

Vote Tari Whakatau

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations (M74)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry of Justice (A23)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

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			
Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area Customary Interests (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to departmental expenses incurred in settling historical Treaty of Waitangi claims and determining customary interests in marine and coastal areas including implementing settlements and providing advice and information to Ministers and others on these matters.	36,198	450	36,648
Total Departmental Output Expenses	36,198	450	36,648
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Operations of Ngāpuhi Investment Fund Limited (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to the administration and management of Ngāpuhi Investment Fund Limited.	1,900	-	1,900
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	1,900	-	1,900
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Ancillary Redress: Financial Assistance for Beneficiaries (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to providing Crown contributions to beneficiaries and their representatives towards the costs they incur on finalising the terms of transfer to them of ancillary redress.	250	500	750
Claimant Funding (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to payment of claimant funding related to the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.	5,709	-	5,709
Financial Assistance Toward Determining Customary Interests in the Marine and Coastal Area (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to providing financial assistance to applicant groups to investigate their customary interests in the marine and coastal area.	13,236	1,847	15,083
Reconciliation Initiatives Outside of Treaty Settlements (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to Crown contributions to support the delivery of Māori Crown initiatives outside of the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.	-	20	20
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	19,195	2,367	21,562
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	57,293	2,817	60,110

Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses		
Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2025 - 2029 (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims, including redress through the transfer of assets (cash and property) from the Crown to the claimant groups, and any simple interest payable on settlements between the date specified in the Deed of Settlement and the settlement date. Commences: 30 June 2025 Expires: 30 June 2029	Original Appropriation	1,400,000
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	350,000
Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2026 - 2030 (M74) (A23) This appropriation is limited to the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims, including redress through the transfer of assets (cash and property) from the Crown to the claimant groups, and any simple interest payable on settlements between the date specified in the Deed of Settlement and the settlement date. Commences: 30 June 2026 Expires: 30 June 2030	Original Appropriation	1,400,000
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	-

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	57,293	2,817	60,110
Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Other Expenses	350,000	-	350,000
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations	407,293	2,817	410,110

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	38,098	450	-	450	38,548
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	369,195	-	2,367	2,367	371,562
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	407,293	450	2,367	2,817	410,110
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	599	N/A	-	-	599
Capital Receipts	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	599	N/A	-	-	599

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal Area Customary Interests (M74) (A23)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to departmental expenses incurred in settling historical Treaty of Waitangi claims and determining customary interests in marine and coastal areas including implementing settlements and providing advice and information to Ministers and others on these matters.

Expenses and Revenue

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	36,198	450	36,648
Revenue from the Crown	35,758	450	36,208
Revenue from Others	440	-	440

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
The satisfaction of the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations with the policy advice service, as per the common Satisfaction Survey (see Note 1)	At least 8/10	-	At least 4/5

Note 1 - The standard for this performance indicator was updated from "8/10" to "At least 4/5" in 2025/26 to align with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet guidelines.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$450,000 to \$36.648 million for 2025/26 due to an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to meet arbitration costs relating to relativity mechanism dispute settlements.

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Ancillary Redress: Financial Assistance for Beneficiaries (M74) (A23)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to providing Crown contributions to beneficiaries and their representatives towards the costs they incur on finalising the terms of transfer to them of ancillary redress.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$500,000 to \$750,000 for 2025/26 due to an expense transfer from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to provide financial assistance to beneficiaries where engagement was delayed.

Financial Assistance Toward Determining Customary Interests in the Marine and Coastal Area (M74) (A23)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to providing financial assistance to applicant groups to investigate their customary interests in the marine and coastal area.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$1.847 million to \$15.083 million for 2025/26 due to:

- additional funding of \$4.700 million to meet applicant costs arising from rehearings required following the enactment of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) (Customary Marine Title) Amendment Act 2025, and
- an expense transfer of \$2.766 million from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to meet applicant costs for hearings adjourned to this year.

This was partially offset by:

- an expense transfer of \$5 million from 2025/26 to 2027/28 and 2028/29 to meet applicant costs for hearings adjourned to later years, and
- a decrease of \$619,000 due to reprioritisation of funding to meet additional Hauraki settlement costs.

Reconciliation Initiatives Outside of Treaty Settlements (M74) (A23)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to Crown contributions to support the delivery of Māori Crown initiatives outside of the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

Expenses

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	20	20

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to support Māori Crown reconciliation through initiatives outside of the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

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 an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for Crown contributions to Māori Crown initiatives.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$20,000 in 2025/26 due to an expense transfer from 2024/25 to deliver engagement on negotiations that were delayed.