

Vote Attorney-General

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Attorney-General (M5)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Crown Law Office

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR CROWN LAW OFFICE: Attorney-General

Overview of the Vote

The Attorney-General is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2012/13 financial year covering the following:

- a total of \$22.406 million (32% of the Vote) for the provision of legal advice and representation services to central government departments and Crown agencies on a full cost recovery basis
- a total of \$43.188 million (62% of the Vote) for the supervision and conduct of Crown prosecutions and appeals. This covers conducting appeals arising from criminal trials on indictment and from Crown appeals, the provision of a national Crown prosecution service that undertakes criminal trials on indictment, the provision of advice on criminal law, mutual assistance and extradition matters to other government agencies and to Crown Solicitors, and the supervision of the network of Crown Solicitors who deliver prosecution services
- a total of \$2.884 million (4% of the Vote) for providing legal advice, representation services and administrative services to the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General to assist them in the exercise of their Principal Law Officer functions, and with the provision of legal and constitutional advice to the Government, Ministers, and the judiciary, and
- a total of \$815,000 (1% of the Vote) on the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of Crown Law, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Attorney-General 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	2011/12		2012/13
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Legal Advice and Representation (M5)</i>	22,900	22,900	22,406
Providing legal advice and representation services to central government departments and Crown agencies.			
<i>Supervision and Conduct of Crown Prosecutions and Appeals MCOA (M5)</i>			43,188
<i>Conduct of Criminal Appeals</i>			3,295
This output class is limited to conducting appeals in the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court arising from criminal trials on indictment including Crown appeals.			
<i>Conduct of Crown Prosecutions</i>			37,161
This output class is limited to the provision of a national Crown prosecution service that undertakes criminal trials on indictment.			
<i>Criminal Law Advice and Services</i>			1,892
This output class is limited to the provision of advice on criminal law, mutual assistance and extradition matters to other government agencies and to Crown Solicitors.			
<i>Supervision of the Crown Solicitor Network</i>			840
This output class is limited to the supervision of the network of Crown Solicitors who deliver prosecution services.			
<i>The Exercise of Principal Law Officer Functions (M5)</i>	2,692	2,692	2,884
Providing legal advice, representation services and administrative services to the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General to assist them in the exercise of their Principal Law Officer functions, and the provision of legal and constitutional advice to the Government, Ministers, and the judiciary.			
<i>Conduct of Criminal Appeals (M5)</i>	3,575	3,575	-
Conducting appeals arising from criminal trials on indictment and from Crown appeals.			
<i>Supervision and Conduct of Crown Prosecutions (M5)</i>	48,196	48,196	-
The provision of a national Crown prosecution service that undertakes criminal trials on indictment and appeals to the High Court; the supervision of the network of Crown Solicitors who deliver the prosecution service; and the provision of advice on criminal law matters to other government agencies and Crown Solicitors.			
Total Departmental Output Expenses	77,363	77,363	68,478
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
<i>Crown Law Office - Capital Expenditure PLA (M5)</i>	1,001	1,001	815
This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Crown Law Office, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.			
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	1,001	1,001	815
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	78,364	78,364	69,293

Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Crown Law Office

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2011/12 Estimated Actual \$000	2012/13 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2012/13
Opening Balance	4,757	5,931	
Capital Injections	-	-	
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	1,174	-	Repatriation of 2010/11 surplus paid to the Crown relating to Departmental Memorandum Account: Legal Advice and Representation. As the capital injection is not required at this time, the balance has been established as Debtor Crown. The phasing of the draw down will depend on the working capital needs of the memorandum account.
Closing Balance	5,931	5,931	