended to increase the target from 130 to 200 new jobs.

Note 2 - The measure was strengthened by removing redundant wording.

Note 3 - Participant experience is assessed through a structured survey that examines relevance, usability, and confidence in applying business skills.

Skills Training and Employment (M50) (A13)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase of services from third party providers to support improved education, skills development, employment and entrepreneurship of Pacific peoples.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		Total Standard
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	
Tupu Aotearoa			
A regionalised approach to supporting Pacific peoples who are identified as not in employment, education or training (NEET) to access training, education, and employment opportunities. This aims to contribute towards reducing the proportion of Pacific peoples who are unemployed or underemployed in the New Zealand labour market.			
Case study: Improved education, training and employment outcomes (see Note 1)	-	Expired measure	-
Placements to support Pacific peoples into jobs, education or training (see Note 2)	-	New measure	At least 1,000
Financial Capability Programme			
Providing financial capability training and mentoring for Pacific peoples who are preparing to purchase their own homes.			
Pacific peoples who completed the Financial Capability programme (see Notes 3 and 4)	At least 494	Changed measure	At least 1,500
Pacific peoples who developed a Home Ownership plan with support from the Pacific Financial Capability programme (see Notes 3 and 5)	At least 174	Changed measure	At least 200
Centre for Pacific Languages (CPL)			
Supporting the Centre for Pacific Languages (CPL) to deliver language learning courses, develop digital platforms to support language learning.			
Enrolments in free Pacific languages courses through the CPL (see Note 3)	At least 2,500	Changed measure	At least 2,500
Completions of Pacific Language courses through the CPL	-	New measure	At least 1,000

New qualitative descriptor indicator (performance measure detail):

A case study demonstrates how households participating in the Financial Capability Programme show progression towards home ownership.

This measure is assessed using a structured case study that draws provider-entered data from the Ministry's Customer Relationship Management system as the primary evidence base. Providers retain original source documents, and the Ministry verifies evidence through sampling and internal quality assurance. "Progression towards home ownership" means verified steps taken by the household to advance their home ownership pathway (eg, completing key programme milestones, meeting eligibility requirements, engaging with lenders, improving financial readiness).

Notes

Note 1 - The Tupu Aotearoa case study expired 30 June 2025.

Note 2 - The Tupu Aotearoa programme is being transferred to the Ministry of Social Development. For 2025/26, a one-off allocation has been set, with the budget and expected placements capped at 1,000. This measures placements of eligible Pacific peoples into employment, education, and/or training, where the placement is held for at least 31 days.

Note 3 - The measure was strengthened by removing redundant wording.

Note 4 - The target has increased from 494 to at least 1,500 completions due to reprioritised funding, which has increased programme delivery levels.

Note 5 - The target has increased from 174 to at least 200 due to reprioritised funding to support households to develop Home Ownership Plans.

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Housing Pacific Families (M50) (A13)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to contributions toward the costs of developing new affordable homes for Pacific peoples.

Expenses

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	40,290	(30,000)	10,290

Components of the Appropriation

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Building Homes for Pacific Families in Porirua	40,231	(30,000)	10,231
Pay equity settlement for Social Workers	59		59
Total	40,290	(30,000)	10,290

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Housing			
Contributing to the supply of affordable, fit-for-purpose homes to enable more Pacific families to own a home, which can serve as a foundation for building intergenerational wealth.			
Collaborate to have affordable, fit for purpose homes built for Pacific families (see Note 1)	Between 10 and 25	Changed measure	Between 25 and 35
New homeowners supported through Our Whare Our Fare report improved wellbeing and housing outcomes (see Note 2)	-	New measure	At least 75%

New qualitative descriptor indicator (performance measure detail):

Two case studies demonstrate how practical support through the Pacific Building Affordable Homes Programme has contributed to improved outcomes for Pacific families.

This measure is assessed using two structured case studies representing typical Pacific Affordable Homes pathways (eg, direct purchase, rent-to-buy, shared equity, or progressive home ownership). Providers retain original source documents. The Ministry verifies evidence through sampling and applies internal quality assurance to confirm credibility and consistency. "Improved housing outcomes" means verified progress in a household's housing situation, such as increased stability, improved quality or suitability, reduced crowding, improved affordability/sustainability, or greater ability to navigate housing processes.

Notes

Note 1 - The target for homes built has been revised from between 10-25 homes to between 25-35 homes. This reflects updated delivery forecasts based on confirmed build schedules and progress on contracted developments across both programmes.

Note 2 - The survey asks new homeowners supported through Our Whare Our Fale to indicate their level of agreement with a statement about whether their wellbeing and housing outcomes have improved since moving into their home. The question uses a five-point Likert scale (1 = strongly disagree to 5 = strongly agree), plus a "Prefer not to say" option. Results are reported as the percentage of valid responses selecting "agree" or "strongly agree" (4 or 5). Neutral responses (3) and "Prefer not to say" responses are excluded from the calculation.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$30 million to \$10.290 million for 2025/26 due to delays in land negotiations for the Housing in Porirua programme.

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing (M50) (A13)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide support to Ministers in discharging their policy decision-making and other portfolio responsibilities in relation to improving outcomes for Pacific Peoples in New Zealand.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Communications, Projects & Relationships

This category is limited to ministerial servicing, nominations services, the development, implementation and monitoring of innovative projects and the establishment and maintenance of relationships with Pacific communities and key stakeholders, to improve outcomes for Pacific Peoples in New Zealand.

Policy Advice

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How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Communication, Projects and Relationships			
Operational Excellence			
Pacific stakeholders report trust and confidence in the Ministry (see Note 1)	Average satisfied or above	Changed measure	At least 65%
Stakeholders report that the Ministry delivers value through its work and services (see Notes 1 and 2)	Average satisfied or above	Changed measure	At least 65%
<i>Building and maintaining relationships with Pacific communities and key stakeholders</i>			
<i>The voices of Pacific communities are reflected in government policy and decision-making, and Pacific communities engage more effectively with government.</i>			
Public events that are Ministry-supported (see Note 3)	At least 50	Changed measure	At least 50

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
<i>Building government Pacific policy and engagement capability through Kapasa and Yavu</i>			
<i>The Ministry influences outcomes through building capability in Pacific engagement and policy making across government.</i>			
Government staff trained in Pacific policy and engagement tools (see Note 4)	Maximum 48 workshops or 480 participants	Changed measure	Maximum 48 workshops or 500 participants
Government agencies report policy and engagement capability services meet their needs (see Note 1)	Average satisfied or above	Changed measure	At least 75%
Satisfaction of non-government organisations with Pacific engagement capability services (see Note 5)	Average satisfied or above	Expired measure	-
<i>Ministerial servicing</i>			
<i>The Ministry provides ministerial services that support the Minister in responding to the needs and priorities of Pacific communities by strengthening capability in Pacific engagement and policy making across government.</i>			
Timeliness of official correspondence			
Requests completed within relevant specific or statutory timeframes (see Note 6)			
• Briefings	95-100%	Changed measure	95-100%
• Ministerial Official Information Act 1982	95-100%	Changed measure	95-100%
• Written Parliamentary Questions	95-100%	Changed measure	95-100%
• Select Committee Questions	95-100%	Changed measure	95-100%
<i>Nomination services</i>			
<i>Recognising Pacific leaders - State Sector Boards</i>			
Nominees put forward by the Ministry for governance positions across the state sector (see Note 3)	At least 10	Changed measure	At least 10
<i>Innovative projects - Pacific Healthy Homes</i>			
<i>The Ministry works with other government agencies and providers, including Pacific providers, to build on existing programmes in helping create healthier homes for more Pacific peoples.</i>			
Households that received Pacific healthy homes interventions	-	New measure	At least 200
<i>Innovative projects - Strengthening Pacific Languages</i>			
<i>The Ministry is committed to promoting and protecting Pacific languages in New Zealand by increasing their public use and engagement.</i>			
Pacific language broadcasting hours (see Note 3)	At least 7,000	Changed measure	At least 7,000
Listeners on Pacific Media Networks 531 pi station	-	New measure	At least 300,000
Social media interactions with Pacific Language Week social media posts (see Note 3)	At least 120,000	Changed measure	At least 120,000
Engagement rate with Pacific Language Week social media posts (see Note 7)	At least 5%	Changed measure	At least 3.5%
New written, visual, and/or Pacific Language resources funded by the Ministry	-	New measure	At least 200
Community language projects improved participants' health and/or wellbeing (see Note 8)	-	New measure	At least 70%

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Policy Advice			
<i>Quality of Policy Advice</i>			
<i>Ministerial survey</i>			
Quality of policy advice papers assessed for:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> distribution that score 4/5 or higher (see Note 8) 	-	New measure	At least 20%
<i>Stakeholder survey on secondary policy advice</i>			
Satisfaction of government agencies with the Ministry's policy advice services (see Note 9)	Average satisfied or above	Expired measure	-

Qualitative descriptor indicators (performance measure details):

- Influence on policies and/or programmes: A case study demonstrates how Pacific peoples influence the policies or programmes that affect them.
- Connection to government services: A case study demonstrates how Pacific communities are connected to government services.

A structured case study will be prepared each year for each measure to demonstrate how Pacific peoples influence policies and/or programmes that affect them, and how Pacific communities are connected to government services. Each case study will follow a documented methodology that sets out the process for selecting representative examples, collecting evidence, and applying internal quality assurance. This ensures the case studies are consistent, well evidenced, and auditable.

- Pacific healthy homes interventions: A case study demonstrates evidence of improved housing quality and housing related health outcomes for participating households.

This measure will be assessed through periodic independent evaluations, which provide evidence on changes in housing quality and housing related health outcomes for Pacific households. Evaluations draw on programme data, independent analysis, and feedback from Pacific communities to determine whether initiatives are contributing to improved outcomes. Because evaluations occur at scheduled intervals rather than annually, results will be reported in the Annual Report when new evaluation findings become available.

Notes

Note 1 - The measure was reworded to align with percentage-based reporting, improving clarity and auditability compared with the previous 'average satisfied or above' standard.

Note 2 - This is the aggregated score of all the Ministry's stakeholder satisfaction surveys, such as:

- ministerial satisfaction per the common satisfaction survey
- ministerial quality of policy advice survey
- policy and engagement capability services survey
- trust and confidence stakeholder survey.

Note 3 - The measure was strengthened by removing redundant wording.

Note 4 - The participant target has increased from 480 to 500 to reflect updated delivery expectations. This measures the number of government agency staff (local and central) trained in Kapasa (Pacific Policy Analysis Tool) and Yavu (Foundations of Pacific Engagement tool). The tools build capability in Pacific engagements and ensure consideration of Pacific perspectives and priorities in policy making.

The two alternative options provide contingency for variable attendance.

Note 5 - This measure has expired as the work programme no longer focuses on non-government organisations and now applies only to government agencies.

Note 6 - The measure and supporting note have been strengthened by removing redundant wording and ensuring both Select Committees are referenced. Timeframes for these measures vary by request type:

- Briefings: Timeframes are set on a case-by-case basis.
- Official Information Act requests: Delivery to the Minister follows an agreed timeframe that enables a response within 20 working days.
- Written Parliamentary Questions: The Ministry provides advice to the Minister within four working days. The parliamentary response deadline is six working days.
- Select Committee Questions: Timeframes are set by the Finance and Expenditure Committee and the Social Services and Community Committee, and may vary on a case-by-case basis depending on each Committee's requirements.

Note 7 - The previous 5% target proved overly ambitious given changes in how audiences interact with social media content. A target of 3.5% better reflects current industry norms and audience behaviour, while maintaining an appropriately high performance expectation.

Note 8 - The distribution measure (percentage scoring 4/5 or higher, target $\geq 20\%$) has been reinstated after being omitted in error from the Main Estimates; this returns the policy advice quality suite to its intended coverage.

Note 9 - There is no stable or identifiable cross-agency respondent group to support reliable, comparable, or auditable survey results. The respondent population cannot be reliably replicated over time, the measure no longer meets requirements for ongoing performance reporting.