

Vote Labour

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister of Labour (M43)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, INNOVATION AND EMPLOYMENT:
Minister for Economic Development

Overview of the Vote

The Minister of Labour is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2013/14 financial year covering the following:

Departmental appropriations consisting of:

- a total of under \$27 million to provide employment relations services, including support services provided to employment relations institutions
- a total of under \$4 million to provide hazardous substances and amusement devices services
- a total of just over \$50 million to provide health and safety services, and
- a total of under \$9 million to provide policy advice on matters relating to employment relations, health and safety (including Hazardous Substances and New Organisms), international labour commitments and ministerial servicing.

Non-departmental appropriations consisting of:

- a total of \$500,000 to purchase services from non-departmental providers in relation to the Employment Relations Education Contestable Fund (ERE)
- a total of under \$1 million to collect the Health and Safety in Employment (HSE) Levy
- a total of \$15,000 for the Bad Debt Expense write-off for non-recovered hearing fees
- a total of under \$4 million for other labour-related payments, such as salaries and allowances of the Employment Relations Authority Members (ERA)
- a total of over \$1 million for subscription to the International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- a total of \$450,000 to promote equal employment opportunities (EEO) and better relations through the Joint EEO Trust, and
- a total of \$15,000 for the New Zealand Industrial Relations Foundation.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Labour 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	2012/13		2013/14
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Employment Relations Services (M43)</i> This appropriation is limited to the provision of information, guidance, investigation, mediation and decision-making regarding employment rights and upholding regulatory standards including support services provided to employment relations institutions.	24,801	24,801	26,667
<i>Hazardous Substances and Amusement Devices Services (M43)</i> This appropriation is limited to the provision of information, education and enforcement services relating to the safe management of hazardous substances in the workplace, and the registration and inspection of amusement devices.	3,551	3,551	3,631
<i>Health and Safety Services (M43)</i> This appropriation is limited to the provision of information, education and support for workplaces regarding effective workplace health and safety practice, and enforcement action to promote compliance with the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 and related regulations.	51,569	51,569	50,044
<i>Policy Advice and Related Outputs MCOA (M43)</i>	9,053	9,053	8,588
<i>Ministerial Services</i> This output class is limited to the provision of services to Ministers to enable them to discharge their portfolio (other than policy decision-making) responsibilities.	2,069	2,069	2,069
<i>Policy Advice - Labour</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 employment relations, health and safety (including Hazardous Substances and New Organisms) and international labour commitments.	6,984	6,984	6,519
Total Departmental Output Expenses	88,974	88,974	88,930
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Employment Relations Education Contestable Fund (M43)</i> Grant funding for programmes that promote improved employment relationships and good faith behaviour, and good health and safety practices amongst employers, unions and employees.	1,567	1,567	500
<i>Health and Safety in Employment Levy - Collection Services (M43)</i> This appropriation is limited to the provision of collection services from the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC), to collect the HSE Levy on behalf of the Crown.	869	869	869
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	2,436	2,436	1,369
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Bad Debt Expense (M43)</i> To cover the expected cost of writing off hearing fees for hearings of longer than a day in length at the Employment Court (hearings pre 1 December 2004) and the Employment Relations Authority where the applicant is granted hardship or where debt recovery is unsuccessful after three months.	15	15	15
<i>Employment Relations Authority Members' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M43)</i> As set by the Remuneration Authority in order to administer and enforce employment-related legislation (section 171 of the Employment Relations Act 2000).	3,780	3,780	3,780
<i>International Labour Organisation (M43)</i> New Zealand's annual subscription to the ILO.	1,400	1,400	1,400

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	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses - cont'd			
<i>Joint Equal Employment Opportunities Trust (M43)</i> Funding to promote EEO as a good management practice, delivered in partnership with the private sector.	560	560	450
<i>New Zealand Industrial Relations Foundation (M43)</i> Funding for education to promote better industrial relations.	15	15	15
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	5,770	5,770	5,660
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	97,180	97,180	95,959