

Vote Sport and Recreation

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Sport and Recreation (M64)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry for Culture and Heritage (A12)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY FOR CULTURE AND HERITAGE: Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage

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 | | | |
| Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to the provision of policy advice (including second opinion advice and contributions to policy advice led by other agencies), analysis and related services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to sport and recreation, including monitoring of sport and recreation Crown Entities and advice in relation to the appointment to boards. | - | 1,224 | 1,224 |
| Purchase Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to provision of purchase advice and monitoring of Sport New Zealand and the Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission, including advice in relation to appointments to boards. | 470 | (344) | 126 |
| Total Departmental Output Expenses | 470 | 880 | 1,350 |
| Non-Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| High Performance Sport (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to delivery of initiatives aimed at improved sports performance at the elite level. | 74,192 | - | 74,192 |
| Services from the Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to purchasing the provision of integrity services for protecting and promoting the safety and wellbeing of participants and the fairness of competition in the sport and active recreation sector. | 11,283 | - | 11,283 |
| Sport and Recreation Programmes (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to delivery of programmes in accordance with Sport New Zealand's statutory functions to promote, encourage and support sport and recreation in New Zealand, and the provision of policy advice on and information relating to sport and recreation, including ministerial servicing. | 28,595 | (667) | 27,928 |
| Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses | 114,070 | (667) | 113,403 |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Contributions to the Redevelopment of Colin Maiden Park (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to contributions to the redevelopment of Colin Maiden Park. | - | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Membership of International Organisations (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to non-discretionary payments required as formal obligations from New Zealand's membership of international sport and recreation related organisations. | - | 175 | 175 |
| Miscellaneous Grants (M64) (A12) Discretionary funding is provided on application to groups, individuals and organisations that are unable to obtain support through organisations such as Sport New Zealand, local government, or the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board, to support sports-related initiatives including participation in sport and recreation activities. | 44 | - | 44 |

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|---|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | Estimates Budget \$000 | Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000 | Total Budget \$000 |
| Prime Minister's Sport Scholarships (M64) (A12) This appropriation is limited to sport scholarships to enable talented New Zealanders to pursue tertiary study and elite sport development and/or to develop skills that contribute to the quality of New Zealand's sport performance at the elite level. | 4,250 | - | 4,250 |
| Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses | 4,294 | 5,175 | 9,469 |
| Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations | 118,834 | 5,388 | 124,222 |

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 | 114,540 | 880 | (667) | 213 | 114,753 |
| Benefits or Related Expenses | - | N/A | - | - | - |
| Borrowing Expenses | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Expenses | 4,294 | - | 5,175 | 5,175 | 9,469 |
| Capital Expenditure | - | - | - | - | - |
| Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure | - | - | N/A | - | - |
| Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA) | | | | | |
| <i>Output Expenses</i> | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Other Expenses</i> | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Capital Expenditure</i> | - | N/A | - | - | - |
| Total Appropriations | 118,834 | 880 | 4,508 | 5,388 | 124,222 |
| 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 | - | - | - |

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 |
|---|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | | | |
| Purchase Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities | 470 | Transfer to Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities | (348) | Purchase Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities | 122 |
| | | Transfer from Purchase Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities | 348 | Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities | - |
| | | Transfer from Sport and Recreation Programmes | 667 | Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities | - |
| | | Transfer to Membership of International Organisations | (175) | Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities | 840 |
| Non-Departmental Output Expenses | | | | | |
| Sport and Recreation Programmes | 28,595 | Transfer to Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities | (667) | | 27,928 |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | | | |
| | - | Transfer from Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities | 175 | Membership of International Organisations | 175 |
| Total Changes in Appropriation | 29,065 | | - | | 29,065 |

The above changes to appropriation have been made within Vote Sport and Recreation:

- Establish the new Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities in Vote Sport and Recreation from 1 October 2025.
- From 1 October 2025, transfer \$667,000 from the Sport and Recreation Programmes appropriation to the Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities appropriation to transfer the sport policy function from Sport New Zealand to the Ministry for Culture and Heritage.
- Transfer \$348,000 to the Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities appropriation from the Purchase Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities.
- Establish the new Membership of International Organisations appropriation for payment of New Zealand's membership of the World Anti-Doping Agency transferred from Sport New Zealand.
- Transfer \$175,000 from the Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities appropriation to the Membership of International Organisations appropriation.

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

Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities (M64) (A12)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the provision of policy advice (including second opinion advice and contributions to policy advice led by other agencies), analysis and related services to support Ministers to discharge their portfolio responsibilities relating to sport and recreation, including monitoring of sport and recreation Crown Entities and advice in relation to the appointment to boards.

Expenses and Revenue

| | 2025/26 | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| | Estimates \$000 | Supplementary Estimates \$000 | Total \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | - | 1,224 | 1,224 |
| Revenue from the Crown | - | 1,203 | 1,203 |
| Revenue from Others | - | 21 | 21 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve improved sport and recreation outcomes through the provision of high-quality advice to Ministers and related outputs such as ministerial servicing and monitoring of funded entities.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

| | 2025/26 | | |
|--|-----------------------|--|-------------------|
| | Estimates Standard | Supplementary Estimates Standard | Total Standard |
| Assessment of Performance | | | |
| Ministerial confidence in the sport and recreation policy advice provided (see Note 1) | New measure | New measure | >3.5 |

Note 1 - Ministerial satisfaction and confidence is calculated in accordance with Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet guidance. This results in a ministerial satisfaction score between 1 and 5 with 1 being 'needs significant improvement' and 5 being 'extremely satisfied'.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage in its Annual Report 2025/26.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$1.224 million to \$1.224 million for 2025/26 due to:

- a transfer of \$667,000 from the Sport and Recreation Programmes appropriation to move the strategic sport policy function from Sport New Zealand to the Ministry for Culture and Heritage
- a transfer of \$363,000 from the Heritage Services appropriation in Vote Arts, Culture and Heritage to align appropriations with forecast overhead allocations following transfer of the strategic sport policy function to the Ministry and the conclusion of the Ministry's restructure
- a transfer of \$348,000 for policy advice and monitoring activities from the Purchase Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities appropriation to the new policy advice appropriation, and
- \$21,000 revenue from a co-location arrangement.

The increases are partially offset by a \$175,000 transfer to the Membership of International Organisations non-departmental appropriation for New Zealand's membership of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Purchase Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities (M64) (A12)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to provision of purchase advice and monitoring of Sport New Zealand and the Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission, including advice in relation to appointments to boards.

Expenses and Revenue

| | 2025/26 | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| | Estimates \$000 | Supplementary Estimates \$000 | Total \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 470 | (344) | 126 |
| Revenue from the Crown | 470 | (348) | 122 |
| Revenue from Others | - | 4 | 4 |

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

| | 2025/26 | | |
|--|-----------------------|--|-------------------|
| | Estimates Standard | Supplementary Estimates Standard | Total Standard |
| Assessment of Performance | | | |
| Ministerial satisfaction with the quality and timeliness of advice is consistently high (see Note 1) | 4 | Measure withdrawn | - |

Note 1 - Ministerial satisfaction is calculated in accordance with Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet guidance. This results in a ministerial satisfaction score between 1 and 5 with 1 being 'Never' and 5 being 'Always'. The budget standard of '4' means that the Minister(s) are satisfied 'Most of the time'.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$344,000 to \$126,000 for 2025/26 due to a transfer of \$348,000 to the new Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities appropriation for policy advice and monitoring activities.

This decrease was partially offset by \$4,000 revenue from a co-location arrangement.

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

High Performance Sport (M64) (A12)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to delivery of initiatives aimed at improved sports performance at the elite level.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

| Assessment of Performance | 2025/26 | | |
|--|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Estimates Standard | Supplementary Estimates Standard | Total Standard |
| Tailored Athlete Pathways Support athletes and their coaches strongly agree that specialist services have a positive impact on athlete performance | New measure | New measure | 80% |
| Direct support including grants and specialist services to athletes and coaches positively impacts their performance | Establishing a baseline of at least 80% | Measure withdrawn | - |
| Medals at Olympic Winter Games (see Note 1) | New measure | New measure | Milano Cortina 2026: 2+ |
| Medals at Paralympic Winter Games (see Note 1) | New measure | New measure | Milano Cortina 2026: 2+ |

Note 1 - These results are reported every four years, in line with the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. The 2026 games were held in Milano Cortina.

Sport and Recreation Programmes (M64) (A12)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to delivery of programmes in accordance with Sport New Zealand's statutory functions to promote, encourage and support sport and recreation in New Zealand, and the provision of policy advice on and information relating to sport and recreation, including ministerial servicing.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$667,000 to \$27.928 million for 2025/26 due to the transfer of the strategic sport policy function from Sport New Zealand to the Ministry for Culture and Heritage.

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Contributions to the Redevelopment of Colin Maiden Park (M64) (A12)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to contributions to the redevelopment of Colin Maiden Park.

Expenses

| | 2025/26 | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| | Estimates \$000 | Supplementary Estimates \$000 | Total \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | - | 5,000 | 5,000 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve a government contribution to the redevelopment of Colin Maiden Park in Auckland.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

| | 2025/26 | | |
|--|-----------------------|--|-------------------|
| | Estimates Standard | Supplementary Estimates Standard | Total Standard |
| Assessment of Performance | | | |
| Colin Maiden Park redevelopment and facilities work have commenced | New measure | New measure | Achieved |

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister for Sport and Recreation in a report appended to the Manatū Taonga Annual Report 2025/26.

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 |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Contributions to the redevelopment of Colin Maiden Park | 2025/26 | 5,000 | - | - | - | - |

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$5 million to \$5 million for 2025/26 for a government contribution to the redevelopment of Colin Maiden Park in Auckland.

Membership of International Organisations (M64) (A12)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to non-discretionary payments required as formal obligations from New Zealand's membership of international sport and recreation related organisations.

Expenses

| | 2025/26 | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| | Estimates \$000 | Supplementary Estimates \$000 | Total \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | - | 175 | 175 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve New Zealand's membership of international sport and recreation related organisations.

End of Year Performance Reporting

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 Public Finance Act, and the amount of this annual appropriation is less than \$5 million for expenses.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$175,000 to \$175,000 for 2025/26 due to a fiscally neutral transfer from the Policy Advice and Monitoring of Sport and Recreation Crown Entities appropriation to this new appropriation for New Zealand's membership of the World Anti-Doping Agency.