

Vote Public Service

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for the Public Service and Digitising Government (M66),
Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into
Historical Abuse in State Care (M114)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Public Service Commission (A36)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION: Minister for the Public Service and
Digitising Government

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			
Government Digital Delivery Agency (M66) (A36) This appropriation is limited to leading digital transformation across the Public Sector and delivering and regulating digital services for New Zealanders.	-	16,805	16,805
Leadership of the Public Management System (M66) (A36) This appropriation is limited to ensuring the Public Management System has the design, capability and performance to deliver public services, and providing advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to the Public Management System.	32,269	9,614	41,883
Public Service Fale (M66) (A36) This appropriation is limited to supporting the strengthening of the public sector in Pacific Island countries and territories through the establishment and delivery of the Public Service Fale.	2,000	1,627	3,627
Responding to the Abuse in Care Inquiry (M114) (A36) This appropriation is limited to supporting the delivery of the Government's response to the Abuse in Care Inquiry.	18,500	2,099	20,599
Total Departmental Output Expenses	52,769	30,145	82,914
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Public Service Commission - Capital Expenditure PLA (M66) (A36) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Public Service Commission, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	367	430	797
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	367	430	797
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Support for Survivors of Abuse in Care (M114) (A36) This appropriation is limited to assisting and supporting survivors of abuse in care.	-	188	188
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	-	188	188
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Open Government Partnership (M66) (A36) This appropriation is limited to payments associated with New Zealand's membership of the Open Government Partnership.	200	-	200
Remuneration and Related Employment Costs of Chief Executives (M66) (A36) This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and costs relating to the employment of chief executives employed by the Public Service Commissioner.	20,780	1,605	22,385
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	20,980	1,605	22,585

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Lake Alice Unit Torture Redress Payments MCA (M114) (A36) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support and enable redress payments to survivors of torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit.	700	1,642	2,342
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</i>			
<i>Support for Survivors of Torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit</i> This category is limited to supporting survivors of torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit to access the services they need to engage with the redress process.	550	1,642	2,192
<i>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</i>			
<i>Redress Payments for Survivors of Torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit</i> This category is limited to redress payments for survivors of torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit.	150	-	150
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	700	1,642	2,342
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	74,816	34,010	108,826

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Public Service Commission - Capital Injection (M66) (A36)	-	9,960	9,960

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	52,769	30,145	188	30,333	83,102
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	20,980	-	1,605	1,605	22,585
Capital Expenditure	367	430	-	430	797
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	550	-	1,642	1,642	2,192
<i>Other Expenses</i>	150	-	-	-	150
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	74,816	30,575	3,435	34,010	108,826
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	20,035	N/A	1,105	1,105	21,140
Capital Receipts	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	20,035	N/A	1,105	1,105	21,140

1.4 - Reconciliation of Changes in Appropriation Structure

Estimates	2025/26 (Estimates) \$000	Supplementary Estimates (Changes during the year)	Amount Moved \$000	New Structure	2025/26 (Restated) \$000
Vote Internal Affairs		Vote Internal Affairs		Vote Internal Affairs	
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure		Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure		Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	
Government Digital Services	49,765	Transfer from Government Digital Services MCA in Vote Internal Affairs	(16,559)	Government Digital Services	33,206
Civic Information Services	897	Transfer from Civic Information Services in Vote Internal Affairs	(246)	Civic Information Services	651
		Vote Public Service		Vote Public Service	
		Departmental Output Expense		Departmental Output Expense	
		Transfer to Government Digital Delivery Agency in Vote Public Service	16,805	Government Digital Delivery Agency	16,805
Total Changes in Appropriations	50,662		-		50,662

From 1 April 2026, the Government Chief Digital Officer functions transitioned from the Department of Internal Affairs to the Public Service Commission.

Explanations of the reasons for changing the appropriation structure are noted in the details of each appropriation in Parts 2-4.

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Government Digital Delivery Agency (M66) (A36)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to leading digital transformation across the Public Sector and delivering and regulating digital services for New Zealanders.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	16,805	16,805
Revenue from the Crown	-	7,011	7,011
Revenue from Others	-	9,794	9,794

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve digital transformation for the Public Sector.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Digital accessibility score of public-facing government digital web services is reduced (see Note 1)	New measure	10% per annum	10% per annum
Percentage of published New Zealand Gazette notices that are accurate (see Note 2)	New measure	99%	99%
Annual Public Sector savings due to agencies consuming All of Government portfolio products and services (see Note 3)	New measure	\$85 million	\$85 million
People using government services that were satisfied or very satisfied with their most recent digital service experience (see Note 4)	New measure	85%	85%

Disclosure - These are four new performance measures introduced following the transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer functions from Vote Internal Affairs to Vote Public Service.

Note 1 - This measure reflects the transfer of digital delivery and stewardship responsibilities to the Commission and its role in promoting accessible public-facing government digital services.

Note 2 - This measure reflects the transfer of digital delivery and stewardship responsibilities to the Commission and its role in promoting accessible public-facing government digital services.

Note 3 - This measure supports reporting on value-for-money outcomes arising from the Commission's stewardship of All-of-Government digital products and services following the transfer of functions.

Note 4 - This measure enables consistent reporting on user experience outcomes associated with government digital services under the Commission's digital delivery and stewardship remit.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Public Service Commission in its 2025/26 Annual Report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation for 2025/26 to provide for the delivery of Government Chief Digital Officer functions that transferred from Vote Internal Affairs from 1 April 2026.

Memorandum Account

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
System Capabilities, Services and Platforms			
Opening Balance at 1 July	-	-	-
Revenue	-	6,843	6,843
Expenses	-	(6,843)	(6,843)
Transfers and Adjustments	-	(10,213)	(10,213)
Closing Balance at 30 June	-	(10,213)	(10,213)

This memorandum account was created as part of the transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer functions being transferred to Vote Public Service from Vote Internal Affairs. The existing memorandum account in Vote Internal Affairs contained a deficit of \$10.213 million which has been transferred to the Commission.

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
New Zealand Gazette			
Opening Balance at 1 July	-	-	-
Revenue	-	11	11
Expenses	-	(246)	(246)
Transfers and Adjustments	-	253	253
Closing Balance at 30 June	-	18	18

This memorandum account was created as part of the transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer functions being transferred to Vote Public Service from Vote Internal Affairs. The existing memorandum account in Vote Internal Affairs contained a surplus of \$253,000 which has been transferred to the Commission.

Leadership of the Public Management System (M66) (A36)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to ensuring the Public Management System has the design, capability and performance to deliver public services, and providing advice and services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to the Public Management System.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	32,269	9,614	41,883
Revenue from the Crown	27,586	7,540	35,126
Revenue from Others	4,683	2,074	6,757

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve a higher performing public sector through delivery of policy advice and leadership of the public management system by ensuring that the Public Service is collectively responsible and works together, learning what works best and using it to improve performance for customers and having the people, institutions and approach to respond effectively to the needs of New Zealanders today and in the future.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Leadership strategy and capability			
The Commission through the Leadership Development Centre strengthens leadership practices by delivering Te Pūtanga Leadership in Practice:			
Participants of Te Pūtanga Leadership in Practice programme agree or strongly agree it has made me a more effective leader (see Note 3)	80%	80%	80%
Heads of Human Resources surveyed across the public service agree or strongly agree that that the Commission's Head of Human Resource channel (meetings, notes, follow-ups, HR Hub), is useful and relevant for me and my team (see Note 4)	70%	70%	70%
Chief executive and agency performance management			
Annual performance reviews of Public Service chief executives are completed against performance expectations for the review period (see Notes 5 and 6)	New measure	100%	100%

Note 1 - The Performance Improvement Review Programme aims to lift the overall capability of the public service. Reviews take a forward-looking approach and are led by independent Lead Reviewers. Reports are published on the Commission website.

Note 2 - The specific number of PIRs completed by the Commission each year is agreed in writing with the Minister.

Note 3 - This is a measure of quality, aligned to our role in developing leadership capability. The LDC facilitates the flagship 9-month development programme - Te Pūtanga | Leadership in Practice - for experienced Public Service leaders who are ready to transform their leadership impact and grow strategic influence across the Public Service. LDC support three programmes during the reporting year. Evaluations are conducted after each cohort. The Commission requests respondents provide a numeric response on a 1-5 scale (1=strongly disagree, 5=strongly agree). Respondents who select a rating of 4 or 5 on the scale, agree or strongly agree Te Pūtanga made me a more effective leader. Evaluations are conducted after each cohort. Responses are collated by the Commission and the proportion of respondents who have selected 4 or 5 are reported.

Disclosure - The wording of this performance measure has been updated to more accurately reflect participants' perceptions of the programme's contribution to their effectiveness as leaders.

Note 4 - This measure was introduced in 2024/25. The measure is assessed through an annual satisfaction survey completed by Heads of HR (HoHR) from Public Service Leadership Team agencies.

Disclosure - The measure wording has been updated to clarify scope and improve the reliability of future results. Feedback indicated the original survey question was misinterpreted by some respondents as measuring engagement with the Commission more broadly, rather than engagement through the Head of Human Resources Head of Profession and supporting channels.

Note 5 - Under the Public Service Act 2020, the Commissioner's general functions include reviewing the performance of Public Service chief executives. This measure reports on the execution of this function by reporting on the completion of annual chief executive performance reviews. CE performance reviews are based on progress against performance expectations set for the performance review period, with those expectations reflecting Government priorities, targets, core agency delivery, agency capability and performance, sector contribution, and enduring expectations. The Public Service Act 2020 requires engagement with responsible Ministers in reviewing the performance of relevant Public Service chief executives.

Disclosure - This new measure aligns with the Commissioner's ongoing employment and performance-management functions and can be reliably reported for 2025/26.

Note 6 - Annual Performance Reviews cover the period 1 July to 30 June, and the performance review is substantively undertaken after the end of the review period (as this is when performance can be fully assessed against expectations for that period).

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Public Service Commission in its 2025/26 Annual Report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$9.614 million to \$41.883 million for 2025/26 due to:

- \$7.500 million to provide for the establishment of the Ministry of Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport

- \$2.074 million in revenue adjustments from other departments and third parties. The components of these adjustments include:
 - \$773,000 for the Leadership Development Centre arising from changes in levies and additional course fees
 - \$731,000 for the external secondments from the Commission to other agencies and the contribution of secondments from other agencies to the Commission
 - \$280,000 to fund the Performance Improvement Review Programme which will be cost recovered from agencies
 - \$195,000 for the recovery of costs associated with the initial project work to setup of the new Ministry of Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport
 - \$165,000 to recover the recruitment costs for the appointment of statutory appointments
 - \$150,000 for the Health Assurance Review, which is recovered from the Ministry of Health
 - \$150,000 to allow for investigations in the current financial year which would be fully recoverable from other agencies
 - \$131,000 for increases in Papa Pounamu revenue, largely relating to the Women in Public Service summit and the CARN conference
 - \$37,000 in additional small adjustments, and
 - an offsetting decrease of \$538,000 in 2025/26 and outyears in system contributions to fund the Kia Toipoto programme as this programme has come to an end.
- \$1.154 million reflecting a capital to operating 'swap' from equity stemming from the increase in net assets when the Leadership Development Centre Trust merged with the Public Service Commission in 2018. This funding now resides in the Leadership Development Centre memorandum account.

This is offset by a decrease of \$1.114 million reflecting an expense transfer from 2025/26 into outyears to help the Commission deal with cost pressures such as inflation and remuneration increases.

Memorandum Account

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Leadership Development Centre			
Opening Balance at 1 July	620	312	932
Revenue	3,243	773	4,016
Expenses	(3,243)	(773)	(4,016)
Transfers and Adjustments	-	1,154	1,154
Closing Balance at 30 June	620	1,466	2,086

\$1.154 million was transferred to the Leadership Development Centre memorandum account to recognise the net assets transferred from the Leadership Development Centre Trust to the Commission when both agencies merged.

Public Service Fale (M66) (A36)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to supporting the strengthening of the public sector in Pacific Island countries and territories through the establishment and delivery of the Public Service Fale.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	2,000	1,627	3,627
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	-
Revenue from Others	2,000	1,627	3,627

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to strengthen Pacific public services to be more trusted and transparent, capable and adaptable, accountable and outcomes-focused to deliver effective public services that are responsive to their citizens.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Pacific Public Service Commissioners who agree the Public Service Fale supports their goals to strengthen public services in their country (see Notes 1 and 2)	80%	80%	80%
The Commission through the Public Service Fale supports relationship building and knowledge exchange between Pacific countries and territories:			
The Public Service Fale supports delivery of the Annual Pacific Public Service Commissioners Conference	1	Achieved	Achieved
The Commission through the Public Service Fale supports Pacific Public Service Commissioners to develop system leadership capability:			
Percentage of Pacific public servants participating in Fale activities who agree/strongly agree that capability building activities are relevant to their contexts (see Note 3)	80%	80%	80%

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		Total Standard
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	
The Commission through the Public Service Fale supports strengthened Pacific public service capability:			
Percentage of Pacific public servants participating in Fale capability building activities who agree/strongly agree that their knowledge and skills (understanding) improved as a result of the activities (see Note 4)	80%	80%	80%

Note 1 - The Public Service Fale reports annually to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) as part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MFAT and the Commission. The MOU sets out the overarching goal, intended outcomes, and outputs of the Fale.

Note 2 - This is a measure of Quality. Progress in meeting the measure will be assessed through the Annual Survey of 16 (sixteen) Pacific Public Service Commissioners (or equivalent officers). The survey is undertaken by the Public Service Fale. The Commissioners are the key stakeholders supported by the Public Service Fale programme.

Note 3 - This is a measure of Quality. The number and mix of offerings that support system leadership development will vary from year to year based on need. Responses are collated by the Public Service Fale and the proportion of survey respondents who would recommend future participation to a colleague are reported.

Note 4 - This is a measure of Quality. Responses are collated by the Public Service Fale and the proportion of survey respondents who agree the Public Service Fale mentoring programme improved leadership development are reported.

Disclosure - Public Service Fale performance measures have been updated to align with the new funding agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$1.627 million to \$3.627 million for 2025/26 due to:

- \$1.300 million reflecting the first 6 months of revenue from the new Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Public Service Fale to continue the Public Service Fale's support to the public sector in Pacific countries. This agreement is for \$2.600 million per calendar year for 5 years, beginning 1 January 2026, and
- \$327,000 due to revenue received in 2024/25 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs but not spent. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade agreed for the Commission to spend this funding in 2025/26.

Responding to the Abuse in Care Inquiry (M114) (A36)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to supporting the delivery of the Government's response to the Abuse in Care Inquiry.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	18,500	2,099	20,599
Revenue from the Crown	18,500	1,990	20,490
Revenue from Others	-	109	109

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$2.099 million to \$20.599 million for 2025/26 due to:

- \$3.819 million reflecting an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to fund Crown Response Office activity, the National Day of Reflection Community Fund and other activities surrounding the National Day of Reflection
- \$1.079 million to bring funding forward from 2026/27 to enable the Crown Response Office to align funding with the updated redress design and implementation plan
- \$500,000 drawdown from the Implementing the Government's Response tagged contingency to complete development and establishment work for mental health facilities claims
- \$109,000 to recognise revenue from secondments to other agencies, and
- \$92,000 due to the final fiscally neutral transfer from Oranga Tamariki following the transfer of functions of the Crown Response Office from Vote Oranga Tamariki to Vote Public Service.

This was offset by the following decreases:

- \$2.500 million due to an expense transfer from 2025/26 to 2026/27 to support continued Crown Response Office activity, and
- \$1 million due to the transfer of funding to Vote Internal Affairs for the Survivor Support and Recognition Fund.

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Public Service Commission - Capital Expenditure PLA (M66) (A36)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Public Service Commission, 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	367	430	797
Intangibles	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	367	430	797

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 Public Service Commission's capital expenditure plan	New measure	100%	100%

The Public Service Commission is not a capital intensive department. Assets are purchased according to a planned asset replacement programme to maintain and upgrade capability essential to the operation of the Commission. The major areas of capital investment include computer hardware and digital assets.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$430,000 to \$797,000 for 2025/26 due to an increase in the forecast for capital expenditure to refresh the Commission's Information and Communications Technology equipment.

*Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets***Public Service Commission**

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	6,083	5,876	Supplementary Estimates opening balance reflects the audited results as at 30 June 2025.
Capital Injections	-	9,960	The capital injection of \$9.960 million reflects the transfer of memorandum accounts from Vote Internal Affairs following the transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer's functions. The combined deficit of both memorandum accounts was \$9.960 million and the Commission did not have sufficient capital to support this.
Capital Withdrawals	-	(5,122)	A capital withdrawal of \$3.968 million reflects the transfer of the Government Chief Digital Officer functions, represented by a capital transfer to Vote Internal Affairs for the memorandum accounts (\$9.960 million) offset by a capital transfer from Vote Internal Affairs for accumulated amortisation (\$5.992 million). A capital withdrawal of \$1.154 million reflects a transfer of net assets relating to the Leadership Development Centre Trust to the Leadership Development Centre's memorandum account.
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	6,083	10,714	

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Support for Survivors of Abuse in Care (M114) (A36)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to assisting and supporting survivors of abuse in care.

Expenses

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	188	188

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve assistance and support for survivors of abuse in care.

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 s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the PFA, and the annual amount of the category is not likely to exceed \$5 million.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation for 2025/26 to provide for enablement of support to Survivors of Abuse in Care. The components of the increase are:

- \$120,000 drawdown of available tagged contingency associated with Vote Corrections, and
- \$68,000 drawdown of available tagged contingency associated with Vote Māori Development.

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Remuneration and Related Employment Costs of Chief Executives (M66) (A36)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and costs relating to the employment of chief executives employed by the Public Service Commissioner.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$1.605 million to \$22.385 million for 2025/26 due to:

- \$800,000 to cover the remuneration of new appointments (the chief executive of the Ministry of Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport; the functional chief executive for the Government Digital Delivery Agency; and the Chief Executive on Assignment to the Public Service Commission)
- \$500,000 reflecting a transfer from 2024/25 into 2025/26 for the unspent portion of a prior year transfer. The original transfer was to ensure the appropriation could handle the unusual fluctuations in costs that were being experienced in 2024/25, and
- \$305,000 to allow for possible chief executive remuneration increases.

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

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Lake Alice Unit Torture Redress Payments (M114) (A36)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support and enable redress payments to survivors of torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit.

Scope of Appropriation

Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Support for Survivors of Torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit

This category is limited to supporting survivors of torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit to access the services they need to engage with the redress process.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Redress Payments for Survivors of Torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit

This category is limited to redress payments for survivors of torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	700	1,642	2,342
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Support for Survivors of Torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit	550	1,642	2,192
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Redress Payments for Survivors of Torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit	150	-	150

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$1.642 million to \$2.342 million for 2025/26 due to the drawdown of available tagged contingency funding to provide continued support in 2025/26 to claimants who have engaged in the Lake Alice redress process.