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*Parliamentary  
Counsel*

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# Terms and Definitions Used

PAL	Public Access to Legislation
PCO	Parliamentary Counsel Office

# Minister Portfolio Table

5	Attorney-General
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# Parliamentary Counsel

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Parliamentary Counsel Office

The Attorney-General is the Responsible Minister for the Parliamentary Counsel Office

## Part B - Statement of Appropriations

### Summary of Financial Activity

	2006/07	2006/07 Appropriations to be Used				
	Main Estimates \$000	By the Department Administering the Vote		For Non-Departmental Transactions		Total \$000
		Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
<b>Appropriations</b>						
Output Expenses	16,245	17,745	-	-	-	17,745
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	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	16,245	17,745	-	-	-	17,745
<b>Crown Revenue and Receipts</b>						
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	-
<b>Total Crown Revenue and Receipts</b>	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-

## Part B1 - Details of Appropriations

	2006/07						
	Main Estimates		Supplementary Estimates		Cumulative Vote		
Appropriations	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Scope of and Reasons for Change in 2006/07 Appropriations
Departmental Output Expenses (General)							
Access to Legislation (M5)	7,880	-	1,000	-	8,880	-	<p>Supplying printed copies of 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. The appropriation also includes some funding to cover costs associated with the PAL Project and to cover the costs of prepublication services and the interim website until the project goes live.</p> <p>Reason for Change: Implementation of the PAL project has been delayed until the second half of 2007. Additional funding is required for prepublication services and the interim website of legislation for the last quarter of the 2006/07 financial year.</p> <p>A reduction in the number of pages of legislation passed in the 2005/06 financial year resulted in a surplus of \$1 million. Ministerial approval was granted in June 2006 to carry forward those funds to the 2006/07 financial year.</p>
Law Drafting Services (M5)	8,365	-	500	-	8,865	-	<p>Drafting Government Bills (including amendments) and Statutory Regulations, examining and reporting on local Bills and private Bills and drafting amendments to them.</p> <p>Reason for Change: There is a need for the PCO to accommodate additional staff within the Reserve Bank building. As a cost-saving alternative to seeking premises outside the Reserve Bank, the PCO is considering better and more efficient use of the space it currently occupies. Part of the additional funds appropriated in both Law Drafting Services and Access to Legislation Output Expenses may be able to be used to fund a refit of the premises.</p> <p>A lower than anticipated use of consultants, both for drafting and other services, and the timing of some new appointments resulted in a surplus of \$0.5 million in 2005/06. Ministerial approval was granted in June 2006 to carry forward those funds to the 2006/07 year.</p>
Total Departmental Output Expenses (General)	16,245	-	1,500	-	17,745	-	
Total Appropriations	16,245	-	1,500	-	17,745	-	