

VOTE *Internal Affairs*

Footnotes

Note 1

For this output class, the Minister of Finance has approved the incurring of costs up to the Estimates level of trading revenue earned from third parties. This approval is given under section 10 of the Public Finance Act 1989.

Internal Affairs

VOTE MINISTER: Minister of Internal Affairs

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Department of Internal Affairs

The Minister of Internal Affairs is the Responsible Minister for the Department of Internal Affairs

Part B - Statement of Appropriations

Summary of Appropriations

	Appropriations to be Used				Total Appropriations \$000
	By the Department Administering the Vote		For Non-Departmental Transactions		
Types of Appropriation	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Operating Flows					
Classes of Outputs to be Supplied	74,141	1,108	2,205	-	77,454
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	1,189	-	1,189
Capital Flows					
Capital Contributions	4,055	-	-	-	4,055
Purchase or Development of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment of Debt	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations for 2002/03	78,196	1,108	3,394	-	82,698
Total 2002/03 Main Estimates Appropriations	68,655	1,004	2,254	-	71,913

Part B1 - Details of Appropriations

	2002/03						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 2002/03 Appropriations
	Main Estimates		Supplementary Estimates		Cumulative Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)							
D1 Policy Advice - Internal Affairs	2,386	-	1,202	-	3,588	-	Policy advice relating to gaming, censorship, fire, building and the performance of Crown entities and statutory bodies including Ministerial correspondence and questions. The Supplementary Estimates adjustments provide for the establishment of a Mediation Service for Leaky Buildings (\$1,103,000) and funding for identity policy advice (\$99,000).
D2 Information and Advisory Services	1,988	-	(218)	-	1,770	-	The provision of the New Zealand Gazette and the authentication of official documents. This output class also provides for information, advisory and support services to Commissions of Inquiry when warranted. The Supplementary Estimates adjustments provide for an increase in demand for Authentication Services (\$22,000), a decrease in demand for New Zealand Gazette (-\$220,000) and Blue Pages (-\$11,000), and a transfer of functions to Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Ministry of Justice (-\$9,000).
D3 Gaming and Censorship Regulatory Services	9,885	-	3,399	-	13,284	-	Seeking compliance with the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1977, Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993, Racing Act 1971 and Casino Control Act 1990. Policy advice on the gaming regulatory regime and associated fees. The Supplementary Estimates adjustments provide for an increase in casino levies and compliance activities (\$453,000), increased activity for Gaming and Censorship (\$2,801,000), an adjustment to the cost of compliance assurance of gaming activities (\$51,000), and GST on increased revenue from gaming machines (\$94,000).

D4 Identity Services	48,998	-	(763)	-	48,235	-	Issuing New Zealand passports. Processing citizenship applications. Registration of births, deaths and marriages. Policy advice on New Zealand documents of national identity and broader identity issues; Ministerial services. The Supplementary Estimates adjustments provide for a decrease in rental from a sub lease (-\$101,000), a reduction in demand for citizenship grants (-\$603,000), and revised fees for Identity Services (-\$59,000).
D5 Services for Ethnic Affairs	1,343	-	247	-	1,590	-	Policy advice on ethnic affairs, Ministerial services and the provision of advisory and information services to ethnic communities. The Supplementary Estimates adjustments provide for an expense transfer from 2001/02 for Chinese Consultation and the Telephone Interpreting Service (\$90,000), additional funding for the Telephone Interpreting Service (\$540,000) and an expense transfer to 2003/04 (-\$383,000).
D7 Weathertight Homes Resolution Service	-	-	5,674	-	5,674	-	Provide homeowners whose homes are affected by the leaky building "syndrome" with access to speedy, flexible and cost-effective procedures for assessment and resolution of claims relating to those buildings. This is a new output class.
Total Appropriations for Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)	64,600	-	9,541	-	74,141	-	
Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Net)							
D6 Contestable Services	-	1,004	-	104	-	1,108	Provision of translation and other foreign language services to third parties. Also includes services provided to other government departments. The Supplementary Estimates adjustments provide for an increase in the level of Support Services to other government departments (\$43,000), and an increase in demand for Translation Services (\$61,000) (See Note 1).
Total Appropriations for Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Net)	-	1,004	-	104	-	1,108	

Part B1 - Details of Appropriations (continued)

	2002/03						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 2002/03 Appropriations
	Main Estimates		Supplementary Estimates		Cumulative Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Non-Departmental Output Classes							
O1 Classification of Films, Videos and Publications	2,205	-	-	-	2,205	-	The examination and classification of films, videos and publications by the Office of Film and Literature Classification under the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993. Provision of information and research on classification procedures and systems.
Total Appropriations for Non-Departmental Output Classes	2,205	-	-	-	2,205	-	
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown							
Miscellaneous Grants - Internal Affairs	48	-	-	-	48	-	Discretionary funding provided on application.
Outdoor Safety Organisations	-	-	1,140	-	1,140	-	Funding to Water Safety New Zealand, Royal New Zealand Coastguard Federation and New Zealand Mountain Safety Council to address the short-term problems faced by these organisations in the 2002/03 financial year.
Royal Life Saving Commonwealth Council	1	-	-	-	1	-	Enables the Royal Lifesaving Society (NZ) to participate in, and benefit from, international forums.
Total Appropriations for Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown	49	-	1,140	-	1,189	-	

Capital Contributions to the Department							
Capital Investment	4,055	-	-	-	4,055	-	Capital contribution for the development of Identity Services systems.
Total Appropriations for Capital Contributions to the Department	4,055	-	-	-	4,055	-	
Total Appropriations	70,909	1,004	10,681	104	81,590	1,108	

Part C - Explanations of Appropriations for Output Classes

Part C1 – Departmental Output Classes

In November 2002 the Government agreed to establish a mediation service for the resolution of disputes arising from leaky buildings. A new output class (D7 Weathertight Homes Resolution Service) was created. The description of this output class is provided below.

D7 - Weathertight Homes Resolution Service

The principal objective of The Weathertight Homes Resolution Services Act 2002 is to provide owners of dwelling houses that are leaky buildings with access to speedy, flexible, and cost-effective procedures for assessment and resolution of claims relating to those buildings.

The Weathertight Homes Resolution Service, established in December 2002, undertakes two functions:

- A dispute resolution process for homeowners whose homes are affected by the leaky building “syndrome”. This dispute resolution process is an alternative to legal action through the court system. The Service assesses eligibility of claims under identified criteria, and provides for an independent assessment of the specific technical issues of each case, including remedial measures.
- The Service provides a voluntary mediation facility through which affected parties can express their perspectives and potentially agree on a binding settlement acceptable to them all.
- Where mediation is not the preferred option of the parties, or where a successful resolution is not achieved, the Service provides the option of an adjudication process. The adjudication service includes provision for compulsory involvement and for enforceable determinations by an adjudicator appointed by the Crown.
- An advisory service which provides information to the general public in relation to aspects of the building industry and building practice relevant to leaky building “syndrome”, and the range of dispute resolution options available to individual parties to deal with the problem.

Part D - Explanations of Appropriations for Other Operating Flows

Part D3 - Other Expenses

In December 2002 the Government agreed to provide interim funding to providers of outdoor safety activities for 2002/03, to address funding problems faced by these organisations. The three organisations are Water Safety New Zealand, Royal New Zealand Coastguard Federation and the New Zealand Mountain Safety Council.

Outdoor Safety Organisations

The principal objective of this appropriation is to provide interim funding to providers of outdoor safety activities for 2002/03 due to lower grants from the Lotteries Grants Board as a result of the decline in lottery profits.