

# *Vote Environment*

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MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister for Climate Change Issues (M12),  
Minister for the Environment (M29)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry for the Environment

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: Minister for the Environment

## Overview of the Vote

The Minister for the Environment and Minister for Climate Change Issues are responsible for appropriations in Vote Environment for the 2012/13 financial year covering the following impact areas:

Achieving better solutions to environmental problems:

- a total of just over \$4 million to manage environmental obligations and programmes
- a total of just over \$9 million for grants to third parties for domestic environmental management and education programmes, and contributions to international institutions.

Improving the quality, flow and availability of fresh water:

- a total of nearly \$6 million to provide advice and implement tools for water management
- a total of around \$34 million in funding and grants to third parties for water initiatives as part of the Fresh Start for Fresh Water programme.

Improving the resource management framework:

- a total of around \$15 million to provide advice and implement tools to improve resource management including management of the Exclusive Economic Zone.

Improving the relationship with Māori:

- a total of nearly \$2 million for the Ministry for the Environment to negotiate and implement fair, durable and fit for purpose deeds of settlement and environmental accords.

Reducing harm from natural, chemical and biological hazards and from waste:

- a total of just over \$6 million to provide advice and implement tools to mitigate environmental hazards and waste
- a total of nearly \$15 million for the implementation and operation of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 by the Environmental Protection Authority
- a total of nearly \$8 million for services provided by third parties for the investigation, management and remediation services relating to contaminated sites including the Rena Recovery
- a total of nearly \$41 million for waste minimisation initiatives and payments to territorial local authorities for their proportion of the Waste Disposal Levy as prescribed in the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

Decrease NZ's net emissions of greenhouse gases:

- a total of around \$15 million over the period of two years for the development of a national carbon accounting system
- a total of just over \$8 million for policy advice in relation to the domestic and international climate change programmes and contributions to international programmes
- a total of \$570 million for the allocation of New Zealand emission units to the NZ economy and issue of New Zealand Assigned Amount Units to Permanent Forest Sink Initiative participants

- a total of nearly \$22 million for administration, implementation and operation of the Emissions Trading Scheme including the impairment of debt
- a total of nearly \$1.300 million for the purchase of Projects to Reduce Emissions (PRE) emission units by the Crown from the PRE portfolio.

Enabling the organisation:

- a total of \$675,000 for capital expenditure mainly for the development and purchase of new software
- a total of nearly \$3 million for Ministerial Servicing.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Environment 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
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<i>Climate Change MCOA (M12)</i>	-	-	7,792
<i>Domestic Climate Change Programme Policy Advice</i> This output class 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 relating to domestic climate change.	-	-	4,609
<i>International Climate Change Programme Policy Advice</i> This output class 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 relating to international climate change issues, negotiating positions for climate change agreements and development of carbon markets.	-	-	3,183
<i>Environmental Management Obligations and Programmes MCOA (M29)</i>	5,214	5,214	4,364
<i>Domestic Obligations and Programmes</i> This output class is limited to contributing to and monitoring of domestic environmental management programmes and educational programmes promoting awareness of environmental issues.	3,300	3,300	2,758
<i>International Obligations and Institutions Policy Advice</i> This output class 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 relating to advice on international environmental arrangements, agreements and partnerships; contributing to negotiations with international parties on environmental issues in line with international arrangements, agreements and partnerships.	1,914	1,914	1,606
<i>Improving Resource Management MCOA (M29)</i>	25,334	25,334	22,677
<i>Developing and Implementing Treaty Settlements and Environmental Accords Policy Advice</i> This output class 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 relating to environmental accords with Māori and Treaty settlements involving natural resources; contributing to negotiations with iwi and affected parties on environmental issues as part of developing deeds of settlement.	2,119	2,119	1,675
<i>Marine Environment Policy Advice</i> This output class 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 relating to the marine environment.	1,676	1,676	1,630
<i>Resource Management Implementation</i> This output class is limited to the implementation of tools, frameworks and institutions and provision of advice, support, information, and guidance to the public, practitioners and wider natural resource sector in relation to resource management policy and practices.	7,078	7,078	6,298
<i>Resource Management Policy Advice</i> This output class 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 relating to the management of natural and physical resources in New Zealand.	8,239	8,239	7,125

	2011/12		2012/13
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<i>Water Management Policy Advice</i>	6,222	6,222	5,949
This output class 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 relating to the quality, flow and availability of freshwater.			
<i>Ministerial Services (M29)</i>	-	-	2,973
This appropriation is limited to the provision of services to Ministers to enable them to discharge their portfolio responsibilities (other than policy decision-making).			
<i>Mitigating Environmental Hazards and Waste MCOA (M29)</i>	4,198	4,198	3,817
<i>Environmental Hazards and Waste Policy Advice</i>	2,503	2,503	2,137
This output class 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 relating to the risks posed by environmental hazards and waste, including international agreements, conventions and obligations.			
<i>Waste Management and Minimisation</i>	1,695	1,695	1,680
This output class is limited to operational advice, implementation of tools, frameworks and institutions, and support, information and guidance to stakeholders in relation to waste management and minimisation.			
<i>Waste Minimisation Administration (M29)</i>	1,756	1,756	1,714
This appropriation is limited to the collection and administration of the waste levy and assessing and monitoring costs relating to projects considered or approved for funding from the waste levy.			
<b>Total Departmental Output Expenses</b>	<b>36,502</b>	<b>36,502</b>	<b>43,337</b>
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<i>Administration of New Zealand Units held on Trust (M12)</i>	-	-	177
This appropriation is limited to the application for and holding on trust of New Zealand Units on behalf of the future owners of Crown Forest Licensed land.			
<i>Community Environment Fund (M29)</i>	2,000	1,625	5,117
This appropriation is limited to strengthening partnerships, raising environmental awareness and encouraging participation in environmental initiatives in the community.			
<i>Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund (M29)</i>	2,156	1,574	3,020
This appropriation is limited to the investigation, management and remediation of contaminated sites.			
<i>Contestable Waste Minimisation Fund (M29)</i>	12,500	12,160	27,595
This appropriation is limited to grants for waste minimisation initiatives.			
<i>Emissions Trading Scheme (M12)</i>	-	-	6,392
This appropriation is limited to the implementation and operation of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme and maintenance of a register to enable the holding and transfer of climate change units.			
<i>Environmental Protection Authority: Regulatory Functions MCOA (M29)</i>	14,600	13,500	14,600
<i>Compliance and Enforcement</i>	3,252	3,007	3,252
This output class is limited to promotion of compliance and oversight of enforcement for the legislation, regulations, approvals and permits in relation to hazardous substances, ozone-depleting substances, hazardous waste and new organisms.			
<i>Decision Making</i>	6,428	5,943	6,428
This output class is limited to enabling decision-making processes for approvals or permits relating to new organisms and hazardous substances, or to import, use and export ozone-depleting substances and hazardous waste of international concern.			

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2011/12		2012/13
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses - cont'd</b>			
<i>Supporting Environmental Management</i> This output class is limited to supporting decision-making frameworks and providing advice on the implementation and effectiveness of policy, legislation and international developments in the management of hazardous substances, ozone-depleting substances, hazardous waste, new organisms and resource management processes at the national level.	4,920	4,550	4,920
<i>Environmental Training Programmes (M29)</i> This appropriation is limited to supporting training programmes, including Te Aho Tu Roa, that promote environmental and social sustainability, encourage Māori participation, raise environmental and ecological awareness and encourage children and young people to participate in environmental initiatives in the community.	-	-	1,900
<i>Fresh Start for Fresh Water: New Initiatives (M29)</i> This appropriation is limited to the clean-up of New Zealand's freshwater waterbodies arising from historical contamination.	2,000	-	13,000
<i>Fresh Start for Fresh Water: Rotorua Lakes Restoration Programme (M29)</i> This appropriation is limited to maintaining and improving the water quality of the Rotorua Lakes.	4,100	4,100	12,300
<i>Promotion of Sustainable Land Management (M29)</i> This appropriation is limited to the promotion and coordination of sustainable land management practice through a national network of coordinators.	800	800	800
<i>Sustainable Management Fund (M29)</i> Projects that support and strengthen proactive partnerships between the community, industry, iwi and local government and a wide range of practical environmental initiatives and involve the community in practically focused "action for the environment".	488	475	-
<b>Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>	<b>38,644</b>	<b>34,234</b>	<b>84,901</b>
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<i>Allocation of New Zealand Units (M12)</i> This appropriation is limited to the granting of New Zealand Units to sectors of the New Zealand Economy.	-	-	558,150
<i>Climate Change Development Fund (M12)</i> This appropriation is limited to supporting international projects to assist developing countries address climate change issues.	-	-	300
<i>Environmental Legal Assistance (M29)</i> This appropriation is limited to supporting groups that wish to advocate for environmental issues in resource management cases in the courts and appearances at Boards of Inquiry of projects of national significance.	800	800	800
<i>Framework Convention on Climate Change (M12)</i> New Zealand's contribution to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.	-	-	127
<i>Fresh Start for Fresh Water: Waikato River Clean-up Fund (M29)</i> This appropriation is limited to funding for the Waikato River Clean-up Fund for the restoration and protection of the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River for future generations.	10,137	4,204	4,706
<i>Impairment of Debt Relating to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (M12)</i> This appropriation is limited to the impairment and write-down of debt arising from the collection of revenue under the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme.	-	-	15,000
<i>International Subscriptions (M29)</i> This appropriation is limited to subscriptions to International Environmental Agreements.	117	117	117

	2011/12		2012/13
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
<i>Issue of New Zealand Assigned Amount Units to Permanent Forest Sink Initiative Participants (M12)</i>	-	-	11,750
This appropriation is limited to the granting of New Zealand Assigned Amount Units to Permanent Forest Sink Initiative participants for eligible afforestation.			
<i>United Nations Environment Programme (M29)</i>	393	393	393
New Zealand's membership of the United Nations Environment Programme.			
<i>Waikato River Co-Governance (M29)</i>	910	910	910
This appropriation is limited to the governance and operational costs of Waikato River co-governance.			
<i>Waikato River Co-Management (M29)</i>	2,632	2,632	2,833
This appropriation is limited to enabling the Waikato River Iwi to engage in the new co-management arrangements in relation to the Waikato River.			
<i>Waste Disposal Levy Disbursements to Territorial Local Authorities (M29)</i>	13,000	13,000	13,000
This appropriation is limited to payments to Territorial Local Authorities of their proportion of the Waste Disposal Levy as prescribed under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.			
<i>Environmental Protection Authority Establishment Costs (M29)</i>	2,000	2,000	-
This appropriation is limited to the establishment of the Environmental Protection Authority.			
<i>Hawke's Bay Rivers Clean-up Fund (M29)</i>	2,000	-	-
This appropriation is limited to a grant to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council for the clean-up of the Mohaka, Waikari and Waihua Rivers consistent with the findings of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council - Ngāti Pahauwera Research Study.			
<i>Transitional Support for Local Government and Iwi (M29)</i>	100	100	-
This appropriation is limited to providing transitional support to local authorities and iwi for new arrangements involving iwi in the management of natural resources arising from historical Treaty settlements.			
<b>Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>	<b>32,089</b>	<b>24,156</b>	<b>608,086</b>
<b>Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
<i>Ministry for the Environment - Capital Expenditure PLA (M29)</i>	950	950	675
This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for the Environment, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.			
<b>Total Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>675</b>
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
<i>Purchase of PRE Units (M12)</i>	-	-	1,252
Purchasing of PRE emission units by the Crown from the Projects to Reduce Emissions (PRE) portfolio.			
<i>Capital Contribution to the Environmental Protection Authority (M29)</i>	9,594	9,594	-
This appropriation is limited to providing a capital injection to the Environmental Protection Authority.			
<b>Total Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>9,594</b>	<b>9,594</b>	<b>1,252</b>
<b>Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations</b>	<b>117,779</b>	<b>105,436</b>	<b>738,251</b>

## Details of Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000	
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<i>Land Use and Carbon Analysis System (M12)</i>	Original Appropriation	15,843	
<p>This appropriation is limited to developing a national carbon accounting system that will contribute to meeting of New Zealand's greenhouse gas reporting obligations under the Kyoto Protocol and the UNFCCC.</p> <p>Commences: 1 July 2012</p> <p>Expires: 30 June 2014</p>	Adjustments to 2010/11	-	
	Adjustments for 2011/12	-	
	Adjusted Appropriation	15,843	
	Actual to 2010/11 Year End	-	
	Estimated Actual for 2011/12	-	
	Estimated Actual for 2012/13	9,498	
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	6,345	
	<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>		
	<i>Protecting Lake Taupo Programme (M29)</i>	Original Appropriation	10,668
<p>This appropriation is limited to the reduction of nitrogen levels entering Lake Taupo.</p> <p>Commences: 22 September 2010</p> <p>Expires: 30 June 2015</p>	Adjustments to 2010/11	-	
	Adjustments for 2011/12	-	
	Adjusted Appropriation	10,668	
	Actual to 2010/11 Year End	-	
	Estimated Actual for 2011/12	8,500	
	Estimated Actual for 2012/13	1,000	
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	1,168	
	<i>Rena Long-term Environment Recovery (M29)</i>	Original Appropriation	2,872
	<p>This appropriation is limited to funding for the implementation of the Rena Long-term Environmental Recovery Plan.</p> <p>Commences: 7 March 2012</p> <p>Expires: 30 June 2015</p>	Adjustments to 2010/11	-
Adjustments for 2011/12		-	
Adjusted Appropriation		2,872	
Actual to 2010/11 Year End		-	
Estimated Actual for 2011/12		705	
Estimated Actual for 2012/13		1,172	
Estimated Appropriation Remaining		995	
<i>Tui Mine Remediation (M29)</i>		Original Appropriation	15,200
<p>This appropriation is limited to the remediation and clean up of Tui Mine.</p> <p>Commences: 1 July 2011</p> <p>Expires: 30 June 2014</p>		Adjustments to 2010/11	-
	Adjustments for 2011/12	-	
	Adjusted Appropriation	15,200	
	Actual to 2010/11 Year End	-	
	Estimated Actual for 2011/12	10,000	
	Estimated Actual for 2012/13	3,990	
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	1,210	



# Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

## Ministry for the Environment

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2011/12 Estimated Actual \$000	2012/13 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2012/13
Opening Balance	5,992	5,992	
Capital Injections	-	-	
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	5,992	5,992	