

Vote Statistics

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister of Statistics (M67)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Statistics New Zealand (A38)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR STATISTICS NEW ZEALAND: Minister of Statistics

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			
Services to Other Agencies RDA (M67) (A38) This appropriation is limited to the provision of services by Stats NZ to other agencies, where those services are not within the scope of another departmental output expense appropriation in Vote Statistics.	16,364	-	16,364
Total Departmental Output Expenses	16,364	-	16,364
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Statistics New Zealand - Capital Expenditure PLA (M67) (A38) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of Statistics New Zealand, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	22,000	-	22,000
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	22,000	-	22,000
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Official Statistics MCA (M67) (A38) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to ensure availability, and promote the use, of the highest priority data and official statistical information to add value to decision making both in New Zealand and overseas jurisdictions.	184,656	1,000	185,656
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services</i> This category is limited to the delivery of data and statistical information services relating to business, the economy and overseas jurisdictions.	72,586	(2,173)	70,413
<i>Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services</i> This category is limited to delivery of data and statistical information services relating to the population, household economics, social conditions (including child poverty), the labour market, and the environment for New Zealand and overseas jurisdictions.	75,111	860	75,971
<i>Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership</i> This category is limited to coordination of statistical and data services for government, through System Leadership of the Official Statistics System (OSS) and Stewardship of the Government Data System; statistical and data management advice; provision of access to official statistics; oversight of the IDI; and the provision of ministerial services.	36,959	2,313	39,272
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	184,656	1,000	185,656
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	223,020	1,000	224,020

Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Departmental Output Expenses		
Delivery of population and social statistics (M67) (A38)	Original Appropriation	227,120
This appropriation is limited to the delivery of population and social statistics in accordance with the requirement for the delivery of a census in line with New Zealand and international obligations.	Adjustments to 2024/25	-
	Adjustments for 2025/26	-
Commences: 01 July 2024	Adjusted Appropriation	227,120
Expires: 30 June 2029	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	21,875
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	32,000
	Estimate for 2026/27	45,000
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	128,245

Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	223,020	1,000	224,020
Total Forecast MYA Departmental Output Expenses	45,424	(13,424)	32,000
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations	268,444	(12,424)	256,020

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Statistics New Zealand - Capital Injection (M67) (A38)	1,420	-	1,420

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	61,788	(13,424)	-	(13,424)	48,364
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	22,000	-	-	-	22,000
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	184,656	1,000	-	1,000	185,656
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	268,444	(12,424)	-	(12,424)	256,020
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 4 - Details of Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Official Statistics (M67) (A38)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to ensure availability, and promote the use, of the highest priority data and official statistical information to add value to decision making both in New Zealand and overseas jurisdictions.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services

This category is limited to the delivery of data and statistical information services relating to business, the economy and overseas jurisdictions.

Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services

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Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership

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Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	184,656	1,000	185,656
Departmental Output Expenses			
Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services	72,586	(2,173)	70,413
Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services	75,111	860	75,971
Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership	36,959	2,313	39,272

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	175,643	1,000	176,643
Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services	67,677	-	67,677
Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services	72,167	-	72,167
Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership	35,799	1,000	36,799
Revenue from Others	9,013	-	9,013
Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services	4,909	(2,173)	2,736
Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services	2,944	860	3,804
Stewardship of Government Data and Statistical Leadership	1,160	1,313	2,473

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the outcome of ensuring decision makers have the right data to make the right decisions by adding value to New Zealand's most important data. Stats NZ will do this by engaging with our customers and developing partnerships with iwi to ensure we are meeting their data needs. We will also be working to build trust with New Zealanders through operating in an open and transparent manner.

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			
Economic and Business Data and Statistical Information Services			
This category is intended to achieve the statistical releases that are free of high errors, meet release dates and enable New Zealand businesses to engage with Stats NZ utilising digital technologies.			
<i>How performance will be assessed:</i>			
Increase in the total users of Stats NZ information releases (see Note 1)	180,000 or above	137,548 or above	137,548 or above

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Population, Social and Labour Market Data and Statistical Information Services			
This category is intended to achieve the non-census related population, social, labour market and environmental data statistical releases that are free of high errors and meet release dates.			
<i>How performance will be assessed:</i>			
Increase in the total users of Stats NZ information releases (see Note 1)	200,000 or above	113,736 or above	113,736 or above

Note 1 - These measures rely on direct website interactions and are no longer reliable indicators of customer reach due to the rapid growth of AI-driven data use, which reduces visible web traffic even where data use continues to grow. The revised targets are a temporary adjustment for the remainder of 2025/26 to reflect this measurement disruption while maintaining monitoring of direct website engagement. Performance against the measures will remain uncertain, as traffic patterns are increasingly influenced by automated AI activity rather than direct human use.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Stats NZ in the 2025/26 Annual Report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$1 million to \$185.656 million for 2025/26 due to a \$1 million expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to improve the Integrated Data Infrastructure for Social Investment.