

Vote Attorney-General

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Attorney-General (M5)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Crown Law Office

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR CROWN LAW OFFICE: Attorney-General

Overview of the Vote

The Attorney-General is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2008/09 financial year covering the following:

- a total of \$3.294 million (5% of the Vote) for the conduct of appeals arising from criminal trials on indictment and from Crown appeals against sentence
- a total of \$21.110 million (33% of the Vote) on providing legal advice and representation services to central government departments and agencies
- a total of \$35.742 million (56% of the Vote) on providing a national Crown prosecution service that undertakes criminal trials on indictment and related appeals
- a total of \$3.178 million (5% of the Vote) on providing legal and administrative services to the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General to assist them in the exercise of their statutory functions and responsibilities
- a total of \$967,000 (1% of the Vote) on the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Crown Law Office, as authorised by section 24 (1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

Crown Law expects to receive a total of over \$21.110 million (33% of the Vote) comprising fees and disbursements, from central government departments and agencies for providing legal advice and representation services.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Attorney-General in the Information Supporting the Estimates of Appropriations.

Details of Appropriations

Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2007/08		2008/09
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Conduct of Criminal Appeals (M5) Conducting appeals arising from criminal trials on indictment and from Crown appeals against sentence.	3,120	3,120	3,294
Legal Advice and Representation (M5) Providing legal advice and representation services to central government departments and Crown agencies.	21,100	21,100	21,110
Supervision and Conduct of Crown Prosecutions (M5) Provision of a national Crown prosecution service that undertakes criminal trials on indictment, and appeals arising out of summary prosecutions. The costs of supervising the Crown Solicitor network and providing criminal law advice and services.	34,515	34,515	35,742
The Exercise of Principal Law Officer Functions (M5) Providing legal and administrative services to the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General to assist them in the exercise of their Principal Law Officer functions.	3,178	3,178	3,178
Total Departmental Output Expenses	61,913	61,913	63,324
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Crown Law Office - Capital Expenditure PLA (M5) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Crown Law Office, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989	534	534	967
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	534	534	967
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	62,447	62,447	64,291

Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Crown Law Office

Details of Net Asset Schedule	Estimated Actual 2007/08 \$000	Projected 2008/09 \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2008/09
Opening Balance	1,297	1,936	
Capital Injections	639	-	To restore taxpayers funds to an appropriate level. In the 2004/05 financial year the net loss of \$639,000 million was written off against taxpayers funds.
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	1,936	1,936	