

VOTE *Senior* *Citizens*

Senior Citizens

Overview

The Departmental appropriations sought in Vote Senior Citizens in 2007/08 total \$1.035 million (GST exclusive). This is intended to be spent as follows:

- \$935,000 (90% of the Vote) purchasing the services of the Office for Senior Citizens from the Ministry of Social Development.
- \$100,000 (10% of the Vote) to administer the Volunteer Community Co-ordinator programme.

Details of these appropriations are contained in Parts B1 and C of this Vote.

Minister Portfolio Table

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Minister for Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Social Development

The Minister for Social Development and Employment is the Responsible Minister for the Ministry of Social Development

Part A - Statement of Objectives and Trends

Part A1 - Objectives for Vote

Departmental Outcomes

The appropriations in Vote Senior Citizens will assist in achieving the following Government priority:

- all families, young and old, have the support and choices they need to be secure and be able to reach their full potential within our knowledge based economy.

In particular funding in Vote Senior Citizens will contribute to the positive ageing sub theme.

The key outcome sought for Vote Senior Citizens relates to older people:

Outcome	Outcome Statement
Older People	Older people are valued as important members of society and have the right to dignity and security in their senior years. They have opportunities to use their skills, knowledge and experience to contribute to society.

Key priorities in Vote Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens Services

The key priorities for this output expense are to:

- continue to monitor the New Zealand Positive Ageing Strategy
- work collaboratively with other government agencies on policy and legislative issues relating to the rights and interests of older people
- continue to support the Volunteer Community Co-ordinators programme to enable community input into policy development.

Links between the Departmental Output Expense and Outcomes

The links between the Government's priorities and the output expense being purchased under Vote Senior Citizens are:

Departmental Output Expense	Outcomes
Senior Citizens Services	<p>Contributes to the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • older people enjoy secure and adequate incomes and services they need • older people have timely access to the information and services they need • older people are able to participate in the community in ways that they choose • older people are able to participate in the work-force and related education and training opportunities • older people are free from abuse and neglect and have legal protection for their financial assets • the impact of an ageing population on social wellbeing is anticipated and understood. <p>To ensure that the interests and concerns of older people are taken into account in policy decisions that may effect them, the Office for Senior Citizens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develops policies and legislative measures to protect the rights of older people • promotes the New Zealand Positive Ageing Strategy among central and local government agencies and with the community sector • liaises with other government agencies and community groups to promote positive ageing and policies which promote and protect the rights and interests of older people • supports community volunteer networks • consults with older people, including older Pacific peoples and older Māori.

Part A2 - Trends in Vote

Output Trends 2002/03 to 2007/08

Changes in expenditure in Vote Senior Citizens reflect the nature of policy advice on matters concerning the welfare of senior citizens and related issues in recent years.

In 2004/05 additional funding of \$84,000 was appropriated to extend the New Zealand Positive Ageing Strategy to the local government and community level and enable the Ministerial Advisory Council for Senior Citizens to meet and to undertake work between meetings. It also enabled the Office for Senior Citizens to increase its policy advice capacity in order to respond to issues raised in consultation with older people in the community.

In 2005/06, \$151,000 was transferred from Vote Social Development to Vote Senior Citizens to enable the Office for Senior Citizens to develop a code of practice for home equity release schemes. The code of practice will set standards for the industry and provide a level of protection for older people's financial interests.

In 2006/07 a further \$107,000 was transferred from Vote Social Development to Vote Senior Citizens to continue with the work on the development of a code of practice for home equity release schemes.

Part B - Statement of Appropriations

Summary of Financial Activity

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07		2007/08 Appropriations to be Used				2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
	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	736	913	897	955	1,142	1,142	1,035	-	-	-	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035
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	736	913	897	955	1,142	1,142	1,035	-	-	-	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035
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	2006/07				2007/08		Scope of 2007/08 Appropriations
	Budget		Estimated Actual		Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Departmental Output Expenses (General)							
Senior Citizens Services (M61)	1,142	-	1,142	-	1,035	-	Provision of policy advice on matters concerning legislation to protect the rights and interests of older people, their wellbeing and related issues. Secretariat services to advisory groups and committees, and ministerial services. Also specified funding to support local community involvement in senior citizens' issues. Reason for Change: \$107,000 was transferred from Vote Social Development in 2006/07 only, to develop a code of practice for home equity release schemes.
Total Departmental Output Expenses (General)	1,142	-	1,142	-	1,035	-	
Total Appropriations	1,142	-	1,142	-	1,035	-	

Part C - Explanation of Appropriations for Output Expenses

Part C1 - Departmental Output Expenses

For more detailed analysis of the output expense, including financial and non-financial performance measures, refer to the Ministry of Social Development's Statement of Intent 2007.

Senior Citizens Services

Through this output expense the Ministry's Office for Senior Citizens provides policy advice and Ministerial services. This output expense contributes to the Ministry's high-level outcomes for Older People, Families and Whanau, and Communities, Hapu and Iwi. It contributes to these outcomes by ensuring that older people can live independently and contribute to and participate in their families and communities as long as possible. This is achieved by providing advice on legislative, policy and operational issues that affect senior citizens, and by providing advice on related issues from an older people's rights and interests perspective.