

Vote Environment

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: 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 is responsible for appropriations in Vote Environment for the 2009/10 financial year covering the following:

- A total of nearly \$41 million for advice on environmental policies, issues and the implementation of government decisions to achieve a healthy environment, which sustains nature and people.
- A total of over \$1 million for the contracting, managing and auditing of a range of environmental management programmes delivered by third parties.
- A total of \$48,000 for the environmental clean-up of Pacific Island sites.
- A total of over \$1 million for the public notification process for considering nationally significant applications under the Resource Management Act, where the Minister for the Environment exercises the call-in powers under the legislation, and where necessary, providing support to Boards of Inquiry.
- A total of nearly \$2 million for the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry for the Environment.
- A total of over \$9 million for the investigation, management and remediation of contaminated sites.
- A total of \$500,000 for the funding of grants to assist regional councils and unitary authorities in aquaculture planning.
- A total of over \$10 million for the administration of the HSNO Act by the Environmental Risk Management Authority, to protect the environment and the health and safety of people and communities by preventing or managing the adverse effects of hazardous substances and new organisms.
- A total of \$400,000 for the promotion of sustainable land management practices through a national network of coordinators.
- A total of nearly \$4 million for projects that support and strengthen proactive partnerships between the community, industry, iwi and local government and a wide range of practical environmental initiatives that involve the community in practically focused 'action for the environment'.
- A total of \$117,000 for subscriptions to international environmental agreements.
- A total of over \$1 million for funding and grant schemes to help remove some of the barriers to public participation in resource management processes, particularly in the legal environment, and to support the work of the environment centres in raising awareness of environmental issues and actions.
- A total of \$393,000 for New Zealand's membership to the United Nations Environment Programme.
- A total of over \$1 million for Crown's contribution to assist with installation of clean and energy-efficient heating with a particular focus on the homes of low income earners.
- A total of over \$7 million for funding to Environment Bay of Plenty and the Rotorua District Council to maintain and improve the water quality of Rotorua Lakes.
- A total of \$40 million for Crown's contribution to the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu River Trust for the purposes of cultural and environment development projects related to the Waikato River; enhancing the restoration and protection of the relationship of Waikato-Tainui with the Waikato River; and protection and enhancing sites of significance, fisheries, flora and fauna.
- A total of \$6 million to enable the Waikato River Iwi to engage in the new co-management arrangements in relation to the Waikato River.
- A total of over \$14 million for 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.

- A total of \$200,000 for a scoping study to identify rehabilitation priorities in relation to the Waikato River and the cost of these priority activities; to provide useful background information for the establishment and operation of the Waikato River Clean-up Fund; and to make recommendations about the final contributions of the Crown and other parties to the fund.
- A total of over \$2 million for the administration of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.
- A total of nearly \$13 million for the funding of grants for waste minimisation initiatives.
- A total of \$15 million for payments to Territorial Local Authorities of their proportion of the Waste Disposal Levy as prescribed under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

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

	2008/09		2009/10
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Delivery of Environmental Management Programmes (M29) This appropriation is limited to the contracting, managing, monitoring, and auditing of a range of environmental management programmes delivered by third parties.	1,100	1,100	1,100
Environmental assistance to the Pacific Islands (M29) Environmental clean-up of Pacific Island sites.	178	178	48
Environmental Policy Advice (M29) This appropriation is limited to advice on environmental policies, issues and the implementation of government decisions to achieve a healthy environment, which sustains nature and people; and Ministerial servicing.	41,656	40,796	40,925
Resource Management Act Call-ins (M29) This appropriation is limited to the public notification process for considering nationally significant applications under the Resource Management Act, where the Minister for the Environment exercises the call-in powers under the legislation, and where necessary, providing support to Boards of Inquiry.	2,824	2,303	1,265
Waste Minimisation (M29) This appropriation is limited to the administration of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.	-	-	2,260
Bioethics Council (M29) This appropriation is limited to supporting the effective operation of the Bioethics Council comprising advice, research, public dialogue, provision of information and administration.	919	919	-
Total Departmental Output Expenses	46,677	45,296	45,598
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund (M29) This appropriation is limited to the investigation, management and remediation of contaminated sites.	5,474	5,220	9,245
Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Assessment and Management (M29) This appropriation is limited to the implementation and operation of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.	10,012	10,012	10,170
Promotion of Sustainable Land Management (M29) This appropriation is limited to the promotion and coordination of sustainable land management practice through a national network of coordinators.	400	400	400
Sustainable Management Fund (M29) 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".	3,381	2,571	3,844
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	19,267	18,203	23,659

	2008/09		2009/10
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Contestable Waste Minimisation Fund (M29) This appropriation is limited to the funding of grants for waste minimisation initiatives.	-	-	12,740
International Subscriptions (M29) This appropriation is limited to subscriptions to International Environmental Agreements.	117	117	117
Legal and Environment Centre Grants (M29) Funding and grant schemes to help remove some of the barriers to public participation in resource management processes, particularly in the legal environment, and to support the work of environment centres in raising awareness of environmental issues and actions.	1,378	1,378	1,378
Rotorua Lakes Restoration Programme (M29) This appropriation is limited to funding to Environment Bay of Plenty and the Rotorua District Council to maintain and improve the water quality of the Rotorua Lakes.	8,975	7,300	7,200
Scoping Study for Clean-up Fund (M29) This appropriation is limited to funding for a scoping study to: identify rehabilitation priorities in relation to the Waikato River and the cost of these priority activities; to provide useful background information for the establishment and operation of the Waikato River Clean-up Fund; and to make recommendations about the final contributions of the Crown and other parties to the fund.	200	200	200
United Nations Environment Programme (M29) New Zealand's membership of the United Nations Environment Programme.	393	393	393
Waikato River Clean-up Fund (M29) 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.	-	-	14,200
Waikato River Co-Management (M29) This appropriation is limited to enabling the Waikato River Iwi to engage in the new co-management arrangements in relation to the Waikato River.	26,000	-	6,000
Waikato River Initiatives Fund (M29) This appropriation is limited to a Crown Contribution to the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu River Trust for the purposes of cultural and environment development projects related to the Waikato River; enhancing the restoration and protection of the relationship of Waikato-Tainui with the Waikato River; and protection and enhancing sites of significance, fisheries, flora and fauna.	10,000	10,000	40,000
Warm Homes Grants and Assistance (M29) Crown's contribution to assist with installation of clean and energy efficient heating with a particular focus on the homes of low income earners.	1,100	1,100	1,100
Waste Disposal Levy Disbursements to Territorial Local Authorities (M29) 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.	-	-	15,000
Clean up of former Patea Freezing Works (M29) This appropriation is limited to a grant payment to the South Taranaki District Council for the clean up of the site of the former freezing works at Patea.	1,500	1,500	-
Recycling in Public Places (M29) This appropriation is limited to grants to local councils to assist with the purchase and installation of suitably signed recycling infrastructure.	525	525	-
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	50,188	22,513	98,328

	2008/09		2009/10
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Ministry for the Environment - Capital Expenditure PLA (M29) 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.	1,924	1,924	1,486
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	1,924	1,924	1,486
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	118,056	87,936	169,071

Details of Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Non-Departmental Output Expenses		
Contestable Aquaculture Planning Fund (M29)	Original Appropriation	2,000
Funding of grants to assist regional councils and unitary authorities in aquaculture planning.	Adjustments to 2007/08	-
	Adjustments for 2008/09	-
Commences: 1 July 2006	Adjusted Appropriation	2,000
Expires: 30 June 2011	Actual to 2007/08 Year End	388
	Estimated Actual for 2008/09	500
	Estimated Actual for 2009/10	612
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	500

Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

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Details of Net Asset Schedule	2008/09 Estimated Actual \$000	2009/10 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2009/10
Opening Balance	3,712	5,101	
Capital Injections	1,389	891	\$430,000 capital to continue development of the New Zealand Carbon Accounting System database; \$461,000 capital for the development costs of the Waste Minimisation Fund required subsequent to the passing of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	5,101	5,992	