

# *Information Supporting the Supplementary Estimates*

## *Vote Environment*

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MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister for the Environment (M29)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry for the Environment

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: Minister for the Environment

## Part 1 - Summary of the Vote

### Part 1.3 - Trends in the Vote

#### Summary of Financial Activity

	2008/09				
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates			Total \$000
		Departmental Transactions \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions \$000	Total Transactions \$000	
<b>Appropriations</b>					
Output Expenses	69,399	3,312	(6,267)	(2,955)	66,444
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	12,456	-	37,732	37,732	50,188
Capital Expenditure	3,430	(1,506)	-	(1,506)	1,924
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>85,285</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>31,465</b>	<b>33,271</b>	<b>118,556</b>
<b>Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	400	N/A	-	-	400
Capital Receipts	-	N/A	-	-	-
<b>Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>400</b>

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

### Part 2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

#### **Bioethics Council (M29)**

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to supporting the effective operation of the Bioethics Council comprising advice, research, public dialogue, provision of information and administration.

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

This appropriation will decrease by \$420,000 to \$919,000 for 2008/09. This decrease is a return of savings back to the Crown subsequent to the line-by-line review requested by the new Government.

#### **Environmental assistance to the Pacific Islands (M29)**

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

Environmental clean-up of Pacific Island sites.

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

This appropriation will decrease by \$20,000 to \$178,000 for 2008/09. The decrease is due to an expense transfer to 2009/10 for the Cook Islands recycling programme.

#### **Environmental Policy Advice (M29)**

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

Advice on environmental policies, issues and the implementation of government decisions to achieve a healthy environment, which sustains nature and people.

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

This appropriation will increase by \$1.392 million to \$41.656 million in 2008/09. This increase is primarily due to additional funding being received for the funding for the implementation of the Waikato-Tainui Treaty settlement.

## Resource Management Act Call-ins (M29)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the public notification process for considering nationally significant applications under the Resource Management Act, where the Minister for the Environment exercises the call-in powers under the legislation, and where necessary, providing support to Boards of Inquiry.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation will increase by \$2.360 million to \$2.824 million in 2008/09. This increase is due to additional funding received to cover the costs of the following call-ins:

- Hauauru ma Raki Wind Farm
- Turitea Wind Farm, and
- Transpower's North Island Grid Upgrade.

## Part 2.2 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

### Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund (M29)

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the investigation, management and remediation of contaminated sites.

#### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation will decrease by \$5.804 million to \$5.474 million in 2008/09. This decrease is due to:

- an expense transfer to 2009/10 for the Tui Mine remediation project (\$4.360 million)
- an expense transfer to 2009/10 because of delays in the remediation work of several contaminated sites (\$3.107 million), and
- a fiscally neutral transfer from non-departmental output expense: Sustainable Management Fund to cover the likely additional costs of the contaminated sites remediation work at Mapua.

### Contestable Aquaculture Planning Fund (M29)

#### *Scope of Appropriation and Expenses*

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Contestable Aquaculture Planning Fund (M29)</b> Funding of grants to assist regional councils and unitary authorities in aquaculture planning.  Commences: 1 July 2006  Expires: 30 June 2011	Original Appropriation	2,000
	Adjustments to 2007/08	-
	Adjustments for 2008/09	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	2,000
	Actual to 2007/08 Year End	388
	Estimated Actual for 2008/09	500
	Estimated Actual for 2009/10	612
Estimated Appropriation Remaining	500	

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The under-spend that occurred in 2007/08 has been transferred to 2009/10.

**Sustainable Management Fund (M29)***Scope of Appropriation*

Projects that support and strengthen proactive partnerships between the community, industry, iwi and local government and a wide range of practical environmental initiatives and involve the community in practically focused "action for the environment".

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation will decrease by \$463,000 to \$3.381 million in 2008/09. This decrease is due to a fiscally neutral transfer to non-departmental output expense: Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund to cover the likely additional costs of the contaminated sites remediation work at Mapua.

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

### Part 5.2 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

#### Intended Impacts, Outcomes and Objectives

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives of Appropriations	Appropriations
<b>Outcome</b> - New Zealanders increasingly commit to, and benefit from, the sustainable development and use of natural and physical resources.	Clean up of former Patea Freezing Works (M29)
<b>Outcome</b> - New Zealanders increasingly commit to, and benefit from, the sustainable development and use of natural and physical resources.	Scoping Study for Clean-up Fund (M29)
<b>Outcome</b> - New Zealanders increasingly commit to, and benefit from, the sustainable development and use of natural and physical resources.	Funding for Waikato River Co-Management (M29)
<b>Outcome</b> - New Zealanders increasingly commit to, and benefit from, the sustainable development and use of natural and physical resources.	Waikato River Initiatives Fund (M29)

#### Clean up of former Patea Freezing Works (M29)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to a grant payment to the South Taranaki District Council for the clean up of the site of the former freezing works at Patea.

##### *Expenses*

	2008/09		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	1,500	1,500

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

This appropriation was approved during the year.

##### *Expected Results*

	2008/09		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Funding is distributed to South Taranaki District Council to clean-up the contaminated site of the former freezing works at Patea in line with their contractual agreements.	-	All works undertaken as agreed and funding is fully allocated	All works undertaken as agreed and funding is fully allocated

## Funding for Waikato River Co-Management (M29)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to enabling the trustees of the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu River Trust to engage in the new co-management arrangements in relation to the Waikato River.

### *Expenses*

	2008/09		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	26,000	26,000

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation was approved during the year.

### *Expected Results*

	2008/09		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
The Crown's obligation under the Deed of Settlement with Waikato-Tainui to settle sums on the trustees of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust has been met.	-	Agreed sum paid on the due date	Agreed sum paid on the due date

## Rotorua Lakes Restoration Programme (M29)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to funding to Environment Bay of Plenty and the Rotorua District Council to maintain and improve the water quality of the Rotorua Lakes.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation will decrease by \$25,000 to \$8.975 million in 2008/09. This decrease is due to a correction of rounding errors in the amount of funding approved by Cabinet.

## Scoping Study for Clean-up Fund (M29)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to funding for a scoping study to: identify rehabilitation priorities in relation to the Waikato River and the cost of these priority activities; to provide useful background information for the establishment and operation of the Waikato River Clean-up Fund; and to make recommendations about the final contributions of the Crown and other parties to the fund.

### *Expenses*

	2008/09		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	200	200

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation was approved during the year.

### *Expected Results*

	2008/09		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Complete scoping study by 30 June 2010.	-	Achieved	Achieved

## United Nations Environment Programme (M29)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

New Zealand's membership of the United Nations Environment Programme.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation will increase by \$57,000 to \$393,000 in 2008/09. This increase is due to a forecast change due to the recent weakening of the New Zealand dollar against the United States dollar. All contributions to the United Nations Environment Programme are denominated in United States dollars.



## Waikato River Initiatives Fund (M29)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to a Crown Contribution to the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu River Trust for the purposes of cultural and environment development projects related to the Waikato River; enhancing the restoration and protection of the relationship of Waikato-Tainui with the Waikato River; and protection and enhancing sites of significance, fisheries, flora and fauna.

### *Expenses*

	2008/09		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	10,000	10,000

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation was approved during the year.

### *Expected Results*

	2008/09		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
The Crown's obligations under the Deed of Settlement with Waikato-Tainui to settle a sum on the trustees of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust has been met.	-	Agreed sum paid on the due date	Agreed sum paid on the due date

## Reporting Mechanisms

Appropriation	Reporting Mechanism
Clean up of former Patea Freezing Works	Section 32A Report
Scoping Study for Clean-up Fund	Annual Report of the Ministry for the Environment
Funding for Waikato River Co-Management	Annual Report of the Ministry for the Environment
Waikato River Initiatives Fund	Annual Report of the Ministry for the Environment

The above table indicates the mechanisms to be used for reporting actual performance for each non-departmental other expenses appropriation.