

# *Vote Veterans' Affairs - Defence Force*

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MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister of Veterans' Affairs (M75)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: New Zealand Defence Force

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE: Minister of Defence

## Overview of the Vote

The Minister of Veterans Affairs is responsible for the appropriations in the Vote for the 2008/09 financial year covering the following:

- A total of over \$1 million for the provision of policy advice, the provision of administrative services to relevant boards and committees, the coordination of commemorations, the administration of contracts for work carried out in Services Cemeteries.
- A total of over \$2 million for the assessment and review of entitlements and benefits (War Disablement Pension, Veterans' Pension and burial in Services Cemeteries), the provision and installation of ex-service memorials for eligible veterans and the provision of case management for veterans and their families.
- A total of under \$1 million for the development and maintenance of Services Cemeteries.
- A total of over \$2 million for the provision of services to veterans and their families.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Veterans' Affairs - Defence Force in the Information Supporting the Estimates of Appropriations.

# Details of Appropriations

## Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Budgeted<br>\$000 | Estimated<br>Actual<br>\$000 | Budget<br>\$000 |
| Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |                              |                 |
| <b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                   |                              |                 |
| <b>Policy and Administration (M75)</b><br>The purchase of the provision of policy advice on, and administration of, a wide range of issues relating to veterans' entitlements, care, and recognition. This includes the provision of administrative services to relevant boards and committees, the coordination of commemorations, the administration of contracts for service for, and undertaking quality audits of, maintenance and development work carried out in Services Cemeteries. | 4,901             | 4,901                        | 1,669           |
| <b>Services to Veterans (M75)</b><br>To purchase the assessment of entitlements and benefits and the provision of appropriate services. This includes the assessment and review of entitlements and benefits - War Disablement Pension, Veterans' Pension and burial in Services Cemeteries, the provision and installation of ex-service memorials for eligible veterans and the provision of case management for veterans and their families.                                              | 2,630             | 2,630                        | 2,272           |
| <b>Total Departmental Output Expenses</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>7,531</b>      | <b>7,531</b>                 | <b>3,941</b>    |
| <b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   |                              |                 |
| <b>Development and Maintenance of Services Cemeteries (M75)</b><br>The purchase of the development and maintenance of Services Cemeteries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 746               | 746                          | 746             |
| <b>Support for Veterans and Their Families (M75)</b><br>To provide for the support of veterans and their families. This includes the provision of counselling for veterans' families, the reimbursement of out of pocket expenses for veterans' children with specified conditions and additional support for veterans to facilitate them remaining in their own homes for as long as possible.                                                                                              | 1,027             | 1,027                        | 2,027           |
| <b>Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1,773</b>      | <b>1,773</b>                 | <b>2,773</b>    |
| <b>Other Expenses to be incurred by the Crown</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                   |                              |                 |
| <b>Ex-Gratia Payments (M75)</b><br>Provision of payments to: veterans and/or members of their family with accepted conditions; veterans for one-off medical assessments; the EVSA (Neville Wallace Memorial) Youth Development Trust and the Vietnam Veterans' and their Families Trust.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1,680             | 1,680                        | -               |
| <b>Total Other Expenses to be incurred by the Crown</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1,680</b>      | <b>1,680</b>                 | <b>-</b>        |
| <b>Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>10,984</b>     | <b>10,984</b>                | <b>6,714</b>    |