

Vote Treaty Negotiations

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations (M74)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Justice

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

Overview of the Vote

The Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations is responsible for appropriations in Vote Treaty Negotiations for the 2011/12 financial year including a multi-year appropriation and a range of annual appropriations.

Vote Treaty Negotiations contains a multi-year appropriation of \$1,400 million for the five year period 2011 to 2015. This appropriation is for the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims and provides for the payment of redress through the transfer of assets (cash and property) from the Crown to claimant groups, and for the payment of interest on settlement redress.

In addition, annual appropriations sought for Vote Treaty Negotiations in 2011/12 total \$56.447 million. This is intended to be spent as follows:

- \$20.127 million (36% of the Vote) for the purchase of policy advice, negotiation, settlement and implementation of historical Treaty claims from the Ministry of Justice.
- \$8.898 million (16% of the Vote) for the purchase of property management services from the Ministry of Justice.
- \$2.972 million (5% of the Vote) for the purchase of Crown representation at Waitangi Tribunal hearings of historical claims.
- \$10 million (18% of the Vote) for claimant funding to support the settlement of historical Treaty claims.
- \$120,000 (less than 1% of the Vote) for debt write-off of rentals owing from Landbank properties.
- \$4 million (7% of the Vote) for depreciation on assets held in a Landbank.
- \$10.330 million (18% of the Vote) for the purchase of property by the Ministry of Justice for historical Treaty of Waitangi settlement purposes.

The Ministry of Justice expects to collect \$8.130 million of revenue on behalf of the Crown from Landbank property operations.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Treaty Negotiations 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			
Policy Advice - Treaty Negotiations (M74) Advice on generic Treaty issues and specific historical Treaty claims. Negotiation of historical Treaty claims. Where appropriate, the preparation of settlement legislation, property valuation, disclosure and preparation and execution of legal documentation required to enable the transfer of settlement assets to claimants.	22,345	22,345	20,127
Property Portfolio Management (M74) Management, transfer and disposal of Crown-owned property for Treaty settlement purposes.	7,335	7,335	8,898
Representation - Waitangi Tribunal (M74) Allows the Crown to undertake research into historical Treaty grievances and ensures the Crown is represented with well prepared documentation and evidence at Waitangi Tribunal hearings.	2,061	2,061	2,972
Total Departmental Output Expenses	31,741	31,741	31,997
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Claimant Funding (M74) This appropriation is limited to payment of claimant funding related to the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.	10,000	10,000	10,000
Debt Write-offs (M74) Write-off of Bad Debts from Landbank rental properties.	200	200	120
Depreciation (M74) Depreciation on assets held in the Office of Treaty Settlements Landbank for Treaty settlements.	4,000	4,000	4,000
Contribution to Support Implementation of the Central North Island Forests Land Settlement (M74) This appropriation is limited to providing funding for iwi with interests in Central North Island forests land to take steps necessary to resolve allocation of that land.	1,000	1,000	-
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	15,200	15,200	14,120
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Land, Stock, Plant Purchases (M74) The purchase of surplus Crown property is held in the Office of Treaty Settlements Landbank to protect it for possible use in future Treaty of Waitangi settlements.	32,060	32,060	10,330
Total Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure	32,060	32,060	10,330
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	79,001	79,001	56,447

Details of Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	\$000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses	
<p>Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements 2011 - 2015 (M74)</p> <p>This appropriation is limited to the settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims, including redress through the transfer of assets (cash and property) from the Crown to the claimant groups, and any simple interest payable on settlements between the date specified in the Deed of Settlement and the Settlement Date.</p> <p>Commences: 30 June 2010</p> <p>Expires: 30 June 2014</p>	1,400,000
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