

Performance Information for Appropriations

Vote Parliamentary Counsel

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

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Parliamentary Counsel Office

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL 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 Parliamentary Counsel for the 2009/10 financial year covering the following:

- a total of just over \$9 million for drafting Government Bills (including amendments) and statutory regulations, and examining and reporting on local Bills and private Bills, and drafting amendments to them
- a total of nearly \$12 million for supplying printed copies of Government Bills and Government Supplementary Order Papers (SOPs), pamphlet copies of Acts and Statutory Regulations, and annual volumes of Acts and Statutory Regulations, compiling reprints of Acts and Statutory Regulations with their amendments incorporated and publishing them, publishing the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations in Force* in printed form, and in electronic form on the Internet free of charge and providing them for sale at designated bookshops and by subscription, providing free public access via the Internet to an electronic database of legislation, including Bills and SOPs, and maintaining the electronic database of legislation in an up-to-date form
- a total of \$979,000 for capital investment in the New Zealand Legislation system (the Parliamentary Council Office's (PCO) integrated drafting and publishing system for New Zealand legislation) - formerly the Public Access to Legislation (PAL) system.

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

Part 1.2 - High-Level Objectives of the Vote

Objectives of the Vote

Vote Parliamentary Counsel contributes to parliamentary democracy under the rule of law by supporting Parliament and the executive in their law-making roles, and contributes to the Government's objectives by:

- drafting changes in the law that are necessary to implement Government policies, and
- making the law accessible to the public.

Part 1.3 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09		2009/10			2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	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	14,586	13,787	15,151	18,108	19,012	19,012	20,666	-	20,666	21,132	21,165	21,207
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	1,688	2,232	1,764	3,436	4,068	3,668	4,083	-	4,083	3,378	3,136	3,575
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	16,274	16,019	16,915	21,544	23,080	22,680	24,749	-	24,749	24,510	24,301	24,782
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts												
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-

New Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2008/09 Budgeted \$000	2009/10 Budget \$000	2010/11 Estimated \$000	2011/12 Estimated \$000	2012/13 Estimated \$000
Savings	Access to Legislation Departmental output expenses	(1,000)	(0.250)	-	-	-
Savings	Law Drafting Services Departmental output expenses	(1,000)	(0.150)	-	-	-
Total Initiatives		(2,000)	(0.400)	-	-	-

Analysis of Significant Trends

Significant changes in departmental appropriations in Vote Parliamentary Counsel are discussed briefly below.

In the 2007/08 year, additional departmental output expenditure funding of \$3.374 million was provided for the implementation of the New Zealand Legislation system. Funding was also provided for ongoing support of the New Zealand Legislation system for the 2008/09 year and outyears.

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
<p>Objectives of appropriation: Delivering the Government's legislation programme.</p> <p>Outcomes: high quality and timely legislative drafting and efficient use of resources, revising or introducing quality standards to assess performance and benchmarking against other drafting offices.</p> <p>Impacts: improved consistency and quality of drafted legislation, procedures streamlined to improve efficiency, revised or new satisfaction surveys carried out, relevant comparisons made between the Parliamentary Counsel Office and overseas drafting offices.</p>	Parliamentary Counsel Office: Law Drafting Services output class
<p>Objectives of appropriation: Ensuring that New Zealand legislation is readily accessible to the public in a timely manner, and in an accurate and authoritative form.</p> <p>Outcomes: free public access to an electronic database of New Zealand legislation, maintaining the electronic database of legislation, enabling appropriate organisations to use tools within the New Zealand Legislation system, publishing legislation in printed and electronic forms, responding to public enquiries from the New Zealand Legislation website, reprinting of legislation, an officialised New Zealand Legislation website, public access to historical legislation, technical simplification of the New Zealand Legislation system, and efficient use of shared services within the parliamentary campus.</p> <p>Impacts: reliable public access to the New Zealand Legislation website, cost effective and improved New Zealand Legislation system, prompt publishing of legislation, timely responses to public enquiries, reprinting the most appropriate legislation, more legislation on the New Zealand Legislation website is officialised, free public access to historical legislation is available electronically, improvement in cost effectiveness and performance of the New Zealand Legislation system, and cost effective use of shared services and resources.</p>	Parliamentary Counsel Office: Access to Legislation output class

Access to Legislation (M5)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to supplying printed copies of Government Bills and Supplementary Order Papers to the House; publishing legislation and distributing it through designated bookshops and by subscription; reprinting legislation with the amendments incorporated; publishing tables of legislation; providing free public access via the Internet to a database of up-to-date legislation.

Expenses and Revenue

	2008/09		2009/10
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	10,632	10,632	11,417
Revenue from Crown	10,546	10,546	11,321
Revenue from Other	86	86	96

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

There have been minimal changes to this appropriation.

Output Performance Measures and Standards

Performance Measures	2008/09		2009/10
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
Free public access to the New Zealand Legislation website is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as per the Service Level Agreement with Unisys	99%	99%	99%
Legislative Authoring, Content Management, and Publication system availability for Parliamentary Counsel Office, Office of the Clerk, and Inland Revenue Department staff, Planned upgrades necessitate system outages at times	92%	92%	92%
Legislation is published in printed and electronic forms within set timeframes	100%	100%	100%
Enquiries sent through the New Zealand Legislation website will be responded to within one working day of receipt	N/A	80%	80%
Enquiries sent through the New Zealand Legislation website will be responded to within five working days of receipt	N/A	100%	100%
The Attorney-General is satisfied that the quality standard has been achieved	The Attorney General is satisfied	The Attorney General is satisfied	The Attorney General is satisfied
The reprints of Acts and Statutory Regulations listed on the annual reprints programme are compiled and published within the timeframes listed on the Parliamentary Counsel Office website	100%	100%	100%

Conditions on Use of Appropriation

Reference	Conditions
Sections 4, 10, 12, 14 of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.	These sections detail the Parliamentary Counsel Office's responsibilities for the printing, publishing, and sale of legislation.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2008/09 Budgeted \$000	2009/10 Budget \$000	2010/11 Estimated \$000	2011/12 Estimated \$000	2012/13 Estimated \$000
Implementation of the New Zealand Legislation system and ongoing support for the system	2007/08	4,709	4,747	4,770	4,754	4,764
Funding personnel costs and additional bound volumes for rewritten parts of the Income Tax Act 2004	2007/08	13	-	-	-	-
Public Access to Legislation (PAL) Project	2004/05	2,310	2,310	2,310	2,310	2,310

Law Drafting Services (M5)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to drafting Government Bills (including amendments) and Statutory Regulations, examining and reporting on local Bills and private Bills and drafting amendments to them.

Expenses and Revenue

	2008/09		2009/10
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	8,380	8,380	9,249
Revenue from Crown	8,261	8,261	9,108
Revenue from Other	119	119	141

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

There have been minimal changes to this appropriation.

Output Performance Measures and Standards

Performance Measures	2008/09		2009/10
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
All Bills on the annual legislative programme in categories 1 and 2 (which are Bills that must be passed in the current year) are drafted	100%	100%	100%
Between 50 and 70 Government Bills are drafted and amendments to the same number of Bills are drafted during their passage through the House	N/A	100%	100%
Between 300 and 400 Statutory Regulations are drafted	N/A	100%	100%
Instructing departments and agencies are satisfied that the quality and timeliness standards have been achieved, as determined from overall responses to the departmental satisfaction survey	90%	90%	90%
The Attorney-General is satisfied that the quality and timeliness standards have been achieved	The Attorney General is satisfied	The Attorney General is satisfied	The Attorney General is satisfied
Select Committees are satisfied that the quality standard has been achieved, as determined from overall responses to a survey	N/A	Select Committees are satisfied	Select Committees are satisfied

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2008/09 Budgeted \$000	2009/10 Budget \$000	2010/11 Estimated \$000	2011/12 Estimated \$000	2012/13 Estimated \$000
Recruitment of additional staff to enhance strategic management and administrative capabilities of the PCO	2007/08	200	200	200	200	200
Funding personnel costs	2007/08	800	797	797	797	797

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: To maintain the capability that the Legislation system delivers.	Parliamentary Counsel Office - Capital Expenditure.

Parliamentary Counsel 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 Parliamentary Counsel Office, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

Capital Expenditure

	2008/09		2009/10
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	18	18	18
Intangibles	3,700	3,300	3,560
Other	350	350	505
Total Appropriation	4,068	3,668	4,083

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This increase in appropriation is to invest in the New Zealand Legislation system (formerly known as the PAL asset) to ensure the system will continue to meet the ongoing requirements for legislative drafting and publication.

Expected Results

	2008/09		2009/10
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
Implementation and ongoing maintenance and support of the New Zealand Legislation system	\$3.7 million	\$3.3 million to be spent	\$3.56 million to be spent