

Vote Consumer Affairs

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister of Consumer Affairs (M17)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Economic Development

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Minister for Economic Development

Overview of the Vote

The Minister of Consumer Affairs is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2008/09 financial year covering the following:

- a total of nearly \$4 million for purchasing policy advice and information on issues, policies and programmes affecting or potentially affecting the ability of consumers to transact with confidence
- a total of just over \$2 million for purchasing compliance and enforcement activities to ensure a supportive measurement and product safety infrastructure for business and consumers
- a total of nearly \$100,000 relating to the collection of data by the New Zealand Association of Citizen's Advice Bureaux that will be used to enhance the currency of policy advice on consumer issues.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Consumer Affairs in the Information Supporting the Estimates of Appropriations.

Details of Appropriations

Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2007/08		2008/09
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Policy Advice, Information and Compliance - Consumer Issues MCOA (M17)</i>	5,879	5,744	5,817
<i>Measurement and Product Safety Compliance and Enforcement</i>	2,210	2,210	2,210
This appropriation is limited to compliance and enforcement activities to ensure a supportive measurement and product safety infrastructure for business and consumers.			
<i>Policy Advice and Information on Consumer Issues</i>	3,669	3,534	3,607
This appropriation is limited to the provision of policy advice (including providing a consumer perspective) information and Ministerial servicing on issues, policies and programmes affecting the ability of consumers to transact with confidence.			
Total Departmental Output Expenses	5,879	5,744	5,817
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Provision of Data on Consumer Issues (M17)</i>	420	420	81
This appropriation is limited to the purchase of data from non-governmental organisations to enhance the Ministry of Consumer Affairs policy advice and monitoring capability and to improve access to key information on consumers.			
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	420	420	81
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	6,299	6,164	5,898