

# *Vote Local Government*

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MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister of Local Government (M49)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Department of Internal Affairs

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS: Minister of Internal Affairs

## Overview of the Vote

The Minister of Local Government is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2008/09 financial year covering the following:

### **Departmental Appropriations**

- a total of nearly \$5.233 million (43% of total departmental appropriations in this Vote) for advisory, information, regulatory and support services including administration of statutes, providing information and advice about local government, supporting the Local Government Commission, local government services to offshore islands, providing Lake Taupo Harbourmaster functions, and administering the rates rebates scheme
- \$7.060 million (57% of total departmental appropriations in this Vote) on providing policy advice on, and information relating to, local government issues, including ministerial correspondence and questions.

### **Non-Departmental Appropriations**

- a total of nearly \$76.565 million for assisting low-income residential ratepayers with rates rebates
- a total of nearly \$2.231 million contribution for the cost of Chatham Islands Council for meeting its statutory responsibilities
- a total of nearly \$127,000 for depreciation on Lake Taupo's Crown assets
- a total of nearly \$1.500 million grant for the use of Lake Taupo, based upon a 2007 agreement between the Crown and the Tuwharetoa iwi
- a total of nearly \$34,000 for upgrading boating facilities at Lake Taupo.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Local Government 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
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Services for Local Government MCOA (M49)</b>	12,764	12,328	12,293
<i>Information, Support and Regulatory Services - Local Government</i>	6,235	5,861	5,233
Providing advisory and support services to the Local Government Commission in respect of its statutory functions, providing information to and about local government, administering the Local Government Act 2002 and other statutes, providing operational advice and support to the Minister of Local Government, administering the Local Electoral Act 2001, administering the Rates Rebates Scheme, providing regulatory and boating services for Lake Taupo, including providing the Harbourmaster and managing the Lake Taupo Landing Reserve, governance and management of the National Dog Control Information Database and education about dogs.			
<i>Policy Advice - Local Government</i>	6,529	6,467	7,060
Provision of policy advice on, and information relating to, local government issues, including ministerial correspondence and questions.			
<b>Total Departmental Output Expenses</b>	12,764	12,328	12,293
<b>Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses</b>			
<b>Rates Rebate Scheme (M49)</b>	70,650	48,888	76,565
Assistance with rates for low-income residential ratepayers.			
<b>Total Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses</b>	70,650	48,888	76,565
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Chatham Islands Council (M49)</b>	1,721	1,721	2,231
Contribution to the cost of the Chatham Island Council meeting its statutory responsibilities.			
<b>Depreciation (M49)</b>	136	136	127
Depreciation on Lake Taupo's Crown owned assets.			
<b>Tuwharetoa Māori Trust Board (M49)</b>	12,843	12,843	1,500
A payment to ensure public access to Lake Taupo, based upon a 2007 agreement between the Crown and the Tuwharetoa Māori Trust Board.			
<b>Grants to Assist in Land Purchases (M49)</b>	1,000	1,000	-
To provide funding to assist in the purchase of land by local authorities or local organisations.			
<b>Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>	15,700	15,700	3,858
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Capital Investments - Lake Taupo (M49)</b>	179	179	34
Upgrading of boating facilities at Lake Taupo. Provision of safety lighting and adequate warning of navigational hazards.			
<b>Total Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>	179	179	34
<b>Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations</b>	99,293	77,095	92,750