

VOTE *Senior* *Citizens*

Senior Citizens

Overview

The appropriations sought in Vote Senior Citizens in 2001/2002 total \$600,000 (GST inclusive). This is intended to be spent as follows:

- \$487,000 (81.2% of the Vote) purchasing services from the Ministry of Social Policy.
- \$113,000 (18.8% of the Vote) to support local community involvement in senior citizens' issues.

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

Senior Citizens

VOTE MINISTER: Minister for Senior Citizens

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Social Policy

The Minister of Social Services and Employment is the Responsible Minister for the Ministry of Social Policy

Part A - Statement of Objectives and Trends

Part A1 - Objectives for Vote Senior Citizens

Government Strategic Framework

Key goals

- Strengthen National Identity and Uphold the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi
- Grow an Inclusive, Innovative Economy for the Benefit of All
- Restore Trust in Government and Provide Strong Social Services
- Improve New Zealanders' skills
- Reduce Inequalities in Health, Education, Employment and Housing
- Protect and Enhance the Environment

These government key goals provide the framework to support an environment in which older people can maintain their independence and continue to contribute to the community.

Key priorities for 2001/02

A key priority during 2001/02 will be promoting the New Zealand Positive Ageing Strategy among government agencies and with the community sector.

Links Between the Output Classes and the Government's Outcomes

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

Output Classes	Related Strategic Priority
Senior Citizens Services	<p>Contributes to the Government's strategic direction and key goals in the areas of:</p> <p>Strengthen National Identity and Uphold the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (1)</p> <p>Restore Trust in Government and Provide Strong Social Services (3)</p> <p>Improve New Zealanders' Skills (4)</p> <p>Reduce Inequalities in Health, Education, Employment and Housing (5)</p> <p>To ensure that the interests and concerns of older people are taken into account in policy decisions that may affect them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Senior Citizens Unit liaises with other government agencies and community groups. • Consultations are undertaken with older people, including older Pacific peoples, and hui are held with older Māori. • Work focuses on promoting positive ageing.

Part A2 - Trends in Vote Senior Citizens

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.

The position of the Retirement Commissioner was established during the 1994/95 financial year, and funding was provided through Vote Senior Citizens. Departmental expenditure in 1996/97 included additional funding for work on the first Periodic Report on Retirement Income Policies. This report was a statutory requirement under the Retirement Income Act 1993.

In 1997/98 the Retirement Commissioner (Non-departmental Output Class O1) was moved to Vote Social Welfare because the responsibility for the Retirement Income Act 1993 was transferred to the Minister of Social Welfare (now the Minister of Social Services and Employment).

In 1998/99 and 1999/2000 an appropriation for Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown was established to fund implementation of activities for the observance of the International Year of Older Persons 1999. Additional funding was also provided in 1998/99 and 1999/2000, in Departmental Output Class Senior Citizens Services, for administration costs related to the International Year of Older Persons 1999.

A new appropriation for Non-departmental Other Expenses was established in 2000/01. This appropriation was created following the successful model of community volunteer funding established during the International Year of Older Persons. The purpose of the fund is to provide small grants to volunteers and informal groups that assist in mobilising older people to contribute to the wellbeing of families and communities. This fund has been transferred, in 2001/02, to Departmental Output Class Senior Citizens Services in order to manage its disbursement in a more flexible and less resource-intensive way. The fund will be managed as a separate item within Senior Citizens Services.

Trends in Vote Senior Citizens - Summary of Appropriations and Crown Revenue

Types of Appropriation	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01		2001/02 Appropriations to be Used				
	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
							Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Operating Flows											
Classes of Outputs to be Supplied	4,297	490	542	521	487	487	600	-	-	-	600
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	338	135	113	113	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Flows											
Capital Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase or Development of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-
Repayment of Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	4,297	490	880	656	600	600	600	-	-	-	600
Total Crown Revenue and Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-

Part B - Statement of Appropriations

Part B1 - Details of 2001/02 Appropriations

	2000/01				2001/02		Description of 2001/02 Appropriations
	Vote		Estimated Actual		Vote		
Appropriations	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)							
D1 Senior Citizens Services	487	-	487	-	600	-	The purchase of policy advice on matters concerning the wellbeing of senior citizens 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.
Total Appropriations for Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)	487	-	487	-	600	-	
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown							
Small Grants	113	-	113	-	-	-	A fund from which small grants can be made to volunteers who mobilise older people to contribute to the wellbeing of families and communities.
Total Appropriations for Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown	113	-	113	-	-	-	
Total Appropriations	600	-	600	-	600	-	

Part C - Explanation of Appropriations for Output Classes

Part C1 - Departmental Output Classes

Output Class D1 - Senior Citizens Services

Description

This class of outputs includes the purchase by the Minister for Senior Citizens of policy advice on matters concerning the wellbeing of senior citizens and related issues; support services to advisory groups and committees; and ministerial servicing.

This output class also includes specified funding to:

- promote the New Zealand Positive Ageing Strategy within local communities;
- support local community involvement in senior citizens' issues; and
- maintain and expand the network of volunteer community co-ordinators (VCCs), originally established during the International Year of Older Persons 1999.

For more detailed analysis of the output class, including financial and non-financial performance measures, please refer to the Ministry of Social Policy's 2001/02 Departmental Forecast Report (DFR).