

Vote Veterans' Affairs - Social Development

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister of Veterans' Affairs (M75)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Social Development

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Minister for Social Development and Employment

Overview of the Vote

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

- a total of just over \$4.100 million to process and pay War Disablement Pensions and related allowances, veterans'-related pensions and concessions and payments under the Rehabilitation Loan Programme, and
- a total of just over \$336 million for benefits and other unrequited expenses (administered through the Ministry of Social Development).

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Veterans' Affairs - Social Development 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			
Processing and Payment of Pensions (M75) The purchase of processing and payment of War Disablement Pensions and related allowances, veterans'-related pensions and concessions and payments under the Rehabilitation Loan Programme.	4,155	4,155	4,155
Total Departmental Output Expenses	4,155	4,155	4,155
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses			
Interest Concessions Land and Buildings (M75) Provision of the differential between the 3% or 5% Rehabilitation Loan rate and the current market rate as set out in the Rehabilitation Act 1941. Legislation enacting the scheme was repealed in August 1991 and the Rehabilitation Loan Programme has since ceased. Current provisions cover the grandparenting of loans.	77	67	49
Medical Treatment (M75) 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 aids required as a result of an accepted disability. All costs associated with medical treatment are set out in the War Pensions Regulations 1956.	18,884	18,386	19,468
Veterans' Pension (M75) Provision of income support for ex-service people in a declared war or emergency who have either reached the qualifying age for New Zealand Superannuation and are on a 70% (or greater) War Disablement Pension, or are prevented from undertaking employment for a substantial period due to disability and who fulfill the New Zealand citizenship and residency requirements as set out in the War Pensions Act 1954.	161,433	161,082	177,356
War Disablement Pensions (M75) Provision to pay War Disablement Pensions to ex-service people who have a disability attributable to, or aggravated by service in a declared war or emergency at any time, or in routine service prior to 1 April 1974 as set out in the War Pensions Act 1954. This appropriation also covers Surviving Spouse Pensions as set out in the War Pensions Act 1954, the allowances set out under the War Pensions Act 1954 and the War Pensions Regulations 1956.	133,235	132,812	139,314
Total Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	313,629	312,347	336,187
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	317,784	316,502	340,342