

VOTE *Statistics*

Statistics

Overview

Departmental Appropriations

Departmental appropriations sought for Vote Statistics in 2006/07 total \$93.675 million. This is intended to be spent as follows:

- \$13.896 million (15% of the Vote) on Coordination of Government statistical activities.
- \$31.714 million (34% of the Vote) on Economic and Business Statistical information services.
- \$48.065 million (51% of the Vote) on Population, Social and Labour Force statistical information services.

Further information and explanations of the appropriations appear in Parts B1, C and E of this Vote.

Terms and Definitions Used

HICT	Household Information and Communications Technology
NZ	New Zealand
OSS	Official Statistics System

Minister Portfolio Table

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Statistics

VOTE MINISTER: Minister of Statistics

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Statistics New Zealand

The Minister of Statistics is the Responsible Minister for Statistics New Zealand

Part A - Statement of Objectives and Trends

Part A1 - Objectives for Vote

The end outcome that Statistics New Zealand aspires to is an informed society through official statistics. This outcome is supported by an intermediate outcome "Governments, businesses, communities and citizens use official statistics on New Zealand's economy, society and environment to inform debate, research and decision-making".

There are two key conditions that must be met in order that the intermediate outcome can be realised. Stakeholders must be able to use official statistics, and stakeholders must want to use official statistics. The impacts that Statistics New Zealand can influence therefore are access: users have access to official statistics; and trust and confidence: users and respondents have trust and confidence in the OSS.

To achieve these outcomes and impacts, the output expense appropriations fund activities relating to leadership of the official statistics system, and the delivery of official statistics.

Leadership of the official statistics system includes:

- maintaining an enduring national statistical resource
- leading a coherent OSS
- raising awareness of the needs of official statistics when designing systems and processes
- promoting and maintaining an agreed statistical infrastructure for the OSS
- working with other agencies to build capability across all producers of official statistics
- sharing specialised knowledge with other producers of official statistics.

Delivery of official statistics includes:

- understanding and responding to user needs
- delivering fit-for-purpose statistical outputs
- being cost-effective
- standardising business processes and aligning with best-practice principles
- managing information effectively
- building individual and organisational capability
- maintaining, sharing and using essential organisational knowledge
- being a preferred employer.

Four additional objectives support both the leadership of the OSS and the delivery of official statistics:

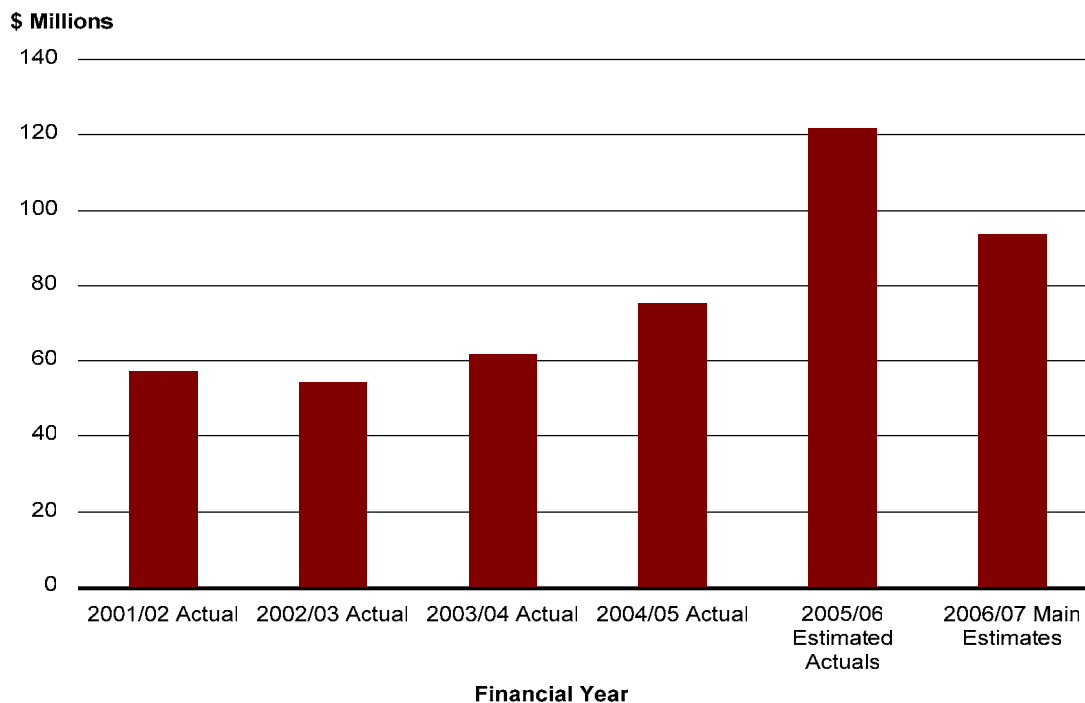
- facilitating access to official statistics produced by all government departments
- sustaining the trust of respondents and maintaining the willing supply of information
- ensuring standard concepts, methods, protocols and policies are applied and conform to international statistical best practice
- making continuous improvement.

Part A2 - Trends in Vote

Departmental Output Trends: 2001/02 - 2006/07

The chart below shows the trend in total departmental output expense appropriations over time.

Figure 1 - Trends in Vote Statistics Departmental Output Expenses



Source: Statistics New Zealand

The fluctuation in the appropriation level for Statistics New Zealand is largely due to the cyclical nature of some of its survey activities and changes in new initiative funding. In the year the Census of Population and Dwellings is conducted the costs rise significantly, due to expenditure on wages for enumerators and other temporary processing costs. The last Census year was in 2005/06, and the next Census year will be in 2010/11.

In 2006/07 Statistics New Zealand's departmental output expense appropriations decrease by \$28.234 million compared to 2005/06 Estimated Actuals. The main contributing factors for the net decrease are:

- decrease in funding in 2006/07 of \$35.378 million reflecting completion of the Census of Population and Dwellings, which was conducted in 2005/06
- increase in funding of \$3.168 million for implementation of the Programme of Official Social Statistics

- increase in funding of \$2.032 million for Meeting International Obligations
- increase in funding in 2006/07 of \$1.349 million relating to Enhanced Productivity Measures for NZ.

Movements in output expenditure between 2001/02 and 2005/06 are largely due to the Census and the new initiatives. The increase in funding in 2005/06 is largely due to additional funding of \$28.963 million of the Census of Population and Dwellings. Key initiatives funded between 2001/02 and 2005/06 included Capability, the Official Statistics System, the Programme of Official Social Statistics, new Wellington Accommodation, and the Linked Employer-Employee Data.

Statistics New Zealand also receives third-party revenue. The revenue generated is dependent on the demand for statistics by third parties (individuals and companies) and other government departments to run specialised surveys. Contract surveys run for third parties are fiscally neutral to Statistics New Zealand, as the additional revenue generated is offset by a corresponding increase in expenditure necessary to run the survey. Third Party Revenue is estimated to be nine percent of total revenue in 2006/07.

New Policy Initiatives by Appropriation

Initiative	Appropriation as shown in Part B	\$000 increase/(decrease)				
		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Enhanced Productivity Measures for New Zealand	Departmental Output Expense - Economic and Business Statistical Information Services	-	1,349	1,712	2,007	1,962
	Impact on Net Asset Schedule	-	78	504	198	196
Total Initiatives		-	1,427	2,216	2,205	2,158

Part B - Statement of Appropriations

Summary of Financial Activity

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06		2006/07 Appropriations to be Used				2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	
	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	By the Department Administering the Vote		For Non-Departmental Transactions		Total \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000
							Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000				
Appropriations														
Output Expenses	57,093	54,096	61,714	75,369	125,359	121,909	93,675	-	-	-	93,675	89,255	90,279	105,262
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	57,093	54,096	61,714	75,369	125,359	121,909	93,675	-	-	-	93,675	89,255	90,279	105,262
Crown Revenue and Receipts														
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-

Part B1 - Details of Appropriations

Appropriations	2005/06				2006/07		Scope of 2006/07 Appropriations
	Budget		Estimated Actual		Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Departmental Output Expenses (General)							
Coordination of Government Statistical Activities (M67)	14,668	-	14,668	-	13,896	-	Leadership of the OSS, including liaison with Official Statistics System partners, provision of ministerial services, statistical advice, and the operation of access channels. Reason for Change: is mainly due to reduced funding for OSS in 2006/07.
Economic and Business Statistical Information Services (M67)	28,373	-	27,123	-	31,714	-	Delivery of statistical information services relating to business and the economy. Reason for Change: is mainly due to increase in funding relating to Meeting International Obligations, and Enhanced Productivity Measures for NZ.
Population, Social and Labour Force Statistical Information Services (M67)	82,318	-	80,118	-	48,065	-	Delivery of statistical information services relating to the population, environment, household economics, social conditions, and the labour force. Reason for Change: is mainly due to reduction in funding for the Census of Population and Dwellings, which was conducted in 2005/06.
Total Departmental Output Expenses (General)	125,359	-	121,909	-	93,675	-	
Total Appropriations	125,359	-	121,909	-	93,675	-	

Part C - Explanation of Appropriations for Output Expenses

Part C1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Coordination of Government Statistical Activities

This Output Expense involves the provision of:

- liaison with Statistics New Zealand's partners in the OSS
- promoting standards, protocols and policies for official statistics
- providing support to the Minister of Statistics and the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Official Statistics
- maintaining the Official Statistics Research and Data Archive Centre, and
- operating access channels for official statistics.

Economic and Business Statistical Information Services

This Output Expense involves the provision of:

- business performance statistics relating to business practice, research and development, information technology, biotechnology and e-commerce
- enterprise accounts statistics measuring financial performance and position, and business demographics and structure
- enterprise production statistics relating to physical measures of production, including agricultural production, industrial production, building activity and accommodation
- index statistics relating to consumer and business prices, overseas trade prices, trade, and labour costs
- international accounts statistics including the value of imports and exports, balance of payments and international investment position, and
- National accounts Statistics analysing the past and current macro performance of the New Zealand economy, and statistics relating to the financial activities of central and local government.

Population, Social and Labour Force Statistical Information Services

This Output Expense involves the provision of:

- statistics from the five-yearly Census of Population and Dwellings
- migration statistics
- birth, death and marriage statistics
- population estimates and demographic projections
- labour force statistics, relating to labour supply, wage rates, work stoppages, earnings and hours worked, employment contracts and work related injury and illness

- household economic statistics relating to individual and household income and expenditure, wealth and income, employment and family dynamics
- housing quality and affordability statistics
- environmental statistics
- regional statistics, and
- social statistics relating to social conditions, injuries and student loans.

Part E - Explanation of Capital Flows

Part E1 - Explanation of Movements in Departmental Net Asset Schedules

Details of Net Asset Schedule for Statistics New Zealand	Estimated Actual 2005/06 \$000	Projected 2006/07 \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2006/07
Opening Balance	20,761	31,799	
Capital Injections	11,038	8,312	<p>Update and upgrade the statistical measurement infrastructure through revision and implementation of the industry, occupation and commodities classifications (\$3.866 million).</p> <p>Development of business systems to improve collection of statistical information and Government Services to Business (\$2.814 million).</p> <p>Development of systems for Archiving of the 2006 Census of Population and Dwellings responses (\$165,000).</p> <p>Development of a statistical infrastructure that links Statistics New Zealand's business information with employer and employee administrative data (LEED) (\$639,000).</p> <p>Development and implementation of a coordinated whole-of-government programme of official social statistics (\$750,000).</p> <p>Enhancement of Productivity Measures for New Zealand (\$78,000).</p>
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	31,799	40,111	