

# *Vote Conservation*

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MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister of Conservation (M16)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Department of Conservation

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION: Minister of Conservation

# Details of Appropriations

## Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations

	2007/08		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Departmental Output Expenses			
<b>Conservation with the Community (M16)</b> This class of outputs covers building partnerships with tangata whenua, provision of public information, community participation and public awareness.	13,541	1,250	14,791
<b>Crown Contribution to Regional Pest Management Strategies (M16)</b> Delivery of services to control weed and animal pests on lands administered by the Department of Conservation to meet negotiated outcomes of regional pest management strategies.	2,059	-	2,059
<b>Management of Historic Heritage (M16)</b> This class of outputs covers the provision of protection and conservation management of historic heritage, including heritage orders and designations under the Resource Management Act 1991.	5,548	828	6,376
<b>Management of Natural Heritage (M16)</b> This class of outputs covers the preservation of natural heritage, including the maintenance, restoration and protection of ecosystems, habitats and species.	135,108	11,157	146,265
<b>Management of Recreational Opportunities (M16)</b> This class of outputs covers the provision of recreational opportunities on land administered by the Department. This includes the safety services that support these opportunities and management of the recreational asset base.	124,258	(1,991)	122,267
<b>Policy Advice, Servicing the Minister and Statutory Bodies, and Statutory Planning (M16)</b> This class of outputs covers the provision of policy advice and ministerial servicing to the Minister of Conservation. It also includes servicing statutory bodies and statutory planning under the Conservation Act 1987 and the National Parks Act 1980.	6,395	1,286	7,681
<b>Recreational Opportunities Review (M16)</b> The depreciation and write-off of Visitor Assets to be decommissioned following the review of recreational opportunities. Note this output expense is non-cash.	700	-	700
<b>Total Departmental Output Expenses</b>	<b>287,609</b>	<b>12,530</b>	<b>300,139</b>
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
<b>Identification and Implementation of Protection for Natural and Historic Places (M16)</b> Purchasing identification, registration and associated promotion of the conservation, protection and care of historic places, implementation of legal protection of natural and historic resources on private or leasehold land; and the protection of indigenous ecosystems on private land or in Māori ownership through the use of contestable funds.	13,602	12,452	26,054
<b>Management Services - Natural and Historic Places (M16)</b> Purchasing management services for properties with historical or natural significance, including maintenance work, access for the public and management advice on covenanted properties.	1,506	-	1,506
<b>Moutoa Gardens/Pakaitore (M16)</b> To fund the ongoing management and maintenance of the Moutoa Gardens Reserve.	23	-	23

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Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
<b>NZ Biodiversity Advisory Fund (M16)</b> NZ Biodiversity Advisory Fund will focus on provision of information and advice to private land managers, whereas the NZ Biodiversity Condition Fund will provide assistance with costs of pest and weed control, fencing and other management actions aimed at improving the condition of biodiversity outside of public conservation lands.	3,609	(634)	2,975
<b>Stewart Island Infrastructure (M16)</b> Funding assistance to the Southland District Council to meet the costs of additional community infrastructure arising from increased visitor numbers.	853	(853)	-
<b>Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>	19,593	10,965	30,558
<b>Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown</b>			
<b>Depreciation - Crown Buildings (M16)</b> Depreciation on Crown Buildings: Old Government Building, Turnbull House and Dominion Observatory.	700	100	800
<b>Depreciation - Infrastructure (M16)</b> This appropriation is limited to Depreciation on Infrastructural Assets on the Conservation Estate.	-	134	134
<b>Depreciation on Fencing Assets (M16)</b> Depreciation of fencing assets on the Conservation Estate.	4,550	450	5,000
<b>Esplanade Reserve Compensation (M16)</b> Obligatory compensatory payments made under section 289 of the Local Government Act 1974 when esplanade reserves are created.	30	200	230
<b>Lake Taupo Access Fee (M16)</b> Payment made to the Ngāti Tūwharetoa Trust Board for public access to Lake Taupo for the purpose of fishing.	764	(464)	300
<b>Mātauranga Māori Fund (M16)</b> Support initiatives to protect traditional Māori knowledge (mātauranga Māori) relating to New Zealand's indigenous biodiversity.	554	119	673
<b>Payment of Rates on Properties for Concessionaires (M16)</b> Under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the owner, not the lessee is liable for rates on Crown land. In most circumstances these are recovered from the lessee.	1,689	-	1,689
<b>Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts (M16)</b> Write-off of debts relating to Concession Revenue.	100	-	100
<b>Purchase and Development of Reserves (M16)</b> Provision for purchasing, taking on leases, managing, administering, maintaining, protecting, improving, and developing the reserves from the Reserves Trust Bank Account and Reserves Act Crown Bank Account. No net Crown impact as it is funded by proceeds of the disposal of reserve lands.	3,452	4,735	8,187
<b>Redress payments under Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004 (M16)</b> Redress payments to local authorities under Section 25 of the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004.	-	222	222
<b>Subscriptions to International Organisations (M16)</b> Annual Subscriptions for New Zealand membership of: CITES, Convention on Biodiversity, IUCN, Ramsar, and World Heritage Fund.	305	-	305

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Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown - cont'd			
<b>Vested Coastal Marine Areas Compensation (M16)</b> Obligatory compensation payable upon vesting of coastal marine areas in the Crown.	30	-	30
<b>Waikaremoana Lakebed Lease (M16)</b> Payment made under the Lake Waikaremoana Act 1971 for the lease of the lakebed and foreshore for conservation purposes.	124	-	124
<b>Total Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown</b>	12,298	5,496	17,794
Capital Expenditure to be Incurred by the Department			
<b>Department of Conservation - Capital Expenditure PLA (M16)</b> This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Department of Conservation, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989	-	52,154	52,154
<b>Total Capital Expenditure to be Incurred by the Department</b>	-	52,154	52,154
Capital Expenditure to be Incurred by the Crown			
<b>Crown Land Acquisitions (M16)</b> To purchase land for reserve purposes.	-	476	476
<b>Milford Flood Protection (M16)</b> This appropriation is limited to flood protection works on the Cleddau River at Milford Sound.	-	337	337
<b>Total Capital Expenditure to be Incurred by the Crown</b>	-	813	813
<b>Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations</b>	319,500	81,958	401,458

## Details of Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriation	\$000
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown		
<b>World Heritage Committee - NZ Hosting Meeting and Assuming Chairmanship (M16)</b> Purchase of service required for New Zealand to host the June 2007 meeting of the World Heritage Committee and take on the Chairmanship for one year from July 2006. Commences: 1 December 2006 Expires: 30 June 2008	Original Appropriation Adjustments to 2006/07 Adjustments for 2007/08 Adjusted Appropriation	4,048 - - 4,048
	Actual to 2006/07 Year End Estimated Actual for 2007/08 Estimated Actual for 2008/09 Estimated Appropriation Remaining	2,246 1,802 - -

# Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

## Department of Conservation

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2007/08 Estimates Projections \$000	2007/08 Supplementary Estimates Projections \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2007/08
Opening Balance	392,547	423,185	The Supplementary Estimates opening balance reflects the audited balance as at 30 June 2007.
Capital Injections	19,593	23,254	The increase in capital injection reflects a larger allowance for donated assets.
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	(700)	(700)	The forecast deficit is equivalent to the Recreational Opportunities Review appropriation, which is unfunded.
Other Movements	4,477	700	This item represents the forecast deficit. The Main Estimates projection includes the forecast deficit for 2006/07 and 2007/08. The Supplementary Estimates reflects the 2007/08 forecast deficit only.
Closing Balance	415,917	446,439	

# *Information Supporting the Supplementary Estimates*

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## Part 1 - Summary of the Vote

### Part 1.3 - Trends in the Vote

#### Summary of Financial Activity

	2007/08				
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates			Total \$000
		Departmental Transactions \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions \$000	Total Transactions \$000	
<b>Appropriations</b>					
Output Expenses	307,202	12,530	10,965	23,495	330,697
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	12,298	-	7,298	7,298	19,596
Capital Expenditure	-	52,154	813	52,967	52,967
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>319,500</b>	<b>64,684</b>	<b>19,076</b>	<b>83,760</b>	<b>403,260</b>
<b>Crown Revenue and Receipts</b>					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	N/A	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	15,604	N/A	N/A	370	15,974
Capital Receipts	-	N/A	N/A	-	-
<b>Total Crown Revenue and Receipts</b>	<b>15,604</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>15,974</b>



## Part 2 - Details and Expected Performance for Output Expenses

### Part 2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

#### Conservation with the Community (M16)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

This class of outputs covers building partnerships with tangata whenua, provision of public information, community participation and public awareness.

##### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$1.250 million to \$14,791 million for 2007/08. The movement in appropriation is due to expense transfers from 2006/07 to 2007/08 arising from delays in the consultation process with communities prior to commencing projects, and over-achievement in Crown concessions revenue.

#### Management of Historic Heritage (M16)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

This class of outputs covers the provision of protection and conservation management of historic heritage, including heritage orders and designations under the Resource Management Act 1991.

##### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$828,000 to \$6.376 million for 2007/08. The movement in appropriation is due to over-achievement in Crown concessions revenue and increases in Third Party Revenue.

#### Management of Natural Heritage (M16)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

This class of outputs covers the preservation of natural heritage, including the maintenance, restoration and protection of ecosystems, habitats and species.

##### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$11.157 million to \$146.265 million for 2007/08. The movement in appropriation is due to: Capability funding from Budget 2007, expense transfers from 2006/07 to 2007/08 due to operational delays or planned deferrals to improve operational effectiveness; new funding for the management of didymo; over-achievement in Crown concessions revenue; and third party revenue increases.

## Management of Recreational Opportunities (M16)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This class of outputs covers the provision of recreational opportunities on land administered by the Department. This includes the safety services that support these opportunities and management of the recreational asset base.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The movement in appropriation is due to expense transfers from 2006/07 to 2007/08 and a transfer of unneeded depreciation funding between output classes approved in the 2007 Budget.

## Policy Advice, Servicing the Minister and Statutory Bodies, and Statutory Planning (M16)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This class of outputs covers the provision of policy advice and ministerial servicing to the Minister of Conservation. It also includes servicing statutory bodies and statutory planning under the Conservation Act 1987 and the National Parks Act 1980.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$1.286 million to \$7.681 million for 2007/08. The movement in appropriation is due to over-achievement in Crown concessions revenue.

## Part 2.2 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

## Identification and Implementation of Protection for Natural and Historic Places (M16)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

Purchasing identification, registration and associated promotion of the conservation, protection and care of historic places, implementation of legal protection of natural and historic resources on private or leasehold land; and the protection of indigenous ecosystems on private land or in Māori ownership through the use of contestable funds.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$12.452 million to \$26.054 million for 2007/08. The movement in appropriation is due to expense transfers from 2006/07 to 2007/08. This relates to the Nature Heritage Fund, Nga Whenua Rahui and SILNA (South Island Landless Natives Act). As this work involves the completion of land purchases and preparation of land covenants there is a lag between committing funds and expending them.

## NZ Biodiversity Advisory Fund (M16)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

NZ Biodiversity Advisory Fund will focus on provision of information and advice to private land managers, whereas the NZ Biodiversity Condition Fund will provide assistance with costs of pest and weed control, fencing and other management actions aimed at improving the condition of biodiversity outside of public conservation lands.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation decreased by \$634,000 to \$2.975 million for 2007/08. The movement in appropriation is due to expense transfers from 2007/08 to 2008/09 of committed but unspent funds. The biodiversity projects experience a lag between committing to expenditure and completion due to their long-term nature, and the involvement of private landowner and community groups.

## Stewart Island Infrastructure (M16)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

Funding assistance to the Southland District Council to meet the costs of additional community infrastructure arising from increased visitor numbers.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation decreased by \$853,000 to nil for 2007/08. The movement is due to expense transfers from 2007/08 to 2008/09. There has been a delay over the transfer of land required for the construction of the Community Facility/Heritage Building.

## Part 5 - Details and Expected Results for Other Expenses

### Part 5.2 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

#### Depreciation - Crown Buildings (M16)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

Depreciation on Crown Buildings: Old Government Building, Turnbull House and Dominion Observatory.

##### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The movement in appropriation is due to an increase in depreciation for Crown Buildings following the revaluation of these assets at 30 June 2007.

#### Depreciation - Infrastructure (M16)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to Depreciation on Infrastructural Assets on the Conservation Estate.

##### *Expenses*

	2007/08		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	134	134

##### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation was approved during the year.

#### Depreciation on Fencing Assets (M16)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

Depreciation of fencing assets on the Conservation Estate.

##### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$450,000 to \$5 million for 2007/08 following the revaluation of these assets as at 30 June 2007.

## Esplanade Reserve Compensation (M16)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

Obligatory compensatory payments made under section 289 of the Local Government Act 1974 when esplanade reserves are created.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The movement in appropriation is due to expense transfers from 2006/07 to 2007/08.

## Lake Taupo Access Fee (M16)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

Payment made to the Ngāti Tūwharetoa Trust Board for public access to Lake Taupo for the purpose of fishing.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation decreased by \$464,000 to \$300,000 for 2007/08 following Cabinet's decision to transfer Lake Taupo Access Fee payments to Vote Local Government.

## Mātauranga Māori Fund (M16)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

Support initiatives to protect traditional Māori knowledge (mātauranga Māori) relating to New Zealand's indigenous biodiversity.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The movement in appropriation is due to expense transfers from 2006/07 to 2007/08 and from 2007/08 to 2008/09.

## Purchase and Development of Reserves (M16)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

Provision for purchasing, taking on leases, managing, administering, maintaining, protecting, improving, and developing the reserves from the Reserves Trust Bank Account and Reserves Act Crown Bank Account. No net Crown impact as it is funded by proceeds of the disposal of reserve lands.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$4.735 million to \$8.187 million for 2007/08. The increase is due to adjustments that represent the balance of the Reserve Trust account as at 30 June 2007.

**Redress payments under Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004 (M16)***Scope of Appropriation*

Redress payments to local authorities under Section 25 of the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004.
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*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased from nil to \$222,000 for 2007/08. The movement in appropriation is due to expense transfers arising from delays in determining the eligibility for redress and its amount.

## 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
Effectively manage visitor assets through replacement, upgrade and maintenance. The capital expenditure supports the Department's production of agreed outputs.	Conservation - Capital Expenditure PLA

#### Department of Conservation - Capital Expenditure PLA (M16)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

##### *Capital Expenditure*

	2007/08		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	-	51,031	51,031
Intangibles	-	1,123	1,123
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	-	52,154	52,154

### Part 6.2 - Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

#### Intended Impacts, Outcomes and Objectives

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives of Appropriations	Appropriations
To protect indigenous ecosystems on private or leasehold land, through legal and physical protection.	Crown Land Acquisitions
To protect the current infrastructure at Milford Sound from flood damage and allow its redevelopment and expansion, to preserve and enhance its tourism value.	Milford Flood Protection

**Crown Land Acquisitions (M16)***Scope of Appropriation*

To purchase land for reserve purposes.

*Capital Expenditure*

	2007/08		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	476	476

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation was approved during the financial year.

*Expected Results*

	2007/08		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Purchase of property for conservation purposes	-	One property	One property

**Milford Flood Protection (M16)***Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to flood protection works on the Cleddau River at Milford Sound.

*Capital Expenditure*

	2007/08		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	337	337

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation was approved during the year.

*Expected Results*

	2007/08		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Obtain resource consents	-	Achieve	Achieve