

Performance Information for Appropriations

Vote Serious Fraud

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Attorney-General (M5)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Serious Fraud Office

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR SERIOUS FRAUD OFFICE: Attorney-General

Part 1 - Summary of the Vote

Part 1.1 - Overview of the Vote

The Attorney-General is responsible for appropriations in Vote Serious Fraud for the 2008/09 financial year covering the following:

- a total of over \$5 million for the detection, investigation and prosecution of cases of suspected serious or complex fraud offending brought to the attention of, or detected by, the Serious Fraud Office
- a total of nearly \$2 million to implement and operate the non-conviction based forfeiture provisions of the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Bill when enacted
- a total of \$290,000 for capital expenditure, funded through a capital injection, to implement the non-conviction based forfeiture provisions of the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Bill.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 below.

Part 1.2 - High-Level Objectives of the Vote

Contribution of Appropriations to Government Priorities and Outcomes

Appropriations	Government Priorities - Themes/Sub-themes	Government Outcomes
Investigation and Prosecution of Complex or Serious Fraud	Economic Transformation Families - young and old	A safe and just society - safe communities
Civil Forfeiture of Criminal Assets	Economic Transformation Families - young and old	A safe and just society - safe communities

The appropriations in Vote Serious Fraud will contribute to the Government theme of Economic Transformation by:

- reducing and deterring the incidence of 'white collar' fraud offending
- improving the quality of the regulatory environment
- encouraging economic growth and development with an honest capital market conducive to the fair and efficient conduct of business
- encouraging savings and investment within a stable and neutral investment environment.

The appropriations will also contribute to the Government theme of Families - young and old by building safer communities and developing a fairer more credible and more effective justice system, by:

- taking appropriate investigative and enforcement action against white collar offending
- reducing the rewards from crime for the individual
- reducing the attraction of crime for potential offenders
- reducing the resources that could potentially be used to engage in further criminal activity.

Part 1.3 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08		2008/09			2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000
Appropriations												
Output Expenses	4,747	4,607	4,795	4,880	6,659	5,262	7,379	-	7,379	7,379	7,379	7,379
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	135	398	36	177	64	64	290	-	290	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	4,882	5,005	4,831	5,057	6,723	5,326	7,669	-	7,669	7,379	7,379	7,379
Crown Revenue and Receipts												
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-

Analysis of Significant Trends

The increase in output expense baseline from 2007/08 is to fund the new output expense Civil Forfeiture of Criminal Assets and provide additional funding (\$300,000 in 2007/08 increasing to \$600,000 in outyears) to maintain capability under the Investigation and Prosecution of Complex or Serious Fraud output expense. A capital injection of \$290,000 has been provided in 2008/09 to enable the Serious Fraud Office to purchase property, plant and equipment necessary to deliver against the new output class Civil Forfeiture of Criminal Assets.

Part 2 - Details and Expected Performance for Output Expenses

Part 2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Intended Impacts, Outcomes and Objectives

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives of Appropriations	Appropriations
Outcome - a safe and just society Impact - offenders held to account; deterrent to other offenders	Investigation and Prosecution of Complex or Serious Fraud
Outcome - a safe and just society Impact - recovery of proceeds of crime	Civil Forfeiture of Criminal Assets

Civil Forfeiture of Criminal Assets (M5)

Scope of Appropriation

Cost of investigating and where appropriate restraining and/or forfeiting assets derived from criminal activity under the civil forfeiture provisions of relevant legislation.

Expenses and Revenue

	2007/08		2008/09
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	1,475	91	1,890
Revenue from the Crown	1,475	91	1,890
Revenue from Others	-	-	-

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The implementation and operation of this new output class is subject to the passage of the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Bill.

Output Performance Measures and Standards

Performance Measures	2007/08		2008/09
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
Number of cases where investigation is commenced	10-15	-	10-30
Percentage of cases investigated to enable the Director of Serious Fraud to decide on forfeiture orders completed within 12 months	80%	-	80%
Progress of all cases is reviewed at least monthly by the Director	100%	-	100%

Investigation and Prosecution of Complex or Serious Fraud (M5)

Scope of Appropriation

The detection, investigation and prosecution of cases of suspected serious fraud offending brought to the attention of, or detected by, the Serious Fraud Office.

Expenses and Revenue

	2007/08		2008/09
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	5,184	5,171	5,489
Revenue from the Crown	5,060	5,060	5,360
Revenue from Others	124	111	129

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

Funding under this output expense was increased to maintain the capability of the Serious Fraud Office to deliver against this output expense.

Output Performance Measures and Standards

Performance Measures	2007/08		2008/09
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
Number of full investigations completed to the point where the Director of Serious Fraud decides whether or not criminal charges should be laid	25	31	20-30
Number of prosecution cases concluded	15	6	15-20
Percentage of cases investigated to enable the Director of Serious Fraud to decide whether to prosecute the alleged offender(s) completed within 12 months	80%	80%	80%
Progress of all cases is reviewed at least monthly by the Director	100%	100%	100%

Part 6 - Details and Expected Results for Capital Expenditure

Part 6.1 - Departmental Capital Expenditure

Intended Impacts, Outcomes and Objectives

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives of Appropriations	Appropriations
Objective - supports the operations of the Serious Fraud Office	Serious Fraud Office - Capital Expenditure

Serious Fraud Office - Capital Expenditure PLA (M5)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Serious Fraud Office, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989

Capital Expenditure

	2007/08		2008/09
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	61	61	290
Intangibles	3	3	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	64	64	290

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

A capital injection of \$290,000 has been carried forward from 2007/08 to 2008/09 to enable the Serious Fraud Office to purchase property, plant and equipment necessary to deliver against the new output class Civil Forfeiture of Criminal Assets.

Expected Results

	2007/08		2008/09
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
All capital expenditure for the Serious Fraud Office supports the operations of the activities of the office	Meet	Meet	Meet