

Performance Information for Appropriations

Vote Parliamentary Counsel

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

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Parliamentary Counsel Office

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL OFFICE: Attorney-General

Part 1 - Summary of the Vote

Part 1.1 - Overview of the Vote

The Attorney-General is responsible for appropriations in Vote Parliamentary Counsel for the 2010/11 financial year covering the following:

- a total of just over \$9.500 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 \$11.600 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 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 nearly \$5 million on 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.

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

Part 1.2 - High-Level Objectives of the Vote

Objectives of the Vote

Vote Parliamentary Counsel's overall outcome is to contribute to parliamentary democracy under the rule of law by supporting Parliament and the executive in their law-making roles, through its two strategic objectives:

- high quality legislative drafting services, and
- ready access to New Zealand legislation.

and contributes to the Government's objectives by:

- drafting changes in the law that are necessary to implement Government policies, and
- making the law passed by Parliament and the executive accessible to the public.

Part 1.3 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10		2010/11			2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000
Appropriations												
Output Expenses	13,787	15,151	18,108	18,281	19,300	19,300	21,132	-	21,132	21,165	21,207	21,207
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	2,232	1,764	3,436	3,056	4,754	4,754	4,945	-	4,945	2,915	1,915	1,088
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	16,019	16,915	21,544	21,337	24,054	24,054	26,077	-	26,077	24,080	23,122	22,295
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	-	-	-	-	-

Analysis of Significant Trends

Total Vote: All Appropriations

In the 2007/08 year, additional departmental output expenditure funding of \$3.374 million was provided for the implementation of the New Zealand Legislation system. Funding was also provided for ongoing support of the New Zealand Legislation system for the 2008/09 year and outyears.

Part 2 - Details and Expected Performance for Output Expenses

Part 2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Intended Impacts, Outcomes and Objectives

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives of Appropriations	Appropriations
<p>Outcomes: A parliamentary democracy under the rule of law by supporting Parliament and the executive in their law-making roles and contributing to the Government's objectives by ensuring that legislation that is necessary to change the law to implement Government policies is effective, clear, consistent with other legislation, the general law, and international law.</p> <p>Impacts: Delivering the Government's legislation programme through the provision of high quality legislative drafting services.</p>	Parliamentary Counsel Office: Law Drafting Services output class
<p>Outcomes: A parliamentary democracy under the rule of law by supporting Parliament and the executive in their law-making roles and contributing to the Government's objectives by ensuring that legislation, including Bills and SOPs, is accessible to the public in both printed and electronic forms, and by providing printed copies of Bills and SOPs to the House.</p> <p>Impacts: Reliable public access to the New Zealand Legislation website, prompt publishing and reprinting of legislation, and timely responses to public enquiries.</p>	Parliamentary Counsel Office: Access to Legislation output class

For further information on the intended impacts, outcomes and objectives of the departmental output expense appropriations, please see the Statement of Intent for the Parliamentary Counsel Office.

Access to Legislation (M5)

Scope of Appropriation

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.

Expenses and Revenue

	2009/10		2010/11
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	10,524	10,524	11,584
Revenue from Crown	10,428	10,428	11,474
Revenue from Other	96	96	110

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The appropriation increased by \$1.060 million due to savings totalling \$804,000 being identified in the 2009/10 year and returned to the Crown.

Output Performance Measures and Standards

Performance Measures	2009/10		2010/11
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
Free public access to the New Zealand Legislation website is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as per the Service Level Agreement with Unisys	99%	99%	99%
Drafting tool availability for Office of the Clerk and Inland Revenue Department staff. A 100% budget standard is not appropriate as system outages are required for planned upgrades	92%	92%	92%
Legislation is published in printed and electronic forms within the timeframes listed on the Parliamentary Counsel Office website	100%	100%	100%
Public enquiries are responded to within one working day	80%	95%	90%
All public enquiries are responded to within five working days	100%	100%	100%
The Attorney-General is satisfied that the quality standard, as listed below in Note 1 has been achieved	The Attorney General is satisfied	The Attorney General is satisfied	The Attorney General is satisfied
The reprints of Acts and Statutory Regulations listed on the annual reprints programme are compiled and published within the timeframes listed on the Parliamentary Counsel Office website	100%	100%	100%

Note 1 - The quality standard is that:

- the annual volumes of Acts contain correct copies of the Acts of Parliament and the annual volumes of Statutory Regulations contain correct copies of the Statutory Regulations
- reprints of Acts and Statutory Regulations correctly state the law enacted or made by the Acts and Statutory Regulations reprinted and by the amendments to that legislation
- the electronic database of Acts (both as enacted and with their amendments incorporated), Statutory Regulations (both as made and with their amendments incorporated), Bills, and SOPs is up to date
- Bills, SOPs, Acts of Parliament, Statutory Regulations, the annual volumes, reprints, and the Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force is published in accordance with best industry practice.

Conditions on Use of Appropriation

Reference	Conditions
Sections 4, 10, 12, 14 of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.	These sections detail the Parliamentary Counsel Office's responsibilities for the printing, publishing, and sale of legislation.
Section 5 of the Statutes Drafting and Compilation Act 1920.	This section details the Parliamentary Counsel Office's responsibilities for the provision of reprinted legislation.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2009/10 Budgeted \$000	2010/11 Budget \$000	2011/12 Estimated \$000	2012/13 Estimated \$000	2013/14 Estimated \$000
Previous Government						
Implementation of the New Zealand Legislation system and ongoing support for the system	2007/08	4,747	4,770	4,754	4,764	4,764

Law Drafting Services (M5)

Scope of Appropriation

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.

Expenses and Revenue

	2009/10		2010/11
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	8,776	8,776	9,548
Revenue from Crown	8,635	8,635	9,378
Revenue from Other	141	141	170

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The appropriation increased by \$772,000 due to savings totalling \$473,000 being identified in the 2009/10 year and returned to the Crown.

Output Performance Measures and Standards

Performance Measures	2009/10		2010/11
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
All Bills on the annual legislative programme in categories 1 and 2 (both of which are Bills that must be passed in the current calendar year) are drafted. As this output is demand driven, quantities will vary from year to year.	49 (in 2009)	31 (in 2009) See Note 2 below	57 (in 2010)
Government Bills drafted and amended in the calendar year. As this output is demand driven, quantities will vary from year to year.	50 - 70 (in 2009)	95 Bills introduced (in 2009)	50 - 70 (in 2010)
Statutory Regulations drafted in the calendar year. As this output is demand driven, quantities will vary from year to year.	300 - 400 (in 2009)	424 Regulations made (in 2009)	300 - 400 (in 2010)

Performance Measures	2009/10		2010/11
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
Instructing departments and agencies are satisfied that the quality and timeliness standards, as listed below in Note 3, have been achieved as determined from overall responses to the departmental satisfaction survey	90%	90%	90%
The Attorney-General is satisfied that the quality and timeliness standards, as listed below in Note 4, have been achieved	The Attorney General is satisfied	The Attorney General is satisfied	The Attorney General is satisfied
Select Committees are satisfied that the quality and timeliness standards, as listed below in Note 5, have been achieved as determined by survey responses from relevant Select Committees	Select Committees are satisfied	Select Committees are satisfied	Select Committees are satisfied

Note 2 - All Category 1 Bills (7 in total) were drafted in 2009. All Category 2 Bills that were required to be progressed by Ministers were drafted at least to a certain stage. The primary reasons why less than 60% of Category 2 Bills were passed in 2009 were delays or changes in policy decisions and decisions by one or more Ministers.

Note 3 - The quality standard is that:

- the legislation produced is drafted as clearly and simply as possible
- the legislation produced gives effect to Government policy
- the legislation produced is legally effective
- the instructing agency is satisfied with the final product
- advice on legislative drafting matters is provided in a professional, impartial, and responsive manner.

The timeliness standard is that:

- drafts of legislation are produced within required deadlines.

Note 4 - The quality standard is that:

- Bills and Statutory Regulations are legally effective, clear, consistent with other legislation, the general law, and international law
- Bills and Statutory Regulations are consistent with the policy they implement, legal principle, the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, and the Human Rights Act 1993
- advice given on matters relating to the provision of legislative drafting services, including advice on legislative drafting, parliamentary procedure, executive government process, and the law, is sound, practical, and clear.

The timeliness standard is:

- Bills, Statutory Regulations, and SOPs are drafted in accordance with time frames set by, or agreed with, the Government, select committees, and departments.

Note 5 - The quality standard is that:

- advice given on matters relating to the provision of legislative drafting services, including explaining the changes made by the revision tracked version of a Bill, is objective, accurate, and sufficient.

The timeliness standard is that:

- revision tracked documents are provided for the Select Committee in accordance with deadlines set by or negotiated with the Committee.

Conditions on Use of Appropriation

Reference	Conditions
Section 4 of the Statutes Drafting and Compilation Act 1920.	This section details the Parliamentary Counsel Office's responsibilities for the provision of legislative drafting services.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2009/10 Budgeted \$000	2010/11 Budget \$000	2011/12 Estimated \$000	2012/13 Estimated \$000	2013/14 Estimated \$000
Previous Government						
Recruitment of additional staff to enhance strategic management and administrative capabilities of the PCO	2007/08	200	200	200	200	200
Funding personnel costs	2007/08	797	797	797	797	797

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
Outcomes: To maintain capability of capital assets. Impacts: The routine replacement or improvement of the Parliamentary Counsel Office's leasehold, furniture and fittings, office equipment, and computer hardware and software (particularly for the New Zealand Legislation system).	Parliamentary Counsel Office - Capital Expenditure

Parliamentary Counsel Office - Capital Expenditure PLA (M5)

Scope of Appropriation

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.

Capital Expenditure

	2009/10		2010/11
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	712	712	420
Intangibles	4,042	4,042	4,525
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	4,754	4,754	4,945