

# *Vote Food Safety*

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MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister for Food Safety (M33)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY: Minister of Agriculture

## Overview of the Vote

The Minister for Food Safety is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2011/12 financial year covering the following:

- a total of just over \$58 million for justifying and delivering assurances to consumers and overseas authorities regarding food compliance with legislation (primary, secondary and tertiary) and for overseas market access requirements including approval and registration activities
- a total of just over \$4 million for providing information to consumers and industry about food safety and suitability issues and opportunities to enable consumers to make appropriate food choices
- a total of nearly \$7 million for policy advice and legal analysis, advice and decision-making support regarding New Zealand's food regulatory framework and international arrangements
- a total of just over \$2 million for the investigation and response management of food related events, complaints and suspected breaches of legislation, and includes the management of responses to food and food related incidents and emergencies
- a total of just over nearly \$22 million for setting standards relating to the development, implementation, monitoring and review of food safety, suitability and production for industry, developing other tools in conjunction with industry to aid compliance, and accessing scientific evidence in support of those standards, and
- a total of just over \$2 million to support New Zealand's participation in joint food standards setting with Australia.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Food Safety in the *Information Supporting the Estimates of Appropriations*.

# Details of Appropriations

## Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2010/11		2011/12
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Assurance (M33)</b> This appropriation is limited to justifying and delivering assurances to consumers, the public, overseas authorities and other stakeholders that food, food-related products and inputs into the production of food (whether undertaken or produced in New Zealand or imported) are managed, audited, approved, registered and/or monitored in accordance with New Zealand legislation and, for exports, relevant importing countries' market access requirements.	58,022	58,022	58,017
<b>Information (M33)</b> This appropriation is limited to engagement of and information for stakeholders about food safety and suitability, to encourage participation in, and compliance with, the food regulatory programme, and to enable consumers to make appropriate food choices.	3,984	3,984	4,087
<b>Policy Advice (M33)</b> This appropriation is limited to analysis, policy, strategic and legal advice and decision making support relating to domestic and international arrangements concerning food safety, food suitability, enforcement, inputs related to food production and ministerial services.	6,636	6,636	6,646
<b>Response (M33)</b> This appropriation is limited to the investigation of, preparedness for, and response to, food related events, incidents, emergencies, complaints and suspected breaches of legislation and taking appropriate sanctions and enforcement action.	2,351	2,351	2,331
<b>Standards (M33)</b> This appropriation is limited to the scientific inputs and development and implementation of food related standards (including as appropriate international and joint Australia/New Zealand standards) and standards related to inputs into food production, imports, exports, new and emerging issues and the domestic market.	22,243	21,943	22,078
<b>Total Departmental Output Expenses</b>	93,236	92,936	93,159
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty (NDOC) (M33)</b> This appropriation is limited to the development of joint food standards, codes of practice, and guidance material for Australia and New Zealand by Food Standards Australia New Zealand in accordance with the Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty.	1,986	1,986	2,100
<b>Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>	1,986	1,986	2,100
<b>Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations</b>	95,222	94,922	95,259