

Vote Local Government

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister of Local Government (M49)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Department of Internal Affairs

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

Overview of the Vote

The Minister of Local Government is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2009/10 financial year covering the following:

Departmental Appropriations

- A total of nearly \$4.057 million (20% of total departmental appropriations in this Vote) for advisory, information, regulatory and support services including administration of statutes, providing information and advice about local government, supporting the Local Government Commission, local government services to offshore islands, providing Lake Taupo Harbourmaster functions, and administering the Rates Rebate Scheme.
- A total of nearly \$7.167 million (35% of total departmental appropriations in this Vote) on providing policy advice on, and information relating to, local government issues, including ministerial correspondence and questions.
- A total of nearly \$9.144 million (45% of total departmental appropriations in this Vote) on implementation of the Government's decisions on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance.

Non-Departmental Appropriations

- A total of nearly \$65 million for assisting low-income residential ratepayers with rates rebates.
- A total of nearly \$3.064 million contribution for the cost of Chatham Islands Council for meeting its statutory responsibilities.
- A total of nearly \$147,000 for depreciation on Lake Taupo's Crown assets.
- A total of nearly \$1.500 million grant for the use of Lake Taupo, based upon a 2007 agreement between the Crown and the Tūwharetoa iwi.
- A total of nearly \$34,000 for upgrading boating facilities at Lake Taupo.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Local Government 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	2008/09		2009/10
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Implementation of Auckland Governance Reforms (M49)	1,275	1,275	9,144
This appropriation is limited to the implementation of the government's decisions on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance.			
Services for Local Government MCOA (M49)	13,139	12,732	11,224
<i>Information, Support and Regulatory Services - Local Government</i>	5,784	5,432	4,057
Providing advisory and support services to the Local Government Commission in respect of its statutory functions, providing information to and about local government, administering the Local Government Act 2002 and other statutes, providing operational advice and support to the Minister of Local Government, administering the Local Electoral Act 2001, administering the Rates Rebate Scheme, providing regulatory and boating services for Lake Taupo, including providing the Harbourmaster and managing the Lake Taupo Landing Reserve, governance and management of the National Dog Control Information Database and education about dogs.			
<i>Policy Advice - Local Government</i>	7,355	7,300	7,167
Provision of policy advice on, and information relating to, local government issues, including ministerial correspondence and questions.			
Total Departmental Output Expenses	14,414	14,007	20,368
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses			
Rates Rebate Scheme (M49)	60,715	60,715	65,000
Assistance with rates for low-income residential ratepayers.			
Total Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	60,715	60,715	65,000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Chatham Islands Council (M49)	2,231	2,231	3,064
Contribution to the cost of the Chatham Island Council meeting its statutory responsibilities.			
Depreciation (M49)	147	147	147
Depreciation on Lake Taupo's Crown owned assets.			
Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board PLA (M49)	1,500	1,500	1,500
This appropriation is limited to payment to Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board to provide for continued public access to Lake Taupo, based upon a 2007 agreement between the Crown and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board.			
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	3,878	3,878	4,711
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Capital Investments - Lake Taupo (M49)	196	196	34
Upgrading of boating facilities at Lake Taupo. Provision of safety lighting and adequate warning of navigational hazards.			
Total Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure	196	196	34
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	79,203	78,796	90,113