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MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister for Social Development and Employment (M63)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Social Development

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# Details of Appropriations

## Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations

	2008/09		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Adoption Services (M63)</b> The management of services, incorporating education, assessment, reporting, counselling, and mediation, to all people who are party to adoption-related matters, past or present.	8,690	(600)	8,090
<b>Care and Protection Services (M63)</b> Social work services, both statutory and informal, that protect and assist children and young people who are in need of care and protection.	300,632	16,376	317,008
<b>Collection of Balances Owed by Former Clients and Non-beneficiaries (M63)</b> Services to manage the collection of overpayments and recoverable assistance loans from former clients and other balances owed comprising of Student Allowance overpayments, Liable Parent Contributions, and court ordered Maintenance.	19,991	(3,767)	16,224
<b>Development and Funding of Community Services (M63)</b> Management of Government funding of community-based social and welfare services.	8,057	200	8,257
<b>Family and Community Services (M63)</b> Provision of leadership and co-ordination services to support and strengthen families and whānau; including providing information and advice that assists families, young people and communities and managing preventative social services programmes.	31,517	2,713	34,230
<b>Income Support and Assistance to Seniors (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to paying New Zealand Superannuation and social security entitlements (including administering related international social security agreements) and providing advice and brokering services to help older people maintain independence and social participation; and administering international social security agreements relating to non-superannuitants.	39,243	(3,620)	35,623
<b>Management of Service Cards MCOA (M63)</b>	7,614	-	7,614
<i>Administration of Community Services Card</i> This output class is limited to assessing entitlement, issuing cards, and promoting and distributing information about the Community Services Card.	5,764	-	5,764
<i>Management of SuperGold Card</i> This output class is limited to management of the SuperGold Card and the Veteran SuperGold Card comprising assessing entitlement for, and issuing cards, distributing information about the Card, enlisting business partners to provide discounts to cardholders, and promoting use of the Card and related discounts.	1,850	-	1,850
<b>Management of Student Support (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to managing financial support to students involving assessing and paying student allowances to eligible secondary and tertiary students, student loans to tertiary students, and Government scholarships and awards for tertiary students, and, as part of managing this support, providing related guidance to students making financial and study decisions.	36,292	1,377	37,669

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<b>Policy Advice and Support to Ministers MCOA (M63)</b>	51,767	(2,940)	48,827
<i>Crown Entity Monitoring</i>	1,900	(1,600)	300
This output class is limited to the purchase, appointment and monitoring advice for social development and employment Crown entities, and appointment advice for social development and employment statutory tribunals.			
<i>Social Policy Advice</i>	49,867	(1,340)	48,527
This output class is limited to policy advice and servicing support comprising advice on cross-sectoral and long term social policy matters; advice on the design and operation of social development programmes and initiatives; the provision of information to, and discussion fora for, the public and other agencies on social policy issues; and ministerial servicing.			
<b>Prevention Services (M63)</b>	5,104	(1,400)	3,704
Education and advice services for the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and the promotion of the wellbeing of children, young people and their families			
<b>Services to Protect the Integrity of the Benefit System (M63)</b>	35,959	1,533	37,492
Services to minimise errors, fraud and abuse of the benefit system.			
<b>Tailored Sets of Services to Help People into Work or Achieve Independence (M63)</b>	427,363	(11,837)	415,526
This appropriation is limited to delivering tailored sets of services to individuals to help them into sustainable employment, participate more fully in their community or achieve a greater level of social independence; and the management of related non-departmental output contracts. The composition of each set of services is determined by the individual's needs and selected from a mix of employment readiness training and support, employment placement, social support services, payment of income support and training support benefits, and referrals to other employment or social support providers.			
<b>Vocational Skills Training (M63)</b>	85,635	4,216	89,851
This appropriation is limited to vocationally based skills training for working-age people through the Training Opportunities Programme.			
<b>Youth Justice Services (M63)</b>	97,797	7,128	104,925
Social work and other services to manage and resolve offending behaviour by children and young people, by providing assessment, support, programmes, containment and care of young offenders.			
<b>Total Departmental Output Expenses</b>	1,155,661	9,379	1,165,040
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Assistance to Disadvantaged Persons (M63)</b>	1,450	-	1,450
This appropriation is limited to the provision of resources and assistance to disadvantaged persons in the community and comprises: distribution of talking books and articles for the blind; support for carers of older persons, disabled or others in the community; and advocacy assistance to people seeking entitlements from government agencies.			
<b>Children's Commissioner (M63)</b>	1,757	-	1,757
Provision of services from the Children's Commissioner including the discharge of the Commissioner's duties under the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989, the Children's Commissioner Act, identification of aspects of law, policy and practice that might adversely affect children and the development and proposal of remedies.			
<b>Connected Communities (M63)</b>	2,577	2,067	4,644
Funding of services that strengthen and support communities and community functioning, and which assist communities to support families in improving their family circumstances.			

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<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses - cont'd</b>			
<b>Counselling and Rehabilitation Services (M63)</b> Purchase of services, including family counselling and other post-crisis interventions that restore the wellbeing of children, young people and families who have suffered harm and abuse or other forms of family breakdown or youth justice issues.	10,963	6,063	17,026
<b>Education and Prevention Services (M63)</b> Purchase of education and prevention programmes and initiatives that aim to provide skills to children, young people and families who are at risk of harm or abuse, which will help them reduce the risk of that abuse or harm.	5,771	2,995	8,766
<b>Families Commission (M63)</b> Provision of services from the Families Commission to promote the interests of the full range of New Zealand families and promote better understanding of family issues and needs amongst government agencies and in the wider community, and to undertake a research programme.	8,170	-	8,170
<b>Family Wellbeing Services (M63)</b> Purchase of services that aim to improve the life outcomes for children, young people and families through support and development programmes, and programmes that will prevent any future harm or abuse.	45,637	7,025	52,662
<b>Life Skills and Employment-Related Training Activities (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to the provision of life-skills and employment-related training activities for at-risk youth within the Eastern Bay of Plenty.	543	-	543
<b>Retirement Commissioner (M63)</b> Provision of services from the Retirement Commissioner to develop and promote methods of improving the effectiveness of retirement income policies. This is achieved through the publishing of information and the delivery of a comprehensive public education programme on retirement savings issues.	5,682	-	5,682
<b>Strengthening Providers and Communities (M63)</b> Purchase of services that contribute to strengthening the capacity and capability of providers to deliver strong and effective social services.	4,886	917	5,803
<b>Strong Families (M63)</b> Purchase of services to improve outcomes for families and their members. These services aim to support vulnerable families with a focus on prevention and early intervention.	109,478	(17,939)	91,539
<b>Student Placement Services (M63)</b> Provision of placement services for students for holiday and term employment.	3,512	-	3,512
<b>Vocational Services for People with Disabilities (M63)</b> Provision of vocational services for people with disabilities including community participation and employment services.	88,240	-	88,240
<b>Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>	288,666	1,128	289,794
<b>Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses</b>			
<b>Accommodation Assistance (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to the Accommodation Supplement, Special Transfer Allowance, and Away From Home Allowance to persons to cover accommodation costs, paid in accordance with the criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964 and delegated legislation issued under that Act.	911,067	85,052	996,119

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<b>Benefits Paid in Australia (M63)</b> Reimbursement to the Australian Government for income support assistance provided to New Zealanders eligible under the 1994 Reciprocal Agreement, which was terminated for new entrants on 1 July 2002. From 1 July 2002 the Social Welfare (Reciprocity with Australia) Order 2002 came into force, with payments now reflecting pre-agreed amounts in Australian currency before adjusting for annual inflation.	51,041	820	51,861
<b>Childcare Assistance (M63)</b> Provision of assistance for the costs of childcare that meets specific quality guidelines, where parents meet activity and income criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964 and delegated legislation issued under that Act.	167,657	(3,848)	163,809
<b>Disability Assistance (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to the Disability Allowance to persons with disability costs and the Child Disability Allowance to the caregivers of children with a serious disability, paid in accordance with the criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964 and delegated legislation issued under that Act.	387,390	3,670	391,060
<b>Domestic Purposes Benefit (M63)</b> Provision of income support for sole parents, caregivers of sick or infirm people or women alone, whose domestic circumstances exclude them from fully participating in the labour force. Paid in accordance with criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964.	1,512,754	21,541	1,534,295
<b>Employment Related Training Assistance (M63)</b> Provision of assistance with costs of undertaking approved employment related training, which are paid in accordance with the criteria set out in delegated legislation under the Social Security Act 1964.	25,747	4,638	30,385
<b>Family Start/NGO Awards (M63)</b> Payment of course fees for Family Start family/whānau and NGO workers pursuing social work qualifications.	660	(110)	550
<b>Hardship Assistance (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to the Funeral Grants, Live Organ Donors Assistance, Special Benefit, Special Needs Grants and Temporary Additional Support to provide means-tested temporary financial assistance to persons with emergency or essential costs, paid in accordance with the criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964 and delegated legislation issued under that Act.	170,382	61,987	232,369
<b>Independent Youth Benefit (M63)</b> Provision of income support for people aged 16 or 17 years who are currently unemployed but actively seeking work, training for work, at school, or sick, injured or disabled, where it is inappropriate for them to obtain financial support from their parents. Paid in accordance with criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964.	13,557	2,321	15,878
<b>Invalid's Benefit (M63)</b> Provision of means-tested income support for people who are totally blind, or permanently and severely restricted in their capacity for work due to sickness, injury or disability. Paid in accordance with the criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964.	1,314,903	(53,289)	1,261,614
<b>New Zealand Superannuation (M63)</b> Provision of an income for people who have reached the qualifying age of 65 years and fulfil the residency requirements, as provided for in the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001.	7,739,321	22,248	7,761,569

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<b>Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses - cont'd</b>			
<b>Orphan's/Unsupported Child's Benefit (M63)</b> Provision of income support for people charged with the responsibility for the care of a child whose parents are dead or cannot be located, or suffer a serious long-term disablement which renders them unable to care for the child, or where there has been a breakdown in the child's family. Paid in accordance with criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964. It also provides for payments to former foster parents receiving Orphan's Benefit or Unsupported Child's Benefit for a child previously in the care of Child, Youth and Family in accordance with criteria set out in delegated legislation under the Act.	87,566	173	87,739
<b>Redundancy Assistance (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to paying assistance for a limited period to people made redundant, pursuant to the conditions and criteria set out in ReStart Transitional Relief Ministerial Welfare Programme 2008 and the Social Security Act 1964	-	3,957	3,957
<b>Sickness Benefit (M63)</b> Provision of means-tested income support for people who are not in full-time employment and are limited in their capacity for work, or who are in employment but working at a reduced level, because of sickness, injury, disability or pregnancy. Paid in accordance with the criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964.	567,655	45,171	612,826
<b>Special Annuities (M63)</b> Provision to pay annuities authorised by Cabinet to recognise a special contribution by the recipient to New Zealand society.	43	11	54
<b>Special Circumstance Assistance (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to financial assistance to people in special circumstances and comprises the Clothing Allowance, and providing assistance for community costs, domestic violence and witness protection relocation, home help, social rehabilitation assistance, telephone costs, and civil defence payments paid in accordance with criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964, and delegated legislation under that Act; and Civilian Amputees Assistance, paid in accordance with criteria set out in the Disabled Persons Community Welfare Act 1975.	13,672	1,154	14,826
<b>Student Allowances (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to means-tested allowances for students on an approved study programme in accordance with the criteria established by the Student Allowance Regulations 1998; and payment of Student Allowance Transfer Grants to students with dependents in accordance with the criteria established by delegated legislation issued under the Social Security Act 1964.	411,378	27,867	439,245
<b>Study Scholarships and Awards (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to scholarships and awards to tertiary students awarded in accordance with Cabinet decisions; and Teach NZ Scholarships awarded in accordance with the Education Act 1989.	42,790	1	42,791
<b>Transition to Work (M63)</b> Provision of payments to beneficiaries, low income earners, students and ex beneficiaries, who meet certain criteria, to assist in the transition from benefit to employment and the continuation of employment. These provisions are paid in accordance with the criteria set out in the Seasonal Work Assistance Programme and the Transition to Work Grant Programme pursuant to the Social Security Act 1964.	16,894	360	17,254
<b>Transitional Assistance (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to supplementary financial assistance to people who are adversely affected by changes in policy or legislation, so they will not be financially worse off at the point of change. This assistance is paid in accordance with criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964 and delegated legislation under that Act.	-	3,650	3,650

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<b>Transitional Supplement (M63)</b> Provision of supplementary financial assistance to ensure that beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries who may be otherwise unintentionally financially disadvantaged by changes to legislation will be no worse off financially at the point of change. Paid in accordance with criteria set out in the Social Security (Transitional Protection Supplement) Regulations 2007 made under the Social Security Amendment Act 2007.	-	10	10
<b>Unemployment Benefit and Emergency Benefit (M63)</b> Provision of means-tested assistance for people who are not in full-time employment and are available for and seeking full time employment, or engaged in approved activities. Also the provision of assistance to people who are in hardship and unable to earn enough income for themselves (and any dependent family) and cannot receive another benefit. Both forms of assistance are paid in accordance with criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964 and delegated legislation issued under that Act.	417,408	207,184	624,592
<b>Widow's Benefit (M63)</b> Provision of means-tested income support for women whose partners have died and who do not yet qualify for New Zealand Superannuation, but meet residency and other requirements. Paid in accordance with criteria set out in the Social Security Act 1964.	69,294	583	69,877
<b>Total Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses</b>	13,921,179	435,151	14,356,330
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Community Labour Market Development Assistance (M63)</b> Assistance to communities and groups to develop initiatives leading to sustainable opportunities for employment that lead to self sufficiency and contribute to the local economy.	9,333	-	9,333
<b>Contingency and Innovations Fund (M63)</b> Contributing to the funding of social or welfare providers experiencing unforeseen financial difficulty or the purchase of innovative proposals to meet outcomes sought by the Minister.	365	-	365
<b>Debt Write-downs (M63)</b> Provision for write-downs of Crown debt administered by the Ministry of Social Development due to debt write offs or debt provisions resulting from the need to value debt in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.	670,098	(7,186)	662,912
<b>Employment Assistance (M63)</b> Provision of assistance to help address barriers faced by job seekers so they can become work ready, move into employment and stay in employment for longer periods of time. This employment assistance is governed by the Cabinet and Ministerial Guidelines for Employment and Training Assistance.	74,927	(9,749)	65,178
<b>Job Support Scheme (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to providing financial assistance for a limited period for employees who have entered into an agreement with their employers to reduce their working hours on a temporary basis and to receive this assistance.	-	2,901	2,901
<b>Mainstream Supported Employment Programme (M63)</b> This appropriation is limited to salary subsidies, training for participants, supervisors and placement specialists, and funding for other employment support provided by the Mainstream Supported Employment Programme	-	3,851	3,851
<b>Out of School Care Programmes (M63)</b> Provision of assistance to CYF approved OSCAR programmes to assist with the establishment and/or operating costs of OSCAR programmes.	18,677	-	18,677
<b>Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>	773,400	(10,183)	763,217

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Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
<b>Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Ministry of Social Development - Capital Expenditure PLA (M63)</b>	119,133	(42,426)	76,707
This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry of Social Development, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.			
<b>Total Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>	119,133	(42,426)	76,707
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Recoverable Assistance (M63)</b>	122,013	35,352	157,365
Facility for low-income earners and beneficiaries to access means-tested assistance to enable them to meet essential and immediate needs, or costs in specific circumstances. Criteria are set out in the Welfare Programme for Recoverable Assistance for Non-Beneficiaries, Ministerial Direction for Advance Payment of Benefits and recoverable Special Needs Grants in relevant parts of Welfare Programme for Special Needs Grants pursuant to the Social Security Act 1964.			
<b>Student Loans (M63)</b>	1,296,382	114,508	1,410,890
This appropriation is limited to loans to tertiary students undertaking studies at approved tertiary institutions in accordance with Cabinet decisions.			
<b>Total Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>	1,418,395	149,860	1,568,255
<b>Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations</b>	17,676,434	542,909	18,219,343



# Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

## Ministry of Social Development

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2008/09 Main Estimates Projections \$000	2008/09 Supplementary Estimates Projections \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2008/09
Opening Balance	329,295	329,295	Supplementary Estimates opening balance reflects the audited results as at 30 June 2008.
Capital Injections	36,087	11,487	
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>365,382</b>	<b>340,782</b>	