

Information Supporting the Supplementary Estimates

Vote Ombudsmen

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Speaker of the House of Representatives
(M78)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Office of the Ombudsmen

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMEN: Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Part 1 - Summary of the Vote

Part 1.1 - Overview of the Vote

The Speaker is responsible for appropriations in Vote Ombudsmen in 2008/09 totalling \$8.354 million (GST exclusive).

The whole of the Vote is committed to the investigation and resolution of complaints about government agencies at central, regional and local levels.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 below.

Part 1.3 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2008/09				
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates			Total \$000
		Departmental Transactions \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions \$000	Total Transactions \$000	
Appropriations					
Output Expenses	7,369	-	-	-	7,369
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	839	(215)	-	(215)	624
Capital Expenditure	123	238	-	238	361
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Total Appropriations	8,331	23	-	23	8,354
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 2 - Details and Expected Performance for Output Expenses

Part 2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Investigation and Resolution of Complaints About Government Administration (M78)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the investigation and resolution of complaints about the administrative acts, omissions and decisions of Government at central, regional or local levels.

Expenses and Revenue

	2008/09		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	7,369	-	7,369
Revenue from Crown	8,208	(839)	7,369
Revenue from Other	-	-	-

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The reduction in "Revenue from Crown" is a technical adjustment. The cost of Ombudsman remuneration is now a charge to "Departmental Other Expenses"

Part 5 - Details and Expected Results for Other Expenses

Part 5.1 - Departmental Other Expenses

Remuneration of Ombudsmen PLA (M78)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to remuneration expenses for the Ombudsmen as authorised by sections 8 and 9 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975.

Expenses

	2008/09		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	839	(215)	624

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The reduction of \$215,000 was made following a decision to not appoint a third permanent Ombudsman for the foreseeable future which was partially offset by a determination from the Remuneration Authority.

Part 6 - Details and Expected Results for Capital Expenditure

Part 6.1 - Departmental Capital Expenditure

Intended Impacts, Outcomes and Objectives

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives of Appropriations	Appropriations
Improved administration, accountability, transparency and 'open' government	Investigation and Resolution of Complaints about Government Administration Capital Expenditure

Office of the Ombudsmen - Capital Expenditure PLA (M78)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Office of the Ombudsmen, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

Capital Expenditure

	2008/09		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	119	228	347
Intangibles	4	10	14
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	123	238	361

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The \$238,000 provided in the Supplementary Estimates is a technical adjustment. The funding was provided in the 2007/08 year but not fully used. The adjustment reflects the carry over of those funds into the 2008/09 year.