

Vote Veterans' Affairs

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

Details of Appropriations

Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations

	2007/08		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Policy and Administration (M75)	4,901	-	4,901
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.			
Processing and Payment of Pensions (M75)	4,155	-	4,155
The purchase of processing and payment of War Disablement Pensions and related allowances, veterans'-related pensions and concessions and payments under the Rehabilitation Loan Programme.			
Services to Veterans (M75)	2,630	-	2,630
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.			
Total Departmental Output Expenses	11,686	-	11,686
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Development and Maintenance of Services Cemeteries (M75)	746	-	746
The purchase of the development and maintenance of Services Cemeteries.			
Support for Veterans and Their Families (M75)	1,027	-	1,027
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.			
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	1,773	-	1,773
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses			
Interest Concessions Land and Buildings (M75)	60	17	77
Provision of the differential between the 3% or 5% Rehabilitation Loan rate and the current market rate as set out in the Rehabilitation Act 1941. Legislation enacting the scheme was repealed in August 1991 and the Rehabilitation Loan Programme has since ceased. Current provisions cover the grandparenting of loans.			
Medical Treatment (M75)	17,290	1,594	18,884
Provision to pay assessment costs for War Disablement Pension applications and reviews, medical treatment costs for accepted service-related disabilities, and the costs of appliances and aids required as a result of an accepted disability. All costs associated with medical treatment are set out in the War Pensions Regulations 1956.			

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Veterans' Pension (M75) Provision of income support for ex-service people in a declared war or emergency who have either reached the qualifying age for New Zealand Superannuation and are on a 70% (or greater) War Disablement Pension, or are prevented from undertaking employment for a substantial period due to disability and who fulfill the New Zealand citizenship and residency requirements as set out in section 70 of the War Pensions Act 1954.	156,631	4,802	161,433
War Disablement Pensions (M75) Provision to pay War Disablement Pensions to ex-service people who have a disability attributable to, or aggravated by service in a declared war or emergency at any time, or in routine service prior to 1 April 1974 as set out in section 19 of the War Pensions Act 1954. This appropriation also covers Surviving Spouse Pensions as set out in section 48 of the War Pensions Act 1954, the allowances set out under the War Pensions Act 1954 and the War Pensions Regulations 1956.	127,945	5,290	133,235
Total Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	301,926	11,703	313,629
Other Expenses to be incurred by the Crown			
Ex-Gratia Payments (M75) 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.	1,500	180	1,680
Total Other Expenses to be incurred by the Crown	1,500	180	1,680
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	316,885	11,883	328,768