

Sector Overview

Economic Development and Infrastructure Sector

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The Economic Development and Infrastructure Sector consists of eleven Votes administered by the Ministry of Economic Development, Department of Labour and Ministry of Transport. These administering departments, along with a number of delivery agencies, collectively work towards the Government's Economic Transformation priority.

The Government's Economic Transformation priority seeks to progress New Zealand to a high income, knowledge-based market economy, which is both innovative and creative, and provides a unique quality of life to all New Zealanders.

The table below sets out the Votes, administering departments, and delivery agencies that fall within the Economic Development and Infrastructure sector.

Votes	
Administering Department: Ministry of Economic Development	Other Crown Owned Delivery Agencies funded in Vote
Vote Economic Development (includes Small Business and Rugby World Cup portfolios)	New Zealand Trade and Enterprise New Zealand Venture Investment Fund Limited
Vote Commerce	Commerce Commission Securities Commission Takeovers Panel Accounting Standards Review Board
Vote Communications	Commerce Commission
Vote Consumer Affairs	-
Vote Energy	Electricity Commission Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority Commerce Commission
Vote Tourism	New Zealand tourism Board (trading as Tourism New Zealand)
Administering Department: Ministry of Transport	Other Crown Owned Delivery Agencies funded in Vote
Vote Transport	Land Transport New Zealand Maritime Safety Authority Meteorological Service of New Zealand Limited Transport Accident Investigation Commission CAA
Administering Department: Department of Labour	Other Crown Owned Delivery Agencies funded in Vote
Vote Labour	-
Vote ACC	Accident Compensation Corporation
Vote Employment	-
Vote Immigration	-

As well as the portfolios contained within the above Votes, a number of portfolios in other sector groupings play a crucial part in the Government's economic development activity. In particular, these include education and training; and research, science and technology, which fall within the Education and Science sector.

Given this link, we expect the agencies within this sector to work closely not just with each other – but also with a wide range of other agencies - to ensure that economic development work is joined up, and priorities aligned.

Ministry of Economic Development

The Ministry of Economic Development is the Government's lead advisor on its Economic Transformation work. It includes the Ministry of Consumer Affairs and the Ministry of Tourism, and works across eight portfolio areas.

The Ministry and the delivery agencies funded through the portfolios it administers, are focused on improving:

- the drivers for success and productivity improvement in firms
- the international linkages that allow New Zealand firms to benefit from trade and international flows of investment, skills and technology
- the competitiveness, integrity and effectiveness of New Zealand's markets
- the way public agencies and the regulatory environment interact with business
- the quality and reliability of key infrastructure services that support growth
- Auckland as a world class city that attracts firms, investment and skills.

Department of Labour

The Department of Labour provides services to the Government through four portfolios – Labour, Immigration, Employment and ACC.

The Department is focused on transforming the economy through improvements in workplace practices, productive workplace cultures, health and safety, upskilling the existing workforce, and providing better labour market information about the skills that are most needed in the economy.

Immigration is also important in transforming the economy. New Zealand needs to attract the skills, labour and talent required to address skills shortages, and people who can settle well and contribute, while maintaining the security of our borders.

The Government is also committed to injury prevention and rehabilitation through the ACC scheme, and the Department provides independent and strategic advice on ACC.

Ministry of Transport

Transport infrastructure is high on the Government's Economic Transformation agenda. The Ministry of Transport is responsible for setting transport policy and working with transport agencies to ensure the Government's vision is achieved.

The Ministry's work is focused on:

- promoting a sustainable and integrated transport system across all modes

- reviewing transport-related regulatory systems with the aim of reducing transport-related business compliance costs
- checking that government funding of transport represents value for money and is realistic and that the plans to integrate Auckland's transport system are being progressed.

Essential to economic development is the need to address transport barriers to trade nationally and internationally and this is an area that the Ministry will continue to pursue. Of equal importance is ensuring environmental issues are considered. We aim to reduce emissions and carbon intensity from the transport system and promote sustainable energy.

More information is provided in each agency's *Statement of Intent* and in the following section "Information Supporting the Estimates."

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Minister for Economic Development

Hon Annette King
Minister of Transport

Hon Lianne Dalziel
Minister of Commerce

Hon Trevor Mallard
Minister of Labour

Hon David Cunliffe
Minister for Communications and
Information Technology

Hon Ruth Dyson
Minister for Social Development and Employment

Hon David Parker
Minister of Energy

Hon Clayton Cosgrove
Minister of Immigration
Minister for Small Business

Hon Damien O'Conner
Minister of Tourism

Hon Maryan Street
Minister for ACC

Hon Judith Tizard
Minister of Consumer Affairs

Ministerial Statements of Responsibility

Each of us is satisfied that the information on future operating intentions provided by our respective departments and included in the *Information Supporting the Estimates* for the Economic Development and Infrastructure Sector is in accordance with sections 38, 40 and 41 of the Public Finance Act 1989 and is consistent with the policies and performance expectations of the government.



Hon Pete Hodgson

Responsible Minister for the Ministry of
Economic Development
16 April 2008



Hon Annette King

Responsible Minister for the Ministry of Transport
16 April 2008



Hon Trevor Mallard

Responsible Minister for the Department of Labour
16 April 2008

Chief Executive Statements of Responsibility

Ministry of Economic Development

In signing this statement, I acknowledge that I am responsible for the information contained in the *Information Supporting the Estimates* for the Economic Development and Infrastructure Sector relating to the Ministry of Economic Development and for the Vote/Votes for which the Ministry of Economic Development is the administering department. Specifically, this information is contained in the Ministry of Economic Development's statement of forecast service performance, forecast financial statements and *Statement of Intent*.

This information has been prepared in accordance with the Public Finance Act 1989. It is also consistent with the proposed appropriations set out in the Appropriation (2008/09 Estimates) Bill, as presented to the House of Representatives in accordance with section 13 of the Public Finance Act 1989, and with existing appropriations and financial authorities.



Geoff Dangerfield
Chief Executive
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16 April 2008



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Ministry of Economic Development
16 April 2008
Counter-signed

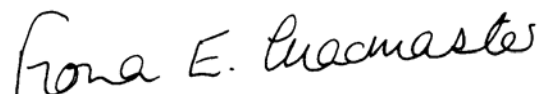
Ministry of Transport

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Alan Thompson
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Ministry of Transport
16 April 2008



Fiona MacMaster
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Department of Labour

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Department of Labour
16 April 2008



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16 April 2008
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