

Vote Parliamentary Counsel

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

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Parliamentary Counsel Office

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL OFFICE: Attorney-General

Overview of the Vote

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

- a total of just over \$9 million for drafting Government Bills (including amendments) and statutory regulations, and examining and reporting on local Bills and private Bills, and drafting amendments to them
- a total of nearly \$12 million for supplying printed copies of Government Bills and Government Supplementary Order Papers (SOPs), pamphlet copies of Acts and Statutory Regulations, and annual volumes of Acts and Statutory Regulations, compiling reprints of Acts and Statutory Regulations with their amendments incorporated and publishing them, publishing the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations in Force* in printed form, and in electronic form on the Internet free of charge and providing them for sale at designated bookshops and by subscription, providing free public access via the Internet to an electronic database of legislation, including Bills and SOPs, and maintaining the electronic database of legislation in an up-to-date form
- a total of \$374,000 for capital investment in the Legislation system (formerly the PAL project).

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Parliamentary Counsel 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			
Access to Legislation (M5) This appropriation is limited to supplying printed copies of Government Bills and Supplementary Order Papers to the House; publishing legislation and distributing it through designated bookshops and by subscription; reprinting legislation with the amendments incorporated; publishing tables of legislation; providing free public access via the Internet to a database of up-to-date legislation.	10,656	10,656	11,620
Law Drafting Services (M5) This appropriation is limited to drafting Government Bills (including amendments) and Statutory Regulations, examining and reporting on local Bills and private Bills and drafting amendments to them.	10,004	10,004	9,411
Total Departmental Output Expenses	20,660	20,660	21,031
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Parliamentary Counsel Office - Capital Expenditure PLA (M5) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Parliamentary Counsel Office, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989	1,437	1,437	374
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	1,437	1,437	374
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	22,097	22,097	21,405

Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

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Details of Net Asset Schedule	Estimated Actual 2007/08 \$000	Projected 2008/09 \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2008/09
Opening Balance	12,327	13,764	
Capital Injections	1,437	374	Capital investment in the legislation system (formerly the PAL project).
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	13,764	14,138	