

Vote Police

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister of Police (M51)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: New Zealand Police (A28)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR NEW ZEALAND POLICE: Minister of Police

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			
Arms Safety and Control (M51) (A28) This appropriation is limited to the delivery of Arms Regulatory services as set out in the Arms Act 1983.	77,060	(9,020)	68,040
Establishment of Next Generation Critical Communication (NGCC) as a Schedule 4A company (M51) (A28) This appropriation is limited to establishing the Next Generation Critical Communication (NGCC) as a Schedule 4a company.	-	2,500	2,500
Road Safety Programme (M51) (A28) This appropriation is limited to the delivery of road safety education and enforcement of road safety legislation as set out in the New Zealand Road Safety Programme.	466,714	12,356	479,070
Search and Rescue Activities PLA (M51) (A28) This appropriation is limited to search and rescue activities and services as authorised under Section 9(1) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.	1,100	265	1,365
Total Departmental Output Expenses	544,874	6,101	550,975
Departmental Other Expenses			
Compensation for Confiscated Firearms (M51) (A28) Compensation paid to owners of firearms confiscated under the provisions of section 28(4) of the Arms Act 1983.	10	-	10
Total Departmental Other Expenses	10	-	10
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
New Zealand Police - Capital Expenditure PLA (M51) (A28) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the New Zealand Police, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	154,445	42,617	197,062
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	154,445	42,617	197,062
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Third Party Crime Prevention Activities (M51) (A28) This appropriation is limited to addressing crime and negative perceptions of safety through services provided by third parties.	451	-	451
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	451	-	451
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
United Nations Drug Control Programme (M51) (A28) United Nations Drug Control Programme contribution.	100	-	100
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	100	-	100

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Policing Services MCA (M51) (A28)	2,476,270	(64,711)	2,411,559
The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to reduce crime by delivering effective and efficient policing services that are responsive to communities.			
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Crime Prevention</i>	613,101	14,206	627,307
This category is limited to delivery of services to the community to help prevent crime and delivery of specific crime prevention activities that target risk areas.			
<i>Investigations and Case Resolution</i>	970,776	3,015	973,791
This category is limited to investigative services to prosecute and resolve suspected or reported crime, and provision of custodial activities.			
<i>Policy Advice and Ministerial Services</i>	12,198	101	12,299
This category is limited to providing policy advice and other support to Ministers in discharging their policy decision-making and other portfolio responsibilities.			
<i>Primary Response Management</i>	880,195	(82,033)	798,162
This category is limited to providing advice and information to requests for service, responding to calls for service and service requests, and the initial response to incidents and emergencies.			
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	2,476,270	(64,711)	2,411,559
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	3,176,150	(15,993)	3,160,157

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
New Zealand Police - Capital Injection (M51) (A28)	209,826	(109,500)	100,326

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	545,325	6,101	-	6,101	551,426
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	110	-	-	-	110
Capital Expenditure	154,445	42,617	-	42,617	197,062
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	2,476,270	(64,711)	-	(64,711)	2,411,559
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	3,176,150	(15,993)	-	(15,993)	3,160,157
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	95,400	N/A	-	-	95,400
Capital Receipts	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	95,400	N/A	-	-	95,400

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Arms Safety and Control (M51) (A28)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the delivery of Arms Regulatory services as set out in the Arms Act 1983.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	77,060	(9,020)	68,040
Revenue from the Crown	71,644	(9,020)	62,624
Revenue from Others	5,416	-	5,416

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Quality			
Percentage of pistol ranges inspected as required by the Arms Amendment Act 2025 (see Note 1)	100%	100%	100%
Timeliness			
Percentage of firearms licence applications (includes both new applications and renewals) processed within 90 days from receipt of a fully completed application (see Note 2)	At least 80%	At least 80%	REMOVED
Percentage of new firearms licence applications processed within 90 days from receipt of a fully completed application (see Note 2)	New measure	At least 80%	At least 80%
Percentage of firearms licence renewal applications processed within 90 days from receipt of a fully completed application (see Note 2)	New measure	At least 80%	At least 80%
Minimum number of firearms licence applications completed per year (see Note 3)	New measure	At least 21,000	At least 21,000

Note 1 - On 29 June 2025, the Arms Amendment Act 2025 came into force. As a result, pistol shooting ranges may only be inspected upon:

- application for a new shooting range certification
- an application for renewal of a shooting range certification, or
- a change of circumstances that may affect the range's safety.

Certification for a pistol shooting range remains in force for five years. This measure has been amended to take into account these new legislative requirements.

Note 2 - The "Percentage of firearms licence applications (includes both new applications and renewals) processed within 90 days from receipt of a fully completed application" is replaced with two separate measures for 'new licence applications' and 'renewals'. This change is to account for the projected increase in volumes for licence renewals which is approaching a 10-year peak in volume, given the cyclical nature of the renewal process. Focus will be maintained on new licence applications processing to ensure licensing decisions are made in a timely manner. This will enable first-time applicants to enter the firearms system and be monitored for compliance with the legislation.

Note 3 - Addition of a firearms licence quantity throughput measure that provides contextual information and a minimum service delivery level.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$9.020 million to \$68.040 million for 2025/26 due to:

- \$6.300 million expense transfer from 2025/26 to 2026/27 for the Registry Expansion project to enhance the Arms Information System, enabling it to meet dealer obligations under the Arms Act 1983, and
- \$4.195 million fiscally neutral adjustment between the Policing Services Multi Category Appropriation (MCA) and Arms Safety and Control appropriation to correct an error in allocating the Collective Employment Agreement tagged contingency.

These decreases were partially offset by a \$1.475 million tagged contingency drawdown to commence implementation planning and finalisation of detailed costings for the Arms Act 1983 rewrite.

Establishment of Next Generation Critical Communication (NGCC) as a Schedule 4A company (M51) (A28)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to establishing the Next Generation Critical Communication (NGCC) as a Schedule 4a company.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	2,500	2,500
Revenue from the Crown	-	2,500	2,500
Revenue from Others	-	-	-

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to establish Next Generation Critical Communication (NGCC) as a Schedule 4A company, ensuring that the required systems, assets, people, and processes are in place ahead of 1 July 2026.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
<i>Timeliness</i>			
Next Generation Critical Communication (NGCC) is established as a Schedule 4A company by 30 June 2026 within the appropriated budget	New measure	100% compliance within required timeframes	100% compliance within required timeframes

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by New Zealand Police in the Annual Report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation established in 2025/26, through a fiscally neutral transfer from *Policing Services MCA - Primary Response Management*, to fund the establishment of a new Crown company under Schedule 4A of the Public Finance Act (PFA) 1989 for NGCC to transition to by 1 July 2026.

Road Safety Programme (M51) (A28)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the delivery of road safety education and enforcement of road safety legislation as set out in the New Zealand Road Safety Programme.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$12.356 million to \$479.070 million for 2025/26 due to:

- \$16.451 million fiscally neutral transfer from the Policing Services appropriation to align funding for Police Infringement Management Solution (PIMS), the Investing in Frontline Policing programmes, and Phase One of the Police Enterprise Resource Management System Upgrade Programme, reflecting that elements of these initiatives and associated costs relate directly to road safety, and
- \$905,000 new funding from tagged contingency for the Police Enterprise Resource Management System Upgrade Programme Phase One.

These increases were partially offset by an expense transfer of \$5 million from 2025/26 to 2026/27 for the Oral Fluid Testing (OFT) project to support the operationalisation of roadside drug testing.

Search and Rescue Activities PLA (M51) (A28)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to search and rescue activities and services as authorised under Section 9(1) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$265,000 to \$1.365 million for 2025/26 due to a fiscally neutral transfer from Vote Transport for search and rescue activities funded under section 9(1) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

New Zealand Police - Capital Expenditure PLA (M51) (A28)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the New Zealand Police, 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	106,331	60,891	167,222
Intangibles	48,114	(18,274)	29,840
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	154,445	42,617	197,062

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$42.617 million to \$197.062 million in 2025/26, due to higher forecast capital spending reflecting recent funding for Frontline Policing, the Police Fleet Renewal programme, and the Public Safety Network (NGCC) implementation.

Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets

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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	1,280,762	1,276,465	Supplementary Estimates opening balance reflects the audited results as at 30 June 2025.
Capital Injections	209,826	100,326	The reduction of \$109.500 million relates to the NGCC (\$99 million) and Investing in Frontline Policing programmes (\$10.500 million), where capital has been transferred from 2025/26 to outyears to better align with updated spending forecasts.
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	1,490,588	1,376,791	

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Policing Services (M51) (A28)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to reduce crime by delivering effective and efficient policing services that are responsive to communities.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Crime Prevention

This category is limited to delivery of services to the community to help prevent crime and delivery of specific crime prevention activities that target risk areas.

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This category is limited to investigative services to prosecute and resolve suspected or reported crime, and provision of custodial activities.

Policy Advice and Ministerial Services

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

Primary Response Management

This category is limited to providing advice and information to requests for service, responding to calls for service and service requests, and the initial response to incidents and emergencies.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	2,476,270	(64,711)	2,411,559
Departmental Output Expenses			
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	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	2,450,777	(69,727)	2,381,050
Crime Prevention	601,904	2,528	604,432
Investigations and Case Resolution	968,205	2,445	970,650
Policy Advice and Ministerial Services	12,186	101	12,287
Primary Response Management	868,482	(74,801)	793,681
Revenue from Others	25,493	5,016	30,509
Crime Prevention	11,197	11,678	22,875
Investigations and Case Resolution	2,571	570	3,141
Policy Advice and Ministerial Services	12	-	12
Primary Response Management	11,713	(7,232)	4,481

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to reduce crime by providing effective and efficient policing services to ensure that the public has trust and confidence in police, and that they are satisfied with Police services.

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			
Policy Advice and Ministerial Services			
This category is intended to support the provision of quality advice for decision-making, to enable the Minister to discharge their portfolio responsibilities.			
Quantity			
Number of policy related briefings (formal and additional) for the Minister (see Note 1)	At least 250	(50)	At least 200
Number of second opinion advice and contributions to policy advice led by other agencies (see Note 2)	At least 250	50	At least 300

Note 1 - Revising the expected delivery volumes of first opinion pieces of policy advice down by 50 items to account for the shift of the firearms policy function from Police to the Ministry of Justice. This is likely to increase the Police second opinion policy contributions up by 50 items and has been accounted for. This is a net-zero output change.

Note 2 - Revising the expected delivery volumes of second opinion pieces of policy advice up by 50 items to account for the shift of the firearms policy function from Police to the Ministry of Justice. This is likely to decrease the Police first opinion policy contributions down by 50 items and has been accounted for. This is a net-zero output change.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$64.711 million to \$2,411.559 million for 2025/26 due to:

- \$70 million expense transfer from 2025/26 to 2026/27 and 2027/28 for the NGCC programme to continue the replacement of the existing Land Mobile Radio network and developing new services to enable priority access across the cellular networks (impacts Primary Response Management category of the Policing Services MCA only)
- \$16.451 million fiscally neutral transfer to the Road Safety Programme appropriation to align funding for PIMS, the Investing in Frontline Policing programmes, and Phase One of the Police Enterprise Resource Management System Upgrade Programme, reflecting that elements of these activities and associated costs relate directly to road safety
- \$15 million one off retention of savings from 2025/26 into 2026/27 to fund the outyear cost pressures associated with maintaining existing frontline and operational delivery of Police
- \$11.014 million expense transfer from 2025/26 to 2026/27 to enable Police to implement a replacement of the PIMS
- \$7.637 million fiscally neutral transfer to Vote Internal Affairs to enable the transfer of NGCC from Vote Police and reflect the associated decrease in other revenue
- \$7.250 million expense transfer from 2025/26 to 2026/27 to support the ongoing costs of Investing in Frontline Policing
- \$3.300 million expense transfer from 2025/26 to 2026/27 to fund remediation and reinstatement work across the Royal New Zealand Police College campus following detailed seismic assessments, and
- \$2.500 million fiscally neutral transfer to establish a new appropriation for NGCC as a Schedule 4A company under the Public Finance Act 1989, enabling the transition to a Crown company by 1 July 2026.

These decreases were partly offset by:

- \$20 million retention of an underspend from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to enable Police to implement a replacement of the PIMS
- \$11.578 million additional cost recovery from Vote Foreign Affairs to support delivery of various policing partnership programmes in the Pacific Islands (impacts Crime Prevention category of the Policing Services MCA only)
- \$5.334 million drawdown from the Proceeds of Crime Fund in 2025/26 for the recovery of Police legal fees and interpreter costs
- \$5.246 million carry forward from 2024/25 to 2025/26 for the of Investing in Frontline Policing initiatives
- \$4.255 million new funding from tagged contingency for the Police Enterprise Resource Management System Upgrade Programme Phase One
- \$4.195 million a fiscally neutral transfer from the Arms Safety and Control appropriation to correct an allocation error relating to a Collective Employment Agreement tagged contingency drawdown
- \$4 million carry forward from 2024/25 to 2025/26 for the remediation and reinstatement work across the Royal New Zealand Police College campus following detailed seismic assessments

- \$2.710 million drawdown from tagged contingency for costs relating to a Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade-led Pacific Resilience interagency submission approved on 1 July 2025
- \$1.954 million carry forward from 2024/25 to 2025/26 for Emergency Caller Location Information (ECLI) initiative automating geographic information for 111 emergency call takers
- \$1.793 million new funding for New Zealand Police Fuel Cost Pressures
- \$1.665 million new funding to fund actions to accelerate progress in addressing methamphetamine related harm
- \$1.279 million additional funding to recognise expenses arising from the derecognition of Crown land and other physical assets that are transferred under the Stafford v Attorney General settlement
- \$1.275 million carry forward from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to continue delivery of the Retail Crime Prevention Programme, covering initiatives targeting ram-raids and aggravated robberies
- \$1 million carry forward from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to expand and sustain the impact of Police's Prosecution Uplift Programme
- \$500,000 in funding from Vote Social Development for the Resilience to Organised Crime in Communities (ROCC) programme, delivering an end-to-end strategic response to organised crime
- \$405,000 in funding from NZ Search and Rescue (NZSAR) to support Police with annual District Marine and Land Search and Rescue exercises (SAREXs)
- \$400,000 carry forward from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to support implementation of the Victims of Crime: Improving Outcomes action plan initiatives, aimed at enhancing victims' experiences
- \$300,000 carry forward from 2024/25 to 2025/26 for property projects to support Investing in Frontline Policing
- \$167,000 funding from the Vote Defence for Police participation in overseas deployments in support of a rules based international order over two years
- \$160,000 carry forward from 2024/25 to 2025/26 for the establishment a Young Serious Offender category and Youth Military Style Academies
- \$100,000 in funding from the Government of the Pitcairn Islands for a seconded NZ Police officer working alongside the on-island police officer in a community policing role
- \$70,000 a funding from Vote Courts for Te Au Reka, funding two embedded Police subject matter experts for 12 months to support the design and build of Phase Two, and
- \$55,000 funding from Vote Courts for ongoing delivery of the INTERPOL Border Alerts for Child Protection function.