

Vote Veterans' Affairs - Defence Force

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister of Veterans' Affairs (M75)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: New Zealand Defence Force

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE: Minister of Defence

Overview of the Vote

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

- A total of over \$2 million for the provision of policy advice, the provision of administrative services to relevant boards and committees, the coordination of commemorations and the administration of contracts for work carried out in Services Cemeteries.
- A total of under \$6 million for the assessment and review of entitlements and benefits (War Disablement Pension, Surviving Spouse Pension and burial in Services Cemeteries), the provision and installation of ex-service memorials for eligible veterans and the provision of case management for veterans and their families.
- A total of under \$1 million for the development and maintenance of Services Cemeteries.
- A total of under \$3 million for the provision of services to veterans and their families.
- A total of just over \$160 million for benefits and medical treatment to veterans and their families.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Veterans' Affairs - Defence Force 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 and Administration (M75)	2,450	2,450	2,153
The purchase of the provision of policy advice on, and administration of, a wide range of issues relating to veterans' entitlements, care, and recognition. This includes the provision of administrative services to relevant boards and committees, the coordination of commemorations, the administration of contracts for service for, and undertaking quality audits of, maintenance and development work carried out in Services Cemeteries.			
Services and Payments to Veterans (M75)	5,994	5,994	5,977
This appropriation is limited to the assessment, review and payment of entitlements and benefits (War Disablement Pensions and related concessions and allowances, Surviving Spouse Pensions), the assessment and review of entitlement for burial in Service Cemeteries, the installation of ex-service memorials for eligible veterans, and the provision of case management for veterans and their families.			
Total Departmental Output Expenses	8,444	8,444	8,130
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Development and Maintenance of Services Cemeteries (M75)	746	746	746
The purchase of the development and maintenance of Services Cemeteries.			
Support for Veterans and Their Families (M75)	1,977	1,977	1,277
This appropriation is limited to providing for the support of veterans and their families. This includes the provision of counselling for veterans' families, the reimbursement of out of pocket expenses for veterans' children with specified conditions; additional support for veterans to facilitate them remaining in their own homes for as long as possible; additional support to facilitate veterans' rehabilitation; support for the surviving partner after the death of the veteran and for the provision of grants to Non-Government Organisations for the support of veterans and their families.			
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	2,723	2,723	2,023
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses			
Interest Concessions Land and Buildings (M75)	15	10	7
This appropriation is limited to provision for grandparented loans of the differential between the 3% or 5% Rehabilitation Loan rate and the current market rate as set out in the Rehabilitation Act 1941.			
Medical Treatment (M75)	21,689	20,633	22,723
This appropriation is limited to the payment of assessment costs as set out in the War Pensions Regulations 1956 for War Disablement Pension applications and reviews, medical treatment costs for accepted service-related disabilities, and the costs of appliances and aids required as a result of an accepted disability.			
Special Annuities (M75)	36	31	26
This appropriation is limited to paying annuities authorised by Cabinet to recognise a special contribution by the recipient to New Zealand Society.			
War Disablement Pensions (M75)	136,753	135,516	137,284
This appropriation is limited to the payment of War Disablement Pensions to ex-service people who have a disability attributable to, or aggravated by, service in a declared war or emergency at any time, or in routine service prior to 1 April 1974 as set out in the War Pensions Act 1954, the payment of Surviving Spouse Pensions as set out in the War Pensions Act 1954 and the payment of allowances as set out in the War Pensions Act 1954 and the War Pensions Regulations 1956.			
Total Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	158,493	156,190	160,040

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Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Debt Write-down for Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses (BOUE) (M75) This appropriation is limited to the write-down of Crown debtors administered by the New Zealand Defence Force due to the requirement to comply with Crown accounting policies and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).	250	250	250
Ex-Gratia Payments and Comprehensive Medical Assessments for Vietnam Veterans (M75) This appropriation is limited to the ex-gratia payments to Vietnam veterans and/or members of their family with accepted conditions and for the annual comprehensive medical assessments for Vietnam Veterans.	1,000	1,000	1,400
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	1,250	1,250	1,650
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	170,910	168,607	171,843