

Vote Consumer Affairs

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister of Consumer Affairs (M17)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Economic Development

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Minister for Economic Development

Overview of the Vote

The Minister of Consumer Affairs is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2012/13 financial year covering the following:

- a total of just over \$3.500 million for purchasing policy advice and information on issues, policies and programmes affecting or potentially affecting the ability of consumers to transact with confidence, and services to support the Minister
- a total of just under \$2.200 million for purchasing compliance and enforcement activities to ensure a supportive measurement and product safety infrastructure for business and consumers
- a total of \$1.100 million in the third year of a four year multi-year appropriation for the power switch programme, and
- a total of just under \$1.700 million for the financial service providers reserve dispute resolution scheme.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Consumer Affairs 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>Development of Consumer Information and Associated Issues (M17)</i> This appropriation is limited to the development and delivery of information and programmes affecting the ability of consumers to transact with confidence, and services to support the Minister.	-	-	2,355
<i>Policy Advice - Consumer Issues (M17)</i> This appropriation is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributions to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on government policy matters.	-	-	1,180
<i>Policy Advice, Information and Compliance - Consumer Issues MCOA (M17)</i>	5,808	5,808	2,193
<i>Measurement and Product Safety Compliance and Enforcement</i> This appropriation is limited to compliance and enforcement activities to ensure a supportive measurement and product safety infrastructure for business and consumers.	2,243	2,243	2,193
<i>Policy Advice and Information on Consumer Issues</i> This appropriation is limited to the provision of policy advice (including providing a consumer perspective) information and Ministerial servicing on issues, policies and programmes affecting the ability of consumers to transact with confidence.	3,565	3,565	-
Total Departmental Output Expenses	5,808	5,808	5,728
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Financial Service Providers Reserve Dispute Resolution Scheme (M17)</i> This appropriation is limited to the performance of the functions relating to the Financial Service Providers Reserve Dispute Resolution Scheme.	1,694	1,694	1,680
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	1,694	1,694	1,680
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	7,502	7,502	7,408

Details of Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Departmental Output Expenses		
<i>Upgrading and Promoting the Consumer Powerswitch Website (M17)</i>	Original Appropriation	4,500
This appropriation is limited to upgrading the capability of Consumer New Zealand's Powerswitch website and promoting and facilitating the use of the website to consumers.	Adjustments to 2010/11	-
	Adjustments for 2011/12	-
Commences: 1 November 2010	Adjusted Appropriation	4,500
	Actual to 2010/11 Year End	1,498
Expires: 30 April 2014	Estimated Actual for 2011/12	1,402
	Estimated Actual for 2012/13	1,100
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	500