Vote Internal Affairs

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister for Ethnic Affairs (M30), Minister of Internal Affairs (M41)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Department of Internal Affairs

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS: Minister of Internal Affairs

Overview of the Vote

The Minister of Internal Affairs and the Minister for Ethnic Affairs are responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2008/09 financial year covering the following:

Departmental Appropriations

- A total of nearly \$899,000 (1% of total departmental appropriations in this Vote) for contestable services, including the provision of translation and other foreign language services to Ministers and third parties.
- A total of nearly \$89.531 million (67% of total departmental appropriations in this Vote) for identity services including issuing New Zealand passports, processing citizenship applications and the registration of births, deaths, marriages and civil unions.
- A total of just over \$8.093 million (6% of total departmental appropriations in this Vote) for information, advisory support services to commissions of inquiry and similar bodies, provision of the New Zealand Gazette and the authentication of official documents.
- A total of nearly \$4.493 million (3% of total departmental appropriations in this Vote) for policy advice relating to gaming, censorship, fire, identity, public inquires, daylight saving and the Significant Community Based Projects Fund; the performance of and appointments to Crown entities; appointments to statutory bodies; and drafting ministerial correspondence and questions.
- A total of nearly \$25.306 million (19% of total departmental appropriations in this Vote) for operational policy advice and services to regulate, monitor and enforce gambling activity; and to services to monitor and enforce objectionable material and unsolicited electronic messages.
- A total of nearly \$5.007 million (4% of total departmental appropriations in this Vote) for services relating to ethnic affairs involving policy advice, ministerial services and the provision of advisory and information services to ethnic communities.

Non-Departmental Appropriations

- A total of nearly \$1.960 million for purchasing services from the Office of Film and Literature Classification for examination and classification of films, videos and publications (including digital material).
- A total of nearly \$32.846 million to be spent over a four-year period on the "Significant Community Based Projects Fund" to support major community-based projects of national or regional significance.
- A total of nearly \$49,000 for Crown grants to a range of community organisations.
- A total of nearly \$304,000 for fees for public inquiries and investigations.

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

Details of Appropriations

Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations

	2007/08		2008/09
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Contestable Services RDA (M41)	1,068	1,046	899
Providing translation and other foreign language services to Government and the public.			
Identity Services (M41)	88,535	85,529	89,531
Providing effective management of New Zealand's records of identity including: issuing New Zealand passports; processing citizenship applications; and registering births, deaths, marriages and civil unions; developing authorised information-matching programmes with specified government agencies; providing data or data verification to international government agencies, to enhance border and facilitate travel; working across government to develop authentication of identity and to facilitate good practice based on Evidence of Identity Standard.			
Policy and Advisory Services MCOA (M41)	11,419	9,697	12,586
Information and Advisory Services	6,761	5,058	8,093
This appropriation is limited to publishing the New Zealand Gazette; authenticating official documents; supporting commissions of inquiry and similar bodies; and coordinating the congratulatory message service.			
Policy Advice - Internal Affairs	4,658	4,639	4,493
Policy advice on matters relating to: gaming, censorship, fire, identity, public inquiries, daylight saving and the Significant Community Based Projects Fund; the performance of and appointments to Crown entities; appointments to statutory bodies; and drafting ministerial correspondence and questions.			
Regulatory Services (M41)	26,689	26,411	25,306
This appropriation is limited to operational policy advice and services to regulate, monitor and enforce gambling activity; and to services to monitor and enforce objectionable material and unsolicited electronic messages.			
Services for Ethnic Affairs (M30)	4,317	4,297	5,007
Policy advice on ethnic affairs and provision of advisory and information services to ethnic communities; drafting ministerial correspondence and questions; management of the contract for the telephone interpreting service (Language Line); and provision of information and training to ethnic communities and government agencies using Language Line.			
Total Departmental Output Expenses	132,028	126,980	133,329
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Classification of Films, Videos and Publications (M41)	1,960	1,960	1,960
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 Non-Departmental Output Expenses	1,960	1,960	1,960

	2007/08		2008/09
		Estimated	
	Budgeted	Actual	Budget
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	\$000	\$000	\$000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Miscellaneous Grants - Internal Affairs (M41)	49	49	49
Miscellaneous Grant payments to individuals or organisations to assist in building a strong and safe nation through serving and connecting citizens, communities and Government.			
Public Inquiries (M41)	465	465	304
Fees for inquiries and investigations.			
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	514	514	353
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	134,502	129,454	135,642

Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriation	\$000
Non-Departmental Output Expenses		
Significant Community Based Projects Fund (M41)	Original Appropriation	32,000
This appropriation is to support major community-based projects, with significant participation of the community, that have a range of benefits contributing to regional and/or national outcomes with particular reference to arts, culture and heritage; sport and recreation; tourism; conservation and the environment; and economic development. Commences: 1 July 2005 Expires: 30 June 2009	Adjustments to 2006/07	-
	Adjustments for 2007/08	846
	Adjusted Appropriation	32,846
	Actual to 2006/07 Year End	32,000
	Estimated Actual for 2007/08	846
	Estimated Actual for 2008/09	-
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Department of Internal Affairs

Details of Net Asset Schedule	Estimated Actual 2007/08 \$000	2008/09	
Opening Balance	44,172	44,692	
Capital Injections	520	16,559	Capital injections for 2008/09 are for the Passport Redevelopment System (\$6.700 million) and Backup Emergency Operations Facilities (\$400,000). Capital transfers from 2007/08 to 2008/09 (\$9.459 million).
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	(4,546)	
Other Movements	-	4,546	
Closing Balance	44,692	61,251	