

Vote Statistics

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister of Statistics (M67)

APPROPRIATION ADMINISTRATOR: Statistics New Zealand

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR STATISTICS NEW ZEALAND: Minister of Statistics

Summary of the Vote

Overview

The Minister of Statistics is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2014/15 financial year covering the following:

- A total of just over \$14 million for the Coordination of Government statistical activities.
- A total of just over \$36 million for Economic and Business statistical information services.
- A total of nearly \$52 million for Population, Social and Labour Force statistical information services.
- A total of nearly \$2 million to provide for the completion of the 2013 Census.
- A total of just over \$13 million to provide for preparation for a 2018 Census and the continuation of the Census Transformation Programme.
- A total of \$17 million for departmental capital expenditure.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-4.

Estimates of Appropriations

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual and Permanent Appropriations

	2013/14		2014/15
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Official Statistics MCOA (M67)	115,412	115,412	-
<i>Coordination of Government Statistical Activities</i>	13,165	13,165	-
Leadership of the OSS, including liaison with OSS partners, provision of ministerial services, statistical advice, and the operation of access channels.			
<i>Economic and Business Statistical Information Services</i>	42,860	43,726	-
Delivery of statistical information services relating to business and the economy.			
<i>Population, Social and Labour Force Statistical Information Services</i>	59,387	58,521	-
Delivery of statistical information services relating to the population, environment, household economics, social conditions, and the labour force.			
Total Departmental Output Expenses	115,412	115,412	-
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Statistics New Zealand - Capital Expenditure PLA (M67)	20,000	20,000	17,000
This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Statistics New Zealand, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.			
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	20,000	20,000	17,000
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Official Statistics MCA (M67)	-	-	101,933
The overarching purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the production and availability of the highest priority official statistical information to support decision-making.			
<i>Departmental Output Expenses</i>			
<i>Coordination of Government Statistical Activities</i>	-	-	14,127
Leadership of the OSS, including liaison with OSS partners, provision of ministerial services, statistical advice, and the operation of access channels.			
<i>Economic and Business Statistical Information Services</i>	-	-	36,044
Delivery of statistical information services relating to business and the economy.			
<i>Population, Social and Labour Force Statistical Information Services</i>	-	-	51,762
Delivery of statistical information services relating to the population, environment, household economics, social conditions, and the labour force.			
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	101,933
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	135,412	135,412	118,933

Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Departmental Output Expenses		
2013 Census of Population and Dwellings (M67) This appropriation is limited to conducting the 2013 Census, and the administration and management of the on-going census programme, as required under the Statistics Act 1975. Commences: 01 October 2011 Expires: 30 June 2015	Original Appropriation Adjustments to 2012/13 Adjustments for 2013/14 Adjusted Appropriation Actual to 2012/13 Year End Estimated Actual for 2013/14 Estimated Actual for 2014/15 Estimated Appropriation Remaining	72,045 - - 72,045 59,620 10,647 1,778 -
2018 Census of Population and Dwellings (M67) This appropriation is limited to conducting the 2018 Census, and the administration and management of the on-going census programme, as required under the Statistics Act 1975. Commences: 01 July 2014 Expires: 30 June 2019	Original Appropriation Adjustments to 2012/13 Adjustments for 2013/14 Adjusted Appropriation Actual to 2012/13 Year End Estimated Actual for 2013/14 Estimated Actual for 2014/15 Estimated Appropriation Remaining	13,100 - - 13,100 - - 13,100 -

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2013/14		2014/15
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Statistics New Zealand - Capital Injection (M67)	5,778	5,778	11,041

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.1 - New Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2013/14 Budgeted \$000	2014/15 Budget \$000	2015/16 Estimated \$000	2016/17 Estimated \$000	2017/18 Estimated \$000
2018 Census of Population and Dwellings	2018 Census of Population and Dwellings MYA (M67)					
	Departmental Output Expense	-	13,100	-	-	-
	Departmental capital injection	-	550	-	-	-
Integrated Data Infrastructure	Official Statistics MCA (M67)					
	Departmental Output Expense	2,832	5,108	5,395	5,578	5,833
	Departmental capital injection	3,097	1,071	433	268	-
Total Initiatives		5,929	19,829	5,828	5,846	5,833

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14		2014/15			2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000
Appropriations												
Output Expenses	11,806	44,072	6,538	53,280	10,647	10,647	14,878	-	14,878	1,189	1,070	2,966
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	1,653	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	-	-	19,374	14,222	20,000	20,000	17,000	-	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)												
<i>Output Expenses</i>	90,603	87,116	96,264	110,036	115,412	115,412	101,933	-	101,933	104,525	107,867	108,350
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	102,409	132,841	122,176	177,538	146,059	146,059	133,811	-	133,811	122,714	125,937	128,316
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts												
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-

Note - where restructuring of the vote has occurred then, to the extent practicable, prior years information has been restated as if the restructuring had occurred before the beginning of the period covered.

Adjustments to the Summary of Financial Activity Table due to Vote Restructuring

	2009/10 Adjustments \$000	2010/11 Adjustments \$000	2011/12 Adjustments \$000	2012/13 Adjustments \$000	2013/14 Budgeted Adjustments \$000	2013/14 Estimated Actual Adjustments \$000
Appropriations						
Output Expenses	(90,603)	(87,116)	(96,264)	(110,036)	(115,412)	(115,412)
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)						
<i>Output Expenses</i>	90,603	87,116	96,264	110,036	115,412	115,412
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts						
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-

As a consequence of the 2013 Amendment to the Public Finance Act, Multi Class Output Expense Appropriations were converted to Multi-Category Appropriations.

1.3 - Analysis of Significant Trends

The fluctuations in the Multi-Category Appropriation (MCA) Output Expenses for Statistics New Zealand are due to the cyclical nature of some of its activities, restructure costs in 2013/14 and changes in new initiative funding. In particular:

- The Statistics 2020 Te Kāpehu Whetū is a ten year strategy and programme of work to deliver more value from, and address key risks to, official statistics. Appropriations for this programme fluctuate from 2011/12 through to 2017/18 depending on the work programme.
- The Appropriations from 2013/14 through to 2017/18 include an increase for the Integrated Data Infrastructure project. The project will allow Statistics New Zealand to increase the capacity of, and improve access to, the Integrated Data Infrastructure as a more systematic way of managing, matching, anonymising and accessing person-centred data from across government. Statistics New Zealand is a joint lead on this cross-government initiative with the Treasury, which is establishing analytics and insights capability using the data.
- Restructure costs in 2013/14 resulting from organisational change to deliver our Statistics 2020 vision is being funded by a fiscally neutral transfer from 2014/15 and 2015/16 Appropriations.

The fluctuations in the Appropriations for Output Expenses are due to the cyclical nature of the Census of Population and Dwellings. In the year the Census is conducted, the costs rise significantly. The Actual for 2010/11 was \$44.072 million for a Census that was due to be held in March 2011. This Census was deferred due to the Christchurch earthquake on 22 February 2011. The Actual for 2012/13 was \$53.280 million for the Census on 5 March 2013. The budget of \$14.878 million in 2014/15 is made up of \$1.778 million for the completion of the 2013 Census and \$13.100 million for preparation for a 2018 Census and the continuation of a Census Transformation Programme. From 2015/16 the budget for the 2018 Census is subject to approval by Cabinet of a focussed detailed business case.

1.4 - Reconciliation of Changes in Appropriation Structure

2013/14 Appropriations in the 2013/14 Structure	2013/14 (Current) \$000	Old Structure		New Structure		
		Appropriations to which Expenses (or Capital Expenditure) have been Moved from or to	Amount Moved \$000	2013/14 Appropriations in the 2014/15 Structure	2013/14 (Restated) \$000	2014/15 \$000
Departmental Output Expense						
Official Statistics MCOA (M67)	115,412	From Official Statistics MCOA (M67)	115,412	To Official Statistics MCA (M67)	115,412	101,933
Total Changes in Appropriations	115,412		115,412		115,412	101,933

Explanations of the reasons for changing the appropriation structure are noted in the details of each appropriation in Parts 2-4.

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

2013 Census of Population and Dwellings (M67)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
2013 Census of Population and Dwellings (M67) This appropriation is limited to conducting the 2013 Census, and the administration and management of the on-going census programme, as required under the Statistics Act 1975. Commences: 01 October 2011 Expires: 30 June 2015	Original Appropriation	72,045
	Adjustments to 2012/13	-
	Adjustments for 2013/14	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	72,045
	Actual to 2012/13 Year End	59,620
	Estimated Actual for 2013/14	10,647
	Estimated Actual for 2014/15	1,778
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

This appropriation is limited to conducting the 2013 Census, and the administration and management of the on-going census programme, as required under the Statistics Act 1975.

Revenue

	Budget \$000
Revenue from the Crown to end of 2014/15	72,045
Revenue from Others to end of 2014/15	-
Total Revenue	72,045

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the conducting an official census of population and dwellings, to produce an accurate count of New Zealand's population on census night, for electoral purposes, policy setting, and other decision making.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Performance will be assessed based on having a high proportion of residents in the country on the night counted by the census (ie, the coverage rate), and having a high proportion of residents return their completed form or complete it online (ie, the response rate). The coverage and response rates will be available following the completion of analysis of the 2013 Post Enumeration Survey and will be published before the end of 2013/14.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Statistics New Zealand in its Annual Report 2014/15.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation was established from 1 October 2011, to enable a 2013 Census to be taken, following the decision to defer the 2011 Census. This multi-year appropriation expires on 30 June 2015.

The planning and delivery of the Census of Population and Dwellings is normally phased over a five-year cycle. The cycle for the 2013 Census differs due to it following directly on from the deferred 2011 Census. Much of the preparation work for the deferred census was able to be reused (for example, no further dress rehearsal was required, and some contracts were able to be rolled over).

In 2013/14, the main activity was the completion of data processing, release of official census counts and completion of the 2013 Post Enumeration Survey (PES). The PES estimates the proportion of residents in the country on the night counted by the census (ie, the coverage rate), and the proportion of residents that return their completed form (ie, the response rate). Results of the PES are scheduled for release before the end of 2013/14. In 2014/15 the main activity will be production of the final census products and the closure of the 2013 Census programme.

2018 Census of Population and Dwellings (M67)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
2018 Census of Population and Dwellings (M67) This appropriation is limited to conducting the 2018 Census, and the administration and management of the on-going census programme, as required under the Statistics Act 1975. Commences: 01 July 2014 Expires: 30 June 2019	Original Appropriation	13,100
	Adjustments to 2012/13	-
	Adjustments for 2013/14	-
	Adjusted Appropriation	13,100
	Actual to 2012/13 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2013/14	-
	Estimated Actual for 2014/15	13,100
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

Revenue

	Budget \$000
Revenue from the Crown to end of 2014/15	13,100
Revenue from Others to end of 2014/15	-
Total Revenue	13,100

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the conducting of an official census of population and dwellings, to produce an accurate count of New Zealand's population on census night, for electoral purposes, policy setting, and other decision making.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Performance will be assessed based on having a high proportion of residents in the country on the night counted by the census (ie, the coverage rate), and having a high proportion of residents return their completed form or complete it online (ie, the response rate). The coverage and response rates will be available following the completion of analysis of the 2018 Post Enumeration Survey.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Statistics New Zealand in its Annual Report 2014/15.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2013/14 Budgeted \$000	2014/15 Budget \$000	2015/16 Estimated \$000	2016/17 Estimated \$000	2017/18 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
2018 Census of Population and Dwellings	2014/15	-	13,100	-	-	-

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation for 2014/15 for preparation for a 2018 Census and the continuation of a Census Transformation Programme. The budget for the 2018 Census from 2015/16 to 2017/18 is subject to Cabinet approval of a focussed detailed business case.

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Statistics New Zealand - Capital Expenditure PLA (M67)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Statistics New Zealand, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

Capital Expenditure

	2013/14		2014/15
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	6,000	6,000	6,000
Intangibles	14,000	14,000	11,000
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	20,000	20,000	17,000

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the renewal and replacement of life-expired assets in support of the delivery of Statistics New Zealand's assets, and the expansion of the Integrated Data Infrastructure to further the objectives of the Analysis for Outcomes initiative.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

Assessment of Performance	2013/14		2014/15
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
Continued implementation of the legacy mitigation programme	New measure	New measure	Fewer legacy systems in production

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Statistics New Zealand in its Annual Report 2013/14.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in Capital Expenditure in 2014/15 is due to additional capital expenditure in 2013/14 on Integrated Data Infrastructure and the cyclical nature of an on-going programme of upgrade and replacement of Statistics New Zealand's capital assets.

Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Statistics New Zealand

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2013/14 Estimated Actual \$000	2014/15 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2014/15
Opening Balance	49,499	53,446	
Capital Injections	5,778	11,041	Capital Injections authorised for 2014/15 for 2018 Census, the Statistics 2020 programme, Integrated Data Infrastructure and the move to new integrated Government accommodation in Christchurch.
Capital Withdrawals	(1,831)	-	Capital Withdrawal in 2013/14 for Capital to Operating Swap for the Statistics 2020 programme.
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	53,446	64,487	

Part 4 - Details of Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Official Statistics (M67)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The overarching purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the production and availability of the highest priority official statistical information to support decision-making.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Coordination of Government Statistical Activities

Leadership of the OSS, including liaison with OSS partners, provision of ministerial services, statistical advice, and the operation of access channels.

Economic and Business Statistical Information Services

Delivery of statistical information services relating to business and the economy.

Population, Social and Labour Force Statistical Information Services

Delivery of statistical information services relating to the population, environment, household economics, social conditions, and the labour force.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2013/14		2014/15
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	-	-	101,933
Departmental Output Expenses			
Coordination of Government Statistical Activities	-	-	14,127
Economic and Business Statistical Information Services	-	-	36,044
Population, Social and Labour Force Statistical Information Services	-	-	51,762
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	-	-	93,920
Coordination of Government Statistical Activities	-	-	12,967
Economic and Business Statistical Information Services	-	-	32,134
Population, Social and Labour Force Statistical Information Services	-	-	48,819
Revenue from Others	-	-	8,013
Coordination of Government Statistical Activities	-	-	1,160
Economic and Business Statistical Information Services	-	-	3,909
Population, Social and Labour Force Statistical Information Services	-	-	2,944

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2013/14		2014/15
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Statistics - MCOA to MCA			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Coordination of Government Statistical Activities	13,165	13,165	14,127
Economic and Business Statistical Information Services	42,860	42,860	36,044
Population, Social and Labour Force Statistical Information Services	59,387	59,387	51,762
Total	115,412	115,412	101,933

The previous MCOA Official Statistics (M67) has been converted to an MCA.

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the outcome of creating an informed society through official statistics.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

Assessment of Performance	2013/14		2014/15
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
Official Statistics			
The number of users of official statistics is increased (see Note 1)	New measure	New measure	Improve the result when the Use and Trust in Official Statistics Survey is run again in 2014/15 (see Note 2)
Ensure the right statistical information is produced by the Official Statistics System to better support decision-making and understanding (see Note 3)	New measure	New measure	Maintain or increase the total number of statistics classified as "current Tier 1"
The number of users who report that government has the information they need is increased (see Note 1)	New measure	New measure	Improve the result when the Use and Trust in Official Statistics Survey is run again in 2014/15 (see Note 2)

Note 1 - A programme of surveys of key customer groups on the use and trust in official statistics is being carried out over a three to four year cycle. A survey of the general public was carried out in 2010/11 and 2013/14, government workers in 2011, and businesses in 2012/13.

Note 2 - The customer group to be surveyed in 2014/15 is yet to be confirmed. The budget standard is to improve the result for that customer group compared to when it was last taken.

Note 3 - A revised list of Tier 1 statistics was agreed by Cabinet in June 2012. Since that time there has been ongoing monitoring of the total number of statistics classified as "current Tier 1".

What is Intended to be Achieved with each Category and How Performance will be Assessed

Assessment of Performance	2013/14		2014/15
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
Official Statistics			
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Coordination of Government Statistical Activities</i>			
This category is intended to achieve leadership of the Official Statistics System and facilitation of awareness and use of statistical information.			
How performance will be assessed:			
The Official Statistics System programme is delivered, as agreed with the Minister in the Purchase and Performance Agreement, and as varied by agreement during the year.	Minister is 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' (see Note 1) that 100% of policy advice meets the Quality Standards for Policy Advice (see Note 2)	Standard met	Minister is 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' that 100% of policy advice meets the Quality Standards for Policy Advice
The programme includes policy advice, support to the Advisory Committee on Statistics (ACOS) and influencing Official Statistics System participants by developing system-wide strategies and planning, the health and performance of the system, and education and capability initiatives across the system.	Chair of ACOS is 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the level of support provided (see Note 3)	Standard met	Measure currently under review (see Note 4)
Web based services provides people with access to free information about all statistical collections.	2,500,000 visits	2,400,000 visits (see Note 5)	2,500,000 visits (see Note 6)
Assisted advisory services include:	2,300 statistical requests	2,600 statistical requests	1,300 customised data requests completed (see Note 9)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to statistical requests for customised datasets, access to microdata, and confidentialised unit record files and responses to international questionnaires (see Note 7). • Free telephone and email enquiry service. 	14,000 free enquiries	14,250 free enquiries	75 microdata access applications approved (see Note 10)
Responses to statistical enquiries are provided within the timeliness standard and high quality services are provided (see Note 8).	90% of free enquiry service queries responded to within 2 working days	95% of free enquiry service queries responded to within 2 working days	14,000 free enquiries
	80% of customers rate the service as 'very good' or 'excellent'	92% of customers rate the service as 'very good' or 'excellent'	80% of customers rate the service as 'very good' or 'excellent'
Capability building services include providing outreach seminars, workshops and visits.	150 visits	150 visits	150 visits

	2013/14		2014/15
	Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual Standard	Budget Standard
<i>Economic and Business Statistical Information Services</i>			
This category is intended to achieve statistical releases which are free from significant errors, meet response and release dates.			
How performance will be assessed:			
Statistical releases (see Note 12) are free from such significant error that they require a public correction notice to be published. A significant error is one which affects a high priority output, may mislead economic or social policy decisions or commentary, or changes a headline figure or indicator.	143 statistical releases (See Note 13) 99% free from significant error	138 statistical releases 100% free from significant error	141 statistical releases (See Note 13) 99% free from significant error 100% of statistical releases have been certified by the responsible manager as meeting Statistics NZ's data quality standards (see Note 13)
Survey-based statistical releases meet their target response rates, as agreed with the Minister in the Purchase and Performance Agreement (see Note 14).	79 survey-based releases	80 survey-based releases 100% meet target response rate	n/a in 2014/15 (see Note 13) 99%
Statistical releases are published on the advertised date (see Note 15), as agreed with the Minister in the Purchase and Performance Agreement.	100% published on the advertised date	99% published on the advertised date	100% published on the advertised date
Users trust official statistics (see Note 16).	A majority of respondents trust a sample of official statistics	Standard met (see Note 18)	A majority of respondents trust a sample of official statistics
<i>Population, Social and Labour Force Statistical Information Services</i>			
This category is intended to achieve statistical releases which are free from significant errors, meet response and release dates.			
How performance will be assessed:			
Statistical releases (see Note 11) are free from such significant error that they require a public correction notice to be published. A significant error is one which affects a high priority output, may mislead economic or social policy decisions or commentary, or changes a headline figure or indicator.	83 statistical releases (see Note 12) 99% free from significant error	82 statistical releases 99% free from significant error	73 statistical releases (see Note 12) 99% free from significant error 100% of statistical releases have been certified by the responsible manager as meeting Statistics NZ's data quality standards (see Note 13)
Survey-based statistical releases meet their target response rates, as agreed with the Minister in the Purchase and Performance Agreement (see Note 14).	14 survey-based releases 100% meet target response rate	14 survey-based releases 71%	n/a in 2014/15 (see Note 13)
Statistical releases are published on the advertised date (see Note 15), as agreed with the Minister in the Purchase and Performance Agreement.	100% published on the advertised date	98% published on the advertised date	100% published on the advertised date
Users trust official statistics (see Note 16).	A majority of respondents trust a sample of official statistics	Standard met (see Note 17)	A majority of respondents trust a sample of official statistics

Note 1 - The Minister's satisfaction with policy advice will be measured through a short survey. This survey will ask the Minister to rate his/her personal satisfaction (from 'very dissatisfied' to 'very satisfied') with policy advice provided to date. This survey will be administered orally and annually as agreed with the Minister. The estimated performance for 2013/14 is based on all policy advice papers being accepted by the Minister without requiring amendment plus informal feedback during officials' meetings.

Note 2 - Quality Standards for Policy Advice includes:

- Purpose: the aims of the paper have been clearly stated and they answer the questions set.
- Logic: the assumptions behind the advice are explicit, the argument is valid and supported by facts.
- Accuracy: the facts in the papers are accurate and all material facts have been included.
- Options: an adequate range of options has been presented and each is assessed for benefits, costs and consequences to the organisation/system/government and the community as appropriate.
- Consultation: there is evidence of adequate consultation with interested parties and possible objections to proposals have been identified.
- Practicality: the problems of implementation, technical feasibility, timing and consistency with other policies have been considered.
- Presentation: the format meets requirements, the material is effectively and concisely summarised, and is free from spelling or grammatical errors.

Note 3 - The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Statistics satisfaction with the support provided by Statistics New Zealand will be measured through a short survey annually.

Note 4 - Advisory functions to the Minister of Statistics and Statistics New Zealand are currently being reviewed.

Note 5 - As at late February 2014, there had been 1.53 million visits to the Statistics New Zealand website (www.stats.govt.nz). It is estimated that the website will receive 2.40 million visits (100,000 less than originally expected target) by the end of the current financial year. This is mainly due to a reduced marketing spend, and the later than scheduled release of the StatsMaps mapping product. Some initiatives may be undertaken to reduce the shortfall in visits.

Note 6 - It is anticipated that website visits for 2014/15 will be 2.5 million. This allows for a planned increase of some 80,000 visits due to increased 2013 Census data becoming available plus increased accessibility for mobile and tablet users due to responsive design work that is expected to be completed in June 2014. It assumes an advertising budget consistent with the amount originally allocated for 2013/14.

Note 7 - This measure combines a number of elements that do not necessarily represent a true measure of performance or delivery. For example, the 2600 estimated actual standard for 2013/14 includes 1550 microdata access sessions, however the duration of the sessions is not recorded, and may be influenced by external factors such as the researchers own availability, changing data needs, or project funding. As a result, this measure has been revised for 2014/15 (see Notes 9 and 10).

Note 8 - Customer satisfaction is measured through a voluntary survey sent to clients after the requested service has been provided.

Note 9 - New measure for 2014/15. This represents the total number of customised data requests completed by Statistics New Zealand staff for customers, including requests international bodies.

Note 10 - New measure for 2014/15. This represents the total number of approved new applications for access to microdata onsite, remote or offsite, and the number of licences approved for access to confidentialised unit record files (this excludes variations to existing approvals).

Note 11 - A release includes a media release and an information release onto the website, which occur at the same time. It includes the key statistical results, commentary on the analysis of the results, tables of data and technical notes to explain definitions and methods.

Note 12 - The number of releases for both statistical information services categories for are provisional at the time of the publication of the Estimates. The final number is confirmed when the Purchase and Performance Agreement with the Minister of Statistics is agreed to and signed in June of each year.

Note 13 - New measure for 2014/15. Target response rates have the unintended consequence that the push to achieve the last few percentage points can add unnecessary cost and compliance load, with no related quality improvement. The new measure involves the responsible manager for the statistical release signing off that it has been produced in accordance with the Official Statistics System principles and protocols for quality and that it conforms to the Statistics New Zealand Methodological Standard for Reporting of Data Quality. Statistics New Zealand already includes quality statements in most of its statistical releases. However, the new measure will help ensure that quality reporting is appropriate and consistent. Statistics NZ will continue to report on target and achieved survey response rates within the published quality statements. Reporting on these measures is a requirement of the data quality reporting standard.

Note 14 - Measure to be discontinued from 2014/15. See note 13.

Note 15 - A data release is timely if it is available to users within the period in which it remains useful. Planned timeliness is a design decision, based on trade-offs with accuracy, response rates and cost. The calendar of release dates for periodical statistical releases is published on the Statistics New Zealand website at least six months in advance, and the achievement of the planned release dates is monitored as a timeliness performance measure.

Note 16 - A survey of the general public was carried out in 2010, government workers in 2011, and businesses in 2012. A programme of surveys of key customer groups is being carried out over a three to four year cycle. The second round of surveys begins in 2014, with the results from the second survey of public scheduled for publication in the Annual Report 2013/14. The sample of statistics includes statistics from Output Class 2 on statistics on employment and unemployment (such as Household Labour Force statistics), and population statistics (such as statistics from the Census of Population and Dwellings and Output Class 3 on inflation (such as the Consumers Price Index), statistics on the national economy (such as Gross Domestic Product).

Note 17 - Initial results of the second Public survey show a majority of respondents 'almost always' trust economic and business official statistics such as Consumer Price Index and Gross Domestic Product statistics.

Note 18 - Initial results of the second Public survey show a majority of respondents 'almost always' trust official statistics such as labour force or population statistics.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by Statistics New Zealand in its Annual Report 2014/15.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2013/14 Budgeted \$000	2014/15 Budget \$000	2015/16 Estimated \$000	2016/17 Estimated \$000	2017/18 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Integrated Data Infrastructure	2013/14	2,832	5,108	5,395	5,578	5,833
Continuation of the New Zealand Population and Social Statistics Programme	2012/13	(1,177)	2,192	9,052	10,700	10,700
Statistics 2020: Achieving the Statistical System of the Future	2011/12	13,600	12,200	12,990	13,357	15,454

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in this new Multi-Category Appropriation for 2014/15 (from the 2013/14 Multi Class Output Expense Appropriation of \$115.412 million) is mainly due to the cyclical nature of some of Statistic's New Zealand's activities. Funding for the 2013 post Census Survey ended in 2013/14 and there has been a reduction in the Statistics 2020 programme which fluctuates depending on the work programme. There were also restructure costs in 2013/14 resulting from organisational change to deliver our statistics 2020 vision funded by a fiscally neutral transfer from 2014/15 and 2015/16 Appropriations. This has been partly offset by an increase for both Integrated Data Infrastructure and the Continuation of the New Zealand Population and Social Statistics Programme.