

VOTE *Youth* *Affairs*

Youth Affairs

Overview

Appropriations sought for Vote Youth Affairs in 2001/2002 total \$10.412 million (GST inclusive). This amount is intended to be spent as follows:

Departmental Output Classes

- \$1.544 million (14.8% of the Vote) on purchasing Policy Advice.
- \$0.762 million (7.3% of the Vote) on purchasing Communication and Facilitation.
- \$0.411 million (3.9% of the Vote) on the Youth Corps Programmes Administration in relation to Conservation Corps and Youth Service Corps.

Non-Departmental Output Classes

- \$6.161 million (59.2% of the Vote) on the Conservation Corps.
- \$0.959 million (9.2% of the Vote) on the Youth Service Corps.
- \$0.460 million (4.4% of the Vote) on Youth Suicide Prevention Community Liaison Service.

Non-Departmental Other Expense

- \$95,000 (0.9% of the Vote) on the Commonwealth Youth Programme.
- \$20,000 (0.2% of Vote) on a Crisis Support Fund.

Details of how the appropriations are to be applied appear in Parts B1, C and E of this Vote.

Terms and Definitions

SPINZ Suicide Prevention Information New Zealand.

Youth Affairs

VOTE MINISTER: Minister of Youth Affairs

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Youth Affairs

The Minister of Youth Affairs is the Responsible Minister for the Ministry of Youth Affairs

Part A - Statement of Objectives and Trends

A1 - Objectives for Vote Youth Affairs

Related Government Outcomes

The services to be purchased under Vote Youth Affairs will contribute primarily to the Government's key goals in the areas of:

- *strengthening national identity and upholding the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi* through: progressing the Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa to better inform a 'New Zealand' approach to raising positive young people; the support of Māori organisations to run Youth Corps Programmes; the involvement of rangatahi Māori in the Youth Corps Programmes; the completion of a resource to increase the capacity of rangatahi Māori to participate in all aspects of Māori development and by promoting the active participation of young people in decision-making
- *reducing inequalities in health, education, employment and housing* by: providing positive developmental opportunities and tangible skills for young Māori and Pacific peoples through the Youth Corps Programmes; promoting a youth development approach, which takes a strength based approach to helping young Māori and Pacific peoples
- *growing an inclusive, innovative economy for the benefit of all* by: promoting the active participation of young people in decision-making and encouraging young people's positive participation in the labour market
- *improving New Zealanders' skills* by: providing training and life skills through the Youth Corps Programmes and providing advice to encourage young people's positive participation in the labour market
- *restoring trust in government and providing strong social services* by working in partnership with communities, youth organisations and young people, and managing our relationships with groups and individuals in the sector with honesty and integrity
- *protecting and enhancing the environment* through the work of Conservation Corps projects.

In progressing work on these key goals the Ministry will give particular emphasis to the cross-sectoral issues for young people and will recognise that:

- young people need supportive, participatory and informative environments to move successfully from the dependence of childhood to the autonomy and responsibility of adulthood;

- policies and interventions need to take account of young women and young men's need for positive connections to the four interrelated social environments which influence them: family, peer group, school or workplace, and the community.

Youth Affairs will work across portfolio areas to achieve positive outcomes for young people.

Output Classes

Outputs purchased from the Ministry of Youth Affairs will contribute to the Government's key goals in varying degrees. Specific priorities and action steps are incorporated in the Purchase and Performance Agreement between the Minister and the Chief Executive and will subsequently be reflected in staff performance agreements.

The appropriations are intended to fund activities that fall into the broad areas:

- Policy advice on young people to ensure that the Government's contribution to the development of young New Zealanders contributes to a healthy and productive society, and facilitates young people reaching their full potential.
- Communication and facilitation activities to help build the capacity for the participation of young people in society, actively support young peoples contribution to the policy process and maintain key relationships.
- Management and evaluation of contracts for the delivery of the Youth Corps Programmes and the Youth Suicide Prevention initiative (SPINZ).

A2 - Trends in Vote Youth Affairs

The departmental and non-departmental flows in Vote Youth Affairs are detailed in the trends table at the end of Part A2.

Classes of Outputs to be Supplied

The trend table highlights a large reduction in funding in 1999/2000 as a result of the member allowance payments, associated with the Youth Corps Programmes, becoming the responsibility of the Department of Work and Income via the community wage on 1 July 1999.

In addition, the table also reflects the:

- development of Conservation Corps pilot programmes in prisons from 1997/98 to 2000/01;
- transfer of leadership for the Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy in March 2001 which resulted in an increase in departmental funding to actively lead the coordination of this strategy. Linked to this development was an extension to the SPINZ project and the establishment of this activity as a non-departmental output class in 2001/02; and
- transfer of funding from the Conservation Corps to the Youth Service Corps programme in 2001/02 to cover a contract price increase for the Youth Corps Programmes. The increase is being funded by a reduced number of Conservation Corps programmes and participants.

The changes related to the non-departmental output classes are summarised as follows:

	1996/97 \$000	1997/98 \$000	1998/99 \$000	1999/2000 \$000	2000/01 \$000	2001/02 \$000
Conservation Corps	9,337	9,548	10,025	6,348	6,348	6,161
Youth Service Corps	1,074	1,087	1,154	722	887	959
Youth Suicide Prevention Community Liaison Service						460
Total	10,411	10,635	11,179	7,070	7,235	7,580

Trends in Vote Youth Affairs - 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	12,862	13,259	13,864	9,606	10,037	10,037	2,717	-	7,580	-	10,297
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-
Other Expenses	95	95	95	95	95	95	-	-	115	-	115
Capital Flows											
Capital Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase or Development of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-
Repayment of Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	12,957	13,354	13,959	9,701	10,132	10,132	2,717	-	7,695	-	10,412
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 Policy Advice	1,441	-	1,441	-	1,544	-	Purchase of policy advice on young people to support their contribution to a healthy and productive society, and facilitate them reaching their full potential.
D2 Communication and Facilitation	930	-	930	-	762	-	Purchase of communication and facilitation activities to ensure young people's perspectives are promoted in economic and social policy development.
D3 Youth Corps Programmes Administration	431	-	431	-	411	-	Contract Management of youth development programmes. This includes the assessment, negotiation, monitoring, payment and review, and (if appropriate) corrective action, in the purchase of outputs from other parties.
Total Appropriations for Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)	2,802	-	2,802	-	2,717	-	
Non-Departmental Output Classes							
O1 Conservation Corps	6,348	-	6,348	-	6,161	-	Provision of subsidised youth development programmes based on conservation projects, education, recreation and Te Ao Māori activities to assist young people in motivation and skill development.
O2 Youth Service Corps	887	-	887	-	959	-	Provision of subsidised youth development programmes based on community projects, education, recreation and Te Ao Māori activities to assist young people in motivation and skill development.
O3 Youth Suicide Prevention Community Liaison Service	-	-	-	-	460	-	Provision of a community based programme (SPINZ) to contribute to youth suicide prevention.

Total Appropriations for Non-Departmental Output Classes	7,235	-	7,235	-	7,580	-	
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown							
Commonwealth Youth Programme	95	-	95	-	95	-	Maintenance of the Commonwealth Youth Programme with pledge contributions as agreed to by Heads of Government.
Crisis Support Fund	-	-	-	-	20	-	Provision of Crisis Support Grants to assist communities in stress related to youth suicide.
Total Appropriations for Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown	95	-	95	-	115	-	
Total Appropriations	10,132	-	10,132	-	10,412	-	

Part C - Explanation of Appropriations for Output Classes

C1 - Departmental Output Classes

For more detailed analysis of Departmental Output Classes, including financial and non-financial performance measures please refer to the Ministry of Youth Affairs' Departmental Forecast Report (DFR).

Output Class D1 - Policy Advice

Description

The Minister of Youth Affairs will purchase:

- policy advice on young people to ensure that the Government's contribution to the development of young New Zealanders supports a healthy and productive society, and facilitates young people reaching their full potential;
- draft ministerial replies, briefings, speech notes and responses to parliamentary questions as required during the year;
- grants administration to assist communities in distress in relation to youth suicide.

Output Class D2 - Communication and Facilitation

Description

The Minister of Youth Affairs will purchase communication and facilitation activities to ensure young people's perspectives are promoted in economic and social policy development. This includes relationship management, the management of projects that assist young people to participate in decision-making, the provision of information and the management of international obligations.

Output Class D3 - Youth Corps Programmes Administration

Description

The Minister of Youth Affairs will purchase services to facilitate the management of funding and contracts for the Conservation Corps and Youth Service Corps Programmes for young people. This includes the assessment, negotiation, monitoring, payment and review, and (if appropriate) corrective action in the purchase of outputs from other parties. In addition, the Ministry administers the payment to the Commonwealth Youth Programme and undertakes ministerial servicing in relation to Conservation Corps and Youth Service Corps programmes.

Part C2 - Non-Departmental Output Classes

Output Class O1 - Conservation Corps

Description

The Minister of Youth Affairs will purchase subsidised youth development programmes based on conservation, education and recreation activities to assist young people in motivation and skill development. The main providers are community organisations, Māori trusts, educational institutions and government departments.

Quantity, quality and cost

Quantity

123 Conservation Corps projects (123 in 2000/01) will be established, each with conservation, education and recreation components.

1,590 young people (1,670 in 2000/01) will participate in Conservation Corps projects. Of these 795 (876 in 2000/01) will be clients of the Department of Work and Income.

Quality

80% of Conservation Corps members will move into employment, further training or education within six months of leaving the programme.

80% of Conservation Corps members will indicate via questionnaires their satisfaction with the programme.

80% of Conservation Corps members will indicate via questionnaires an improvement in their self-esteem as a result of being involved in the programme.

An evaluation report will be submitted by the supervisor on the completion of each Conservation Corps project. 100% of reports will be submitted.

Cost

Outputs in this class will be provided within the appropriated sum of \$6.161 million (GST inclusive).

2001/02	Total output class to be provided within (GST inclusive)	\$6,161,000
2000/01	Total output class to be provided within (GST inclusive)	\$6,348,000

Output Class O2 - Youth Service Corps

Description

The Minister of Youth Affairs will purchase subsidised youth development programmes based on service, education and recreation activities to assist young people in motivation and skill development. The main providers are community organisations, Māori trusts, educational institutions and government departments.

Quantity, quality and costQuantity

14 Youth Service Corps projects (14 in 2000/01) will be established, each with community work, education and recreation components.

173 young people (173 in 2000/01) will participate in Youth Service Corps projects. All will be clients of the Department of Work and Income.

Quality

70% of Youth Service Corps members will move into employment, further training or education within six months of leaving the programme.

80% of Youth Service Corps members will indicate via questionnaires their satisfaction with the programme.

80% of Youth Service Corps members will indicate via questionnaires an improvement in their self-esteem as a result of being involved in the programme.

An evaluation report will be submitted by the supervisor on the completion of each Youth Service Corps project. 100% of reports will be submitted.

Cost

Outputs in this class will be provided within the appropriated sum of \$0.959 million (GST inclusive).

2001/02	Total output class to be provided within (GST inclusive)	\$959,000
2000/01	Total output class to be provided within (GST inclusive)	\$887,000

*Output Class O3 – Youth Suicide Prevention Community Liaison Service***Description**

The Minister of Youth Affairs will purchase a community based programme (SPINZ) to contribute to youth suicide prevention from the Mental Health Foundation and the Centre for Youth Health. SPINZ forms part of the Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy. SPINZ is based on providing accurate information, facilitating community responses, and building a network of people with expertise and skills.

Quantity, quality and costQuantity

Community Information Kit

- 9000 kits will be distributed;
- 18 youth suicide prevention workshops will be held.

650 community contacts and visits will occur.

500 names on mental health providers and youth sector community contacts will be held on the database

Quality/Timeliness

80% of participants attending SPINZ workshops are “satisfied” to “very satisfied” with the product.

Random survey of 100 community organisations from the youth sector and mental health providers shows that at least:

- 70% of respondents know of the SPINZ service;
- 70% of respondents would use the SPINZ service if they had a need for specific information on Youth Suicide prevention;
- 70% of respondents rate the quality of the information provided as “satisfactory” to “very satisfactory”; and
- 90% of respondents feel that SPINZ respond to information requests in a timely manner.

Cost

Outputs in this class will be provided within the appropriated sum of \$0.460 million (GST inclusive).

2001/02	Total output class to be provided within (GST inclusive)	\$460,000
2000/01	Total output class to be provided within (GST inclusive)	-

Provider

The Mental Health Foundation and the Centre for Youth Health.

Part E - Explanation of Appropriations for Capital Flows

E1 - Capital Contributions

There are no appropriations for Capital Contributions.

Net Worth of Entities Owned

Statement of Estimated and Forecast Net Worth

	Balance Date	Estimated Net Worth 2001 \$ million	Forecast Net Worth 2002 \$ million
Ministry of Youth Affairs	30 June	0.233	0.233