# Vote Environment

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

## Details of Appropriations

#### **Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations**

	2008/09		
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	Estimates Budget \$000	J	Total Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Bioethics Council (M29)	1,339	(420)	919
This appropriation is limited to supporting the effective operation of the Bioethics Council comprising advice, research, public dialogue, provision of information and administration.			
Delivery of Environmental Management Programmes (M29)	1,100	-	1,100
This appropriation is limited to the contracting, managing, monitoring, and auditing of a range of environmental management programmes delivered by third parties.			
Environmental assistance to the Pacific Islands (M29)	198	(20)	178
Environmental clean-up of Pacific Island sites.			
Environmental Policy Advice (M29)	40,264	1,392	41,656
Advice on environmental policies, issues and the implementation of government decisions to achieve a healthy environment, which sustains nature and people.			
Resource Management Act Call-ins (M29)	464	2,360	2,824
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.			
Total Departmental Output Expenses	43,365	3,312	46,677
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund (M29)	11,278	(5,804)	5,474
This appropriation is limited to the investigation, management and remediation of contaminated sites.			
Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Assessment and Management (M29)	10,012	-	10,012
Administration of the HSNO Act by the Environmental Risk Management Authority, to protect the environment and the health and safety of people and communities by preventing or managing the adverse effects of hazardous substances and new organisms.			
Promotion of Sustainable Land Management (M29)	400	-	400
This appropriation is limited to the promotion and coordination of sustainable land management practice through a national network of coordinators.			
Sustainable Management Fund (M29)	3,844	(463)	3,381
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".			
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	25,534	(6,267)	19,267
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Clean up of former Patea Freezing Works (M29)	-	1,500	1,500
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.			

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Funding for Waikato River Co-Management (M29)	-	26,000	26,000
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.			
International Subscriptions (M29)	117	-	117
This appropriation is limited to subscriptions to International Environmental Agreements.			
Legal and Environment Centre Grants (M29)	1,378	-	1,378
Funding and grant schemes to help remove some of the barriers to public participation in resource management processes, particularly in the legal environment, and to support the work of environment centres in raising awareness of environmental issues and actions.			
Recycling in Public Places (M29)	525	-	525
This appropriation is limited to grants to local councils to assist with the purchase and installation of suitably signed recycling infrastructure.			
Rotorua Lakes Restoration Programme (M29)	9,000	(25)	8,975
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.			
Scoping Study for Clean-up Fund (M29)	-	200	200
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.			
United Nations Environment Programme (M29)	336	57	393
New Zealand's membership of the United Nations Environment Programme.			
Waikato River Initiatives Fund (M29)	-	10,000	10,000
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.			
Warm Homes Grants and Assistance (M29)	1,100	-	1,100
Crown's contribution to assist with installation of clean and energy efficient heating with a particular focus on the homes of low income earners.			
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	12,456	37,732	50,188
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Ministry for the Environment - Capital Expenditure PLA (M29)	3,430	(1,506)	1,924
This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for the Environment, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.			
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	3,430	(1,506)	1,924
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	84,785	33,271	118,056

## Details of Multi-Year Appropriations

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

### Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

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Details of Net Asset Schedule	2008/09 Main Estimates Projections \$000	2008/09 Supplementary Estimates Projections \$000	
Opening Balance	3,712	3,712	Supplementary Estimates opening balance reflects the audited results as at 30 June 2008.
Capital Injections	1,604	1,389	\$1.230 million capital to continue development of the New Zealand Carbon Accounting System database; \$159,000 capital for the development costs of the Waste Levy System required subsequent to the passing of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	5,316	5,101	