

Vote Foreign Affairs and Trade

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister of Foreign Affairs (M34)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE: Minister of Foreign Affairs

Overview of the Vote

The Minister of Foreign Affairs is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2011/12 financial year covering the following:

- a total of nearly \$355 million on purchasing services in the spheres of foreign affairs and trade from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- a total of over \$13 million on purchasing Antarctic research and support from the New Zealand Antarctic Institute
- a total of \$5 million to the Asia new Zealand Foundation for the promotion of mutual understanding and constructive linkages between New Zealanders and other countries and people of the Pacific
- a total of nearly \$56 million on subscriptions to international organisations
- a total of over \$1 million on payments in accordance with the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968
- a total of nearly \$80 million on departmental capital expenditure.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Foreign Affairs and Trade 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
Departmental Output Expenses			
Administration of Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities (M34) This appropriation is limited to the administration of diplomatic and consular privileges and immunities under the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968 and the Consular Privileges and Immunities Act 1971.	1,525	1,525	1,526
Consular Services (M34) The purchase of consular policy advice, consular services for New Zealanders abroad and notarial services.	19,850	19,850	20,508
Hosting of Pacific Islands Forum Meeting (M34) This appropriation is limited to the purchase of services to fund the hosting of the Pacific Islands Forum meeting in Auckland in September 2011.	100	100	4,900
Pacific Security Fund (M34) The purchase of activities and equipment to enhance Pacific Islands security that mutually reinforce New Zealand's security interests.	2,272	2,272	3,043
Policy Advice and Representation - International Institutions (M34) The purchase of policy advice and representation activities related to the management of New Zealand's membership of, and foreign and trade interests in, international institutions.	59,825	59,825	72,219
Policy Advice and Representation - Other Countries (M34) This appropriation is limited to the purchase of policy advice and representation directed to the management of New Zealand's foreign trade relations with other countries, bilaterally and in regional organisations, including using New Zealand's international connections to facilitate the flow of trade, investment, skills, and technology and improving the competitiveness of New Zealand business.	227,370	217,370	227,634
Policy Advice and Representation - Other Countries PLA (M34) This appropriation is limited to meeting the costs, as set out in section 11 of the Foreign Affairs Act 1988, of superannuation for local staff employed by overseas posts to help with the management of New Zealand's foreign and trade relations with other countries.	790	790	77
Promotional Activities - Other Countries (M34) The purchase of promoting New Zealand to other countries as an attractive market for trade and investment.	350	350	406
Rugby World Cup: Guest of Government (M34) This appropriation is limited to the purchase of services to fund the cost of hosting Guests of Government attending the Rugby World Cup.	45	45	9,955
Services for Other New Zealand Agencies Overseas (M34) The purchase of accommodation and support services by other New Zealand agencies.	14,514	14,514	14,444
Total Departmental Output Expenses	326,641	316,641	354,712

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Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Antarctic Research and Support (M34) Provision of management and logistic support for New Zealand activities in the Antarctic. The provider is the New Zealand Antarctic Institute.	13,168	13,168	13,168
Pacific Cooperation Foundation (M34) The promotion of mutual understanding and constructive linkages between New Zealanders and the other countries and people of the Pacific. The provider is the Pacific Cooperation Foundation of New Zealand.	1,400	1,400	1,400
Promotion of Asian Skills and Relationships (M34) This appropriation is limited to the provision of services that build and sustain New Zealanders' knowledge and understanding of and relationships with Asia.	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	18,568	18,568	18,568
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Disbursements Made and Exemptions from Taxation PLA (M34) Refund of New Zealand local body rates for offices and residential premises of overseas diplomatic missions and consular posts pursuant to section 21 of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.	1,150	1,150	1,150
Subscriptions to International Organisations (M34) This appropriation is limited to non-discretionary payments required as formal obligations arising from New Zealand's membership of international organisations, and as a signatory to international treaties and conventions.	56,438	51,688	55,744
Contribution to Australian Flood Relief (M34) This appropriation is limited to ex gratia payments to Australian flood relief funds.	4,000	4,000	-
Contribution to the March 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami relief effort (M34) This appropriation is limited to providing an ex gratia payment to Japan to provide assistance towards the March 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami relief effort.	1,000	1,000	-
Hardship Assistance for Families of Foreign National Victims of the Christchurch Earthquake (M34) This appropriation is limited to providing a contingency fund for exceptional hardship assistance for families of foreign nationals killed or seriously injured in the Christchurch earthquake.	250	250	-
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	62,838	58,088	56,894
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Capital Expenditure PLA (M34) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	47,244	47,244	79,998
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	47,244	47,244	79,998
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	455,291	440,541	510,172

Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2010/11 Estimated Actual \$000	2011/12 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2011/12
Opening Balance	505,521	505,446	
Capital Injections	-	20,000	Increasing New Zealand's foreign policy footprint.
Capital Withdrawals	(75)	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	505,446	525,446	