

# VOTES *Veterans'* *Affairs*

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# Veterans' Affairs

VOTE MINISTER: Minister of Veterans' Affairs

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENTS: New Zealand Defence Force, and the Ministry of Social Development

The Minister of Defence is the Responsible Minister for the New Zealand Defence Force

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

## Part B - Statement of Appropriations

### Summary of Appropriations

Types of Appropriation	Appropriations to be Used				Total Appropriations \$000
	By the Department Administering the Vote		For Non-Departmental Transactions		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
<b>Operating Flows</b>					
Classes of Outputs to be Supplied	8,226	-	260	-	8,486
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	209,179	-	209,179
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	2,851	-	2,851
<b>Capital Flows</b>					
Capital Contributions	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase or Development of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment of Debt	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations for 2002/03</b>	<b>8,226</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>212,290</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>220,516</b>
<b>Total 2002/03 Main Estimates Appropriations</b>	<b>7,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>206,674</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>214,649</b>

## 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	
<b>Appropriations</b>							
<b>Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)</b>							
<b>Vote Veterans' Affairs - Defence, administered by the New Zealand Defence Force</b>							
D1 Policy, Assessment and Administration	3,326	-	251	-	3,577	-	The purchase of policy advice on, and administration of, a wide range of issues relating to veterans' entitlements, care, and recognition. The Supplementary Estimates increase provides for additional assistance to the children of Vietnam and Operation Grapple veterans.
<b>Vote Veterans' Affairs - Work and Income, administered by the Ministry of Social Development</b>							
D2 Processing and Payment of Benefits	4,649	-	-	-	4,649	-	The purchase of processing and payment of war disability pensions and related allowances, veterans-related pensions and concessions and payments under the Rehabilitation Loan Programme.
<b>Total Appropriations for Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)</b>	7,975	-	251	-	8,226	-	
<b>Non-Departmental Output Classes</b>							

## 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	
Appropriations							
<b>Vote Veterans' Affairs - Defence, administered by the New Zealand Defence Force</b>							
O1 Development and Maintenance of Service Cemeteries	260	-	-	-	260	-	The purchase of services for the maintenance of Services' Cemeteries and capital works in Services' Cemeteries.
<b>Total Appropriations for Non-Departmental Output Classes</b>	260	-	-	-	260	-	
<b>Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses</b>							
<b>Vote Veterans' Affairs - Work and Income, administered by the Ministry of Social Development</b>							
Interest Concessions Land and Buildings	199	-	(33)	-	166	-	Provision of the differential between the 3% or 5% Rehabilitation Loan rate and the current market rate. The Rehabilitation Loan programme has now ceased. Current provisions cover the grandparenting of loans. The decrease in Supplementary Estimates reflects a lower interest rate and lower outstanding capital, with the former dominating.
Medical Treatment	11,730	-	(1,229)	-	10,501	-	Provision to pay assessment costs for war disablement pension applications and reviews, medical treatment costs for accepted service-related disabilities and the costs of appliances and equipment required as a result of an accepted disability. The decrease in Supplementary Estimates is caused by decreases to forecast expenditure in both the Medical Treatment and Aids and Appliances components.

Veterans' Pension	100,768	-	(358)	-	100,410	-	Provision of income support for ex-service people who have either reached the qualifying age for New Zealand Superannuation and are on a 70% (or greater) war disablement pension, or are unable to participate in the labour force due to disability and who fulfil the New Zealand citizenship and residency requirements. The decrease in Supplementary Estimates is due to the inclusion of Overseas Pension Recoveries (a deduction) and a lower than forecast Lump Sum Payment After Death expenditure.
War Disability Pensions	93,717	-	4,385	-	98,102	-	Provision to pay war disablement pensions to ex-service people who have a disability caused or aggravated by service in a war or emergency at any time, or in routine service prior to 1974. This appropriation also covers surviving spouse pensions, educational bursaries and travel costs. The increase in Supplementary Estimates mainly results from an increase in the average payment rate, with about one-fifth of the increase due to a higher than forecast number in force.
<b>Total Appropriations for Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses</b>	206,414	-	2,765	-	209,179	-	
<b>Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown</b>							
<b>Vote Veterans' Affairs - Defence, administered by the New Zealand Defence Force</b>							
Donation to Rannerdale, Ranfurly and Montecillo Trusts, and the PCFB (re the Levin Home)	-	-	1,238	-	1,238	-	The new Supplementary Estimates funding reflects donations that provide for the Patriotic and Canteen Funds Board (PCFB) war veterans' homes (Rannerdale, Ranfurly, Montecillo and Levin) to be devolved to local trusts.
Ex-Gratia Payment for POWs/Surviving Spouses of Japanese POWs	-	-	1,613	-	1,613	-	The Supplementary Estimates adjustment includes an expense transfer of \$1.950 million from 2001/02 to provide for Ex Gratia payments to New Zealanders (or their surviving spouses) who were held as Japanese Prisoners of War (POWs) during World War 2. The balance of the adjustment recognises subsequent agreement to provide for any outstanding entitlements by the transfer of \$337,000 to 2003/04.
<b>Total Appropriations for Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown</b>	-	-	2,851	-	2,851	-	
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	214,649	-	5,867	-	220,516	-	