

VOTES *Veterans'* *Affairs*

Footnote

- Note 1** The portfolio of Votes Veterans' Affairs was established from 1 July 1999 by bringing together the veterans related activities formerly administered by the Department of Internal Affairs, Department of Work and Income, Ministry of Social Policy and New Zealand Defence Force.
- Note 2** Appropriation numbers in Part B are inclusive of GST (where applicable).

Veterans' Affairs

VOTE MINISTER: Minister of Veterans' Affairs

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENTS: New Zealand Defence Force and Department of Work and Income (see note 1)

The Minister of Defence is the Responsible Minister for the New Zealand Defence Force

The Minister of Veterans' Affairs is the Responsible Minister for the Office of Veterans' Affairs within the New Zealand Defence Force

The Minister of Social Services and Employment is the Responsible Minister for the Department of Work and Income

Part B - Statement of Appropriations (see note 2)

Summary of 1999/2000 Appropriations

Types of Appropriation	Appropriations to be Used				Total Appropriations \$000
	By the Department Administering the Vote		For Non-Departmental Transactions		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Operating Flows					
Classes of Outputs to be Supplied	5,942	-	210	-	6,152
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	185,255	-	185,255
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	200	-	200
Capital Flows					
Capital Contributions	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase or Development of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment of Debt	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations for 1999/2000	5,942	-	185,665	-	191,607
Total 1999/2000 Main Estimates Appropriations	6,119	-	185,643	-	191,762

Part B1 - Details of 1999/2000 Appropriations

Appropriations	1999/2000						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 1999/2000 Appropriations
	Main Estimates		Supplementary Estimates		Cumulative Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)							
Vote Veterans' Affairs - Defence, administered by the New Zealand Defence Force							
D1 Policy and Administration	809	-	527	-	1,336	-	The purchase of policy and operational advice on issues concerning veterans; services to relevant advisory groups and committees; and ministerial support. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for set up costs of the Office of Veterans Affairs (\$619,000) and activities for the operation of the Patriotic and Canteen Funds Act 1947 and the War Funds Act 1915 (\$9,000). Following the transfer of activities to the Office of Veterans Affairs, additional costs were incurred in the Heritage Property Unit of the Department of Internal Affairs as recognised by reduced appropriations (-\$101,000).
Vote Veterans' Affairs - Work and Income, administered by the Department of Work and Income							
D2 Assessment of Benefits	5,310	-	(704)	-	4,606	-	The purchase of assessments and reviews of entitlement for, and payment of, Veterans and war disability pensions and concessions. The majority of the change reflects the transfer of staff and overhead funding, and the set-up cost of war pensions policy, to the Office of Veterans' Affairs.
Total Appropriations for Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)	6,119	-	(177)	-	5,942	-	
Non-Departmental Output Classes							

Vote Veterans' Affairs - Defence, administered by the New Zealand Defence Force							
O1 Development and Maintenance of Service Cemeteries	210	-	-	-	210	-	Provides for the purchase of war graves plaques and services for the maintenance of Services' cemeteries.
Total Appropriations for Non-Departmental Output Classes	210	-	-	-	210	-	
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses							
Vote Veterans' Affairs - Work and Income, administered by the Department of Work and Income							
Interest Concessions Land and Buildings	301	-	(32)	-	269	-	Provision of a retirement income for ex-Service people who have reached the qualifying age and meet the disablement criteria for a War Disability Pension or are precluded from participating in the labour force because of a disability and who fulfil the New Zealand citizenship and residency requirements. The change in appropriation is primarily due to a lower level of outstanding loans than forecast.
Medical Treatment	7,606	-	(664)	-	6,942	-	Provision to pay medical treatment costs for accepted service-related disabilities, or the costs of appliances and equipment required as a result of a disability either caused by, or aggravated by, war service. The change in appropriation is owing to the number of recipients being lower than forecast.
Veterans' Pension	84,675	-	(688)	-	83,987	-	Provision of a retirement income for ex-Service people who have reached the qualifying age and meet the disablement criteria for a War Disability Pension or are precluded from participating in the labour force because of a disability and who fulfil the New Zealand citizenship and residency requirements. The change in appropriation is owing to the number of recipients being lower than forecast and was partially offset by the recent change to the net married rate.

Part B1 - Details of 1999/2000 Appropriations (continued)

Appropriations	1999/2000						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 1999/2000 Appropriations
	Main Estimates		Supplementary Estimates		Cumulative Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Vote Veterans' Affairs - Work and Income, administered by the Department of Work and Income - cont'd							
War Disability Pensions	92,851	-	1,206	-	94,057	-	Provision to pay war disablement pensions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ex-Service people whose disability has been caused by, or aggravated by, service in either a war or emergency routine Service people whose disability was caused by, or aggravated by, service prior to 1 April 1974 (when the Accident Compensation provisions came into force). There is provision to pay war pensions to the surviving spouses of the above. There is also provision to pay travel cost allowances to the above, and educational bursaries for their dependent children. The change in appropriation is owing to the number of recipients being lower than forecast and higher average rates.
Total Appropriations for Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	185,433	-	(178)	-	185,255	-	
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown							
Grant to New Zealand Nuclear Test Veterans Association	-	-	200	-	200	-	Provides for payment of a one-off grant (\$200,000 GST not applicable) to the New Zealand Nuclear Test Veterans Association (NZNTVA) as the organisation working with many of the Operation Grapple veterans, for the purposes and objectives of the NZNTVA, as defined in its Charitable Trust Deed.

Total Appropriations for Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown	-	-	200	-	200	-	
Total Appropriations	191,762	-	(155)	-	191,607	-	

