

Vote Food Safety

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister for Food Safety (M33)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: New Zealand Food Safety Authority

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW ZEALAND FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY: Minister for Food Safety

Overview of the Vote

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

- a total of just over \$6 million for the provision of policy advice regarding New Zealand's regulatory framework and legislative base
- a total of just over \$31 million for the setting of standards, including access to scientific evidence in support of those standards to ensure that consumers are protected
- a total of just over \$360,000 for maintaining preparedness in the event of a food safety emergency
- a total of nearly \$5 million for auditing and investigating possible cases of non-compliance with standards and where necessary conducting prosecutions
- a total of just over \$4 million for providing consumers with authoritative information about food safety issues and providing the opportunity for consumers to participate in the regulatory process
- a total of just over \$46 million for the delivery of monitoring and assurance services provided throughout New Zealand
- a total of nearly \$2 million to support New Zealand's participation in joint food standard setting with Australia
- a total of nearly \$6 million on the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Authority.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Food Safety 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			
Food Safety Information and Participation (M33) This appropriation is limited to activities to engage and inform stakeholders about food safety and suitability and to encourage participation in NZFSA's regulatory programme. The appropriation encompasses the provision of information (and information gathering) through a range of channels including consumer help-lines, publications, web based tools, consumer education and events.	4,392	4,092	4,083
Monitoring and Assurance (M33) This appropriation is limited to delivering assurances to consumers, the public and overseas authorities that food, food-related products and inputs into the production of food are managed and delivered in accordance with New Zealand legislation and importing countries' market access requirements.	41,469	41,469	46,189
Policy Advice on Food Safety and Suitability (M33) This appropriation is limited to analysis, policy and legal advice and decision-making support relating to food safety, food suitability, inputs related to food production and ministerial services.	3,958	3,958	6,208
Response to Food Related Emergencies and Events (M33) This appropriation is limited to managing preparedness and operational response to food related events and food safety emergencies.	355	355	361
Standards Setting (M33) This appropriation is limited to the development, implementation, monitoring and review of food related standards and inputs into food production for both the domestic and export market. The appropriation encompasses inputs into joint standard setting arrangements with Australia and influencing standards for trade set by international organisations.	40,273	38,673	31,684
Systems Audit and Enforcement (M33) This appropriation is limited to the audit and enforcement programme administered by NZFSA, as well as investigations of and response to problems, complaints and suspected breaches of legislation.	4,750	4,750	4,835
Total Departmental Output Expenses	95,197	93,297	93,360
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
New Zealand Australia Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty (M33) This appropriation is limited to the development of joint food standards and codes of practice for Australia and New Zealand by Food Standards Australia New Zealand in accordance with the Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty.	1,790	1,790	1,577
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	1,790	1,790	1,577
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
New Zealand Food Safety Authority - Capital Expenditure PLA (M33) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the New Zealand Food Safety Authority, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989	3,010	3,010	5,925
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	3,010	3,010	5,925
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	99,997	98,097	100,862

Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

New Zealand Food Safety Authority

Details of Net Asset Schedule	Estimated Actual 2007/08 \$000	Projected 2008/09 \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2008/09
Opening Balance	-	42	
Capital Injections	5,275	5,125	The capital injection comprises \$2.225 million of establishment funding originally approved in 2007/08 but not drawn down until 2008/09, and \$2.900 million of development funding for electronic wine certification capability and the implementation of food reviews.
Capital Withdrawals	(4,738)	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	(495)	-	
Other Movements	-	495	This is a non-cash movement to cover the forecasted deficit.
Closing Balance	42	5,662	