

VOTE *Women's Affairs*

Women's Affairs

Overview

Appropriations sought for Vote Women's Affairs in 2003/04 total \$4.252 million (inclusive of GST). This is intended to be spent on purchasing policy advice and a nomination service.

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

Terms and Definitions Used

APEC Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation

Women's Affairs

VOTE MINISTER: Minister of Women's Affairs

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Women's Affairs

The Minister of Women's Affairs is the Responsible Minister for the Ministry of Women's Affairs

Part A - Statement of Objectives and Trends

Part A1 - Objectives for Vote Women's Affairs

Related Outcomes for Women

The Ministry is the Government's primary provider of gender-specific advice. The appropriations to Vote Women's Affairs will make a significant contribution to the Key Government Goals to guide public sector policy and performance in the areas of:

- Strengthening national identity and upholding the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi by providing policy advice that maximises opportunities and improves outcomes for Māori women
- Growing an inclusive, innovative economy for the benefit of all by supporting the participation of women in decision-making and by providing advice to enable women to have adequate economic participation and income over their lifetime to enable them to make choices in work, family, whānau and community
- Reducing inequalities in health, education, employment and housing by encouraging other government agencies to use gender and ethnicity analysis in all policy advice. The Ministry will be taking a more proactive role in providing advice to encourage equity in employment during this year
- Restoring trust in Government and providing strong social services by working in partnership with Māori Women's Welfare League, National Council of Women, Pacifica and other non-government organisations, and managing all our relationships with integrity
- Improving New Zealanders' skills by providing gender specific advice relating to education policies, specifically regarding student loans, tertiary education, and women's participation in the labour market.

During 2002/03 the Ministry undertook consultation with women nationwide on the discussion document, *Towards an Action Plan for New Zealand Women*. This was done in recognition of the need for a strategic approach to progressing Government's priorities for women.

The key strategy during the 2003/04 financial year will be to analyse and use the information gained from consultation on the discussion document. In particular the analysis will be used to finalise the proposed Action Plan for New Zealand Women for Government's consideration. At the time of writing the Ministry expects that Government decisions relating to this proposal will be made in late 2002/03 or early in 2003/04.

Output Classes

The appropriations are intended to fund activities that fall into the broad area of **Policy Advice and Nominations Service**. This will involve:

- providing robust advice on issues before government and identifying emerging issues affecting women
- developing and maintaining relationships, including Māori women as tangata whenua, and communication strategies
- participating in international fora and co-ordinating New Zealand's international reporting obligations affecting women
- maintaining a database of board-ready women and nominating women for consideration for crown agency and other government boards.

The Ministry relies heavily on other government agencies to use gender and ethnicity analysis when developing policy advice and uses various influencing strategies to encourage this to happen.

Part A2 - Trends in Vote Women's Affairs

Output Trends: 1998/99 to 2003/04

The Ministry of Women's Affairs was established in 1986 to provide gender-specific policy advice to the Government. This advice focuses on participation in society, economic sustainability, safety, justice and wellbeing.

Special projects have had an impact on fluctuations in appropriations over the last five years, notably:

- the Time Use Survey (1998/99 and 1999/2000)
- co-ordinating an APEC Women Leaders Network meeting and an Indigenous Women in Exporting seminar (1998/99 and 1999/2000)
- assisting attendance at Women's Leaders Network meeting in Mexico (2002/03)
- funding to complete a national memorial for women to coincide with the 110th anniversary of suffrage (2002/03).

The Ministry of Women's Affairs received additional funding of \$400,000 inclusive of GST from 2000/01, to bolster policy capability.

Reconciliation of New Initiatives to Appropriations

Initiative	Appropriations as shown in Part B	\$000 increase/(decrease)				
		2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
110 th suffrage Anniversary	D1 Policy advice and Nominations Service	65				
Total Initiatives		65				

Trends in Vote Women's Affairs - Summary of Appropriations and Crown Revenue

Types of Appropriation	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03		2003/04 Appropriations to be Used				2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	
	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				
Operating Flows														
Classes of Outputs to be Supplied	5,619	4,080	4,271	4,290	4,279	4,279	4,252	-	-	-	4,252	4,252	4,162	4,162
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Flows														
Capital Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase or Development of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment of Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	5,628	4,080	4,271	4,290	4,279	4,279	4,252	-	-	-	4,252	4,252	4,162	4,162
Total Crown Revenue and Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-

Part B - Statement of Appropriations

Part B1 - Details of Appropriations

	2002/03				2003/04		Description of 2003/04 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 and Nominations Service	4,279	-	4,279	-	4,252	-	Purchase of gender specific advice on social and economic issues affecting women, communications and nominations advice and the management of New Zealand's international obligations for women. 2002/03 year appropriations include rental subleased to Youth Affairs (\$30,000), receipt of funds for attendance at the Women's Leaders Network Meeting in Mexico (\$22,000), and funding to complete a physical monument for women to coincide with 110th Suffrage Anniversary (\$65,000). 2003/04 appropriations include \$90,000 allocated under the Cross Departmental Research Pool for the project "Improving Pacific Women's Wellbeing".
Total Appropriations for Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)	4,279	-	4,279	-	4,252	-	
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Part C - Explanation of Appropriations for Output Classes

Output Class D1 - Policy Advice and Nominations Service

Under this output class the Minister of Women's Affairs will purchase gender-specific advice on social and economic issues affecting women. This includes advice on all aspects of policy development, including its implementation.

Related ministerial servicing requirements are included within this output class.

Outputs in this class are:

- Action Plan for New Zealand Women and gender analysis tools
- economic sustainability
- balancing work, family and community
- well-being
- Māori women's priorities
- communications
- nominations service
- liaison with international bodies.