

Vote Environment

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister for the Environment (M29)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry for the Environment

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: Minister for the Environment

Overview of the Vote

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

- a total of nearly \$40 million for advice on environmental policies, issues and the implementation of government decisions to achieve a healthy environment, which sustains nature and people
- a total of over \$1 million for supporting the effective operation of the Bioethics Council comprising advice, research, public dialogue, provision of information and administration
- a total of over \$1 million for the contracting, managing and auditing of a range of environmental management programmes delivered by third parties
- a total of \$198,000 for the environmental clean-up of Pacific Island sites
- a total of \$464,000 for the public notification process for considering nationally significant applications under the Resource Management Act, where the Minister for the Environment exercises the call-in powers under the legislation, and where necessary, providing support to Boards of Inquiry
- a total of over \$3 million for the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for the Environment
- a total of over \$11 million for the investigation, management and remediation of contaminated sites
- a total of \$500,000 for the funding of grants to assist regional councils and unitary authorities in aquaculture planning
- a total of over \$10 million for the administration of the HSNO Act by the Environmental Risk Management Authority, to protect the environment and the health and safety of people and communities by preventing or managing the adverse effects of hazardous substances and new organisms
- a total of \$400,000 for the promotion of sustainable land management practices through a national network of coordinators
- a total of nearly \$4 million for projects that support and strengthen proactive partnerships between the community, industry, iwi and local government and a wide range of practical environmental initiatives that involve the community in practically focused "action for the environment"
- a total of \$117,000 for subscriptions to international environmental agreements
- a total of over \$1 million for funding and grant schemes to help remove some of the barriers to public participation in resource management processes, particularly in the legal environment, and to support the work of the environment centres in raising awareness of environmental issues and actions
- a total of \$336,000 for New Zealand's membership to the United Nations Environment Programme
- a total of over \$1 million for Crown's contribution to assist with installation of clean and energy efficient heating with a particular focus on the homes of low income earners
- a total of \$525,000 for grants to local councils to assist with the purchase and installation of suitably signed recycling infrastructure
- a total of \$9 million for funding to Environment Bay of Plenty and the Rotorua District Council to maintain and improve the water quality of Rotorua Lakes.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Environment 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			
Bioethics Council (M29) This appropriation is limited to supporting the effective operation of the Bioethics Council comprising advice, research, public dialogue, provision of information and administration.	1,339	1,339	1,339
Delivery of Environmental Management Programmes (M29) This appropriation is limited to the contracting, managing, monitoring, and auditing of a range of environmental management programmes delivered by third parties.	1,100	1,100	1,100
Environmental assistance to the Pacific Islands (M29) Environmental clean-up of Pacific Island sites.	121	121	198
Environmental Policy Advice (M29) Advice on environmental policies, issues and the implementation of government decisions to achieve a healthy environment, which sustains nature and people.	38,845	36,302	40,264
Resource Management Act Call-ins (M29) This appropriation is limited to the public notification process for considering nationally significant applications under the Resource Management Act, where the Minister for the Environment exercises the call-in powers under the legislation, and where necessary, providing support to Boards of Inquiry.	2,343	2,343	464
World Environment Day (M29) To promote and facilitate action for the environment, and host international celebrations for World Environment Day 2008 in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme.	3,660	3,660	-
Total Departmental Output Expenses	47,408	44,865	43,365
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund (M29) This appropriation is limited to the investigation, management and remediation of contaminated sites.	3,278	2,078	11,278
Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Assessment and Management (M29) Administration of the HSNO Act by the Environmental Risk Management Authority, to protect the environment and the health and safety of people and communities by preventing or managing the adverse effects of hazardous substances and new organisms.	9,012	9,012	10,012
Promotion of Sustainable Land Management (M29) This appropriation is limited to the promotion and coordination of sustainable land management practice through a national network of coordinators.	400	400	400
Sustainable Management Fund (M29) Projects that support and strengthen proactive partnerships between the community, industry, iwi and local government and a wide range of practical environmental initiatives and involve the community in practically focused "action for the environment".	3,294	3,294	3,844
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	15,984	14,784	25,534

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2007/08		2008/09
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
International Subscriptions (M29) This appropriation is limited to subscriptions to International Environmental Agreements.	117	117	117
Legal and Environment Centre Grants (M29) Funding and grant schemes to help remove some of the barriers to public participation in resource management processes, particularly in the legal environment, and to support the work of environment centres in raising awareness of environmental issues and actions.	1,128	1,128	1,378
Recycling in Public Places (M29) This appropriation is limited to grants to local councils to assist with the purchase and installation of suitably signed recycling infrastructure.	500	500	525
Rotorua Lakes Restoration Programme (M29) This appropriation is limited to funding to Environment Bay of Plenty and the Rotorua District Council to maintain and improve the water quality of the Rotorua Lakes.	-	-	9,000
United Nations Environment Programme (M29) New Zealand's membership of the United Nations Environment Programme.	216	216	336
Warm Homes Grants and Assistance (M29) Crown's contribution to assist with installation of clean and energy efficient heating with a particular focus on the homes of low income earners.	1,100	1,100	1,100
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	3,061	3,061	12,456
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Ministry for the Environment - Capital Expenditure PLA (M29) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for the Environment, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989	1,416	1,416	3,430
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	1,416	1,416	3,430
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	67,869	64,126	84,785

Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriation	\$000
Non-Departmental Output Expenses		
Contestable Aquaculture Planning Fund (M29)	Original Appropriation	2,000
Funding of grants to assist regional councils and unitary authorities in aquaculture planning.	Adjustments to 2006/07	-
Commences: 1 July 2006	Adjustments for 2007/08	-
Expires: 30 June 2011	Adjusted Appropriation	2,000
	Actual to 2006/07 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2007/08	500
	Estimated Actual for 2008/09	500
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	1,000

Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

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Details of Net Asset Schedule	Estimated Actual 2007/08 \$000	Projected 2008/09 \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2008/09
Opening Balance	3,039	3,712	
Capital Injections	673	1,604	\$1.604 million capital to develop the NZ Carbon Accounting System database.
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	3,712	5,316	