

Vote Local Government

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 2010/11 financial year covering the following:

Departmental Appropriations

- a total of \$183,000 (2% of total departmental appropriations in this Vote) on implementation of the government's decisions on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance
- a total of \$3.513 million (34% 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 Rebate Scheme
- a total of \$6.641 million (64% 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 \$57 million for assisting low-income residential ratepayers with rates rebates
- a total of \$2.197 million contribution for the cost of Chatham Islands Council for meeting its statutory responsibilities
- a total of \$147,000 for depreciation on Lake Taupo's Crown-owned assets
- a total of \$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 \$40.793 million loan to the Auckland Transition Agency
- a total of \$34,000 for upgrading boating facilities at Lake Taupo
- a total of \$5 million capital funding for a Local Government Debt Vehicle.

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	2009/10		2010/11
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Implementation of Auckland Governance Reforms (M49)	566	566	183
This appropriation is limited to the implementation of the government's decisions on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance.			
Services for Local Government MCOA (M49)	11,542	11,353	10,154
<i>Information, Support and Regulatory Services - Local Government</i>	4,115	4,176	3,513
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 Rebate 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.			
<i>Policy Advice - Local Government</i>	7,427	7,177	6,641
Provision of policy advice on, and information relating to, local government issues, including ministerial correspondence and questions.			
Total Departmental Output Expenses	12,108	11,919	10,337
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses			
Rates Rebate Scheme (M49)	55,000	47,600	57,000
Assistance with rates for low-income residential ratepayers.			
Total Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	55,000	47,600	57,000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Chatham Islands Council (M49)	3,467	1,613	2,197
Contribution to the cost of the Chatham Island Council meeting its statutory responsibilities.			
Depreciation (M49)	147	147	147
Depreciation on Lake Taupo's Crown owned assets.			
Tuwharetoa Māori Trust Board PLA (M49)	1,500	1,500	1,500
This appropriation is limited to payment to Tuwharetoa Māori Trust Board to provide for continued public access to Lake Taupo, based upon a 2007 agreement between the Crown and the Tuwharetoa Māori Trust Board.			
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	5,114	3,260	3,844

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	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Capital Investments - Lake Taupo (M49) Upgrading of boating facilities at Lake Taupo. Provision of safety lighting and adequate warning of navigational hazards.	34	34	34
Loan to the Auckland Transition Agency (M49) This appropriation is limited to the payment of a loan to the Auckland Transition Agency to implement local government reorganisation in the Auckland region.	30,473	30,473	40,793
Local Government Debt Vehicle (M49) This appropriation is limited to the provision of capital funding to establish a single debt vehicle for local government borrowing.	-	-	5,000
Total Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure	30,507	30,507	45,827
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	102,729	93,286	117,008