

Vote Social Development Non-Departmental Appropriations Report 2024

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Minister's introduction

In accordance with section 19B of the Public Finance Act 1989 (the Act), as the Minister having responsibility for non-departmental appropriations within Vote Social Development in 2023/24, I submit the following report on those non-departmental appropriations in the Vote that were not granted an exemption from reporting under section 15D of the Act. The relevant appropriations are:

Non-departmental output expenses:

- Community Participation Services
- Drivers Licence Support Employment Assistance

Non-departmental other expenses:

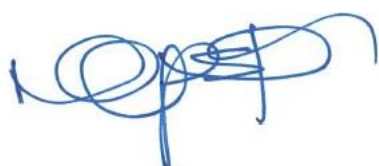
- Out of School Care and Recreation Programmes.

This report outlines what was intended to be achieved by each of the appropriations, and results delivered by third-party service providers funded by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) that do not report to Parliament through other reporting mechanisms.

This report includes non-financial and financial performance for the relevant non-departmental appropriations for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Non-departmental output expenses captured under multi-category appropriations (MCAs) within Vote Social Development are reported in MSD's Annual Report. Appropriations that were granted an exemption from reporting, or that are to be reported by other agencies, are listed in the Appendix at the end of this report.



The performance information in this report has not been audited.



Hon Louise Upston
Minister for Social Development and Employment

Summary of performance

Status indicators

Met or exceeded standard	
Did not meet the standard	

Output expense: Community Participation Services


Scope of appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the provision of services, resources, assistance and support to people so they can participate in and contribute to the wider community.

Intention statement

This appropriation is intended to achieve an increase in opportunities for disabled people to fully participate in their communities by enhancing the skills, knowledge and services available to them.

Non-financial performance

Measure	Standard 2023/24	Actual 2022/23	Actual 2023/24	Status
The number of disabled people supported to participate in their communities will be no fewer than (Disclosure 1 and Note 1)	10,200	17,048	10,722	

Disclosure 1: In 2023/24 the measure relating to the Employment Service for people with a disability and/or health condition moved to the Improved Employment and Social Outcomes MCA within Vote Social Development to align with the funding for the service. This measure is now reported in MSD's Annual Report.

Note 1: The provider and the client discuss the client's aspirations and goals with respect to participating and contributing to their communities and develop an individual plan for realising these goals.

Financial performance

Financial performance (Figures are GST exclusive)	2022/23 Actual \$000	2023/24 Budgeted \$000	2023/24 Revised \$000	2023/24 Actual \$000
Total appropriation	88,678	116,574	123,108	95,577

Output expense: Drivers Licence Support Employment Assistance

Scope of appropriation



This appropriation is limited to providing driver licensing assistance to eligible people who face significant barriers to obtaining a driver licence.

Intention statement

This appropriation is intended to achieve equitable access to driver licences to improve employment, wellbeing and safety outcomes.

Non-financial performance

The Driver Licence Support programme supports equity for people disadvantaged by barriers to obtaining a New Zealand driver licence. The programme covers class 1 learner, restricted or full driver licences. Community providers are funded to deliver driver licence support services through a national contracting framework.

Measure	Standard 2023/24	Actual 2022/23	Actual 2023/24	Status
Driver licence support contracted provision aligns with sector capacity and provides coverage for no less than (Disclosure 1 and Note 1)	15,000 places	New measure	17,748 places	
The standard was exceeded. Additional restricted and full driver licence places were purchased using identified underspends in the participant fee funding. This level of performance is expected to continue as providers have indicated they can support more individuals with the funding offered in their agreements.				
MSD-contracted driver licence provision, in addition to further provision available as a component of existing programmes, will be available in no less than (Disclosure 1)	13 regions	New measure	13 regions	

Disclosure 1: This appropriation was established through the 2023/24 Estimates of Appropriations when the funding moved from the Improved Employment and Social Outcomes MCA within Vote Social Development. The measures were revised to better align with the intent of the initiative, and the standards increased.

Note 1: This is a multi-agency initiative led by MSD and the New Zealand Transport Agency – Waka Kotahi. As it is shared, the measure relates to the driver licence support places across the entire initiative.

Financial performance

Financial performance (Figures are GST exclusive)	2022/23 Actual \$000	2023/24 Budgeted \$000	2023/24 Revised \$000	2023/24 Actual \$000
Total appropriation	-	15,000	15,000	13,547

Other expense: Out of School Care and Recreation Programmes

Scope of appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the provision of assistance to Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) programmes approved in accordance with regulations made under the Social Security Act 2018, to assist with the establishment and/or operating costs of OSCAR programmes.

Intention statement

This appropriation is intended to achieve increased opportunities for parents and caregivers to gain and sustain employment.

Non-financial performance

This appropriation contributes towards the provision of quality, affordable out-of-school care and recreation programmes for school-age (five to 13 years old) children to assist more parents and caregivers to participate in employment or training. OSCAR funding covers the delivery of before-school care, after-school care and school holiday programmes.

Measure	Standard 2023/24	Actual 2022/23	Actual 2023/24	Status
Percentage of identified service gaps filled a year (Note 1)	100%	100%	100%	✓
Percentage of providers that successfully meet attendance record quality sampling (Note 2)	90%	100%	100%	✓
Percentage of OSCAR programmes that successfully meet monitoring visit requirements (Note 3)	90%	100%	100%	✓
Results for OSCAR programmes have met or exceeded standards. The quality of OSCAR programmes remains high with all providers who were sampled in 2023/24 meeting quality standards and requirements.				

Note 1: 'Service gap' is defined as an area where service coverage is non-existent or limited and funding is required to support delivery.

Note 2: Each year MSD undertakes a sample of provider attendance reports to ensure that attendance matches or exceeds funded places.

Note 3: Monitoring requirements include viewing the attendance records for the day, assessing the general quality of delivery and observing child engagement. Together with the previous measure, this demonstrates that service quality and reporting requirements are being met, helping to ensure service continuity.

The following information is provided for context:

	2023/24
Number of OSCAR providers (at 30 June 2024)	472

Financial performance

Financial performance (Figures are GST exclusive)	2022/23 Actual \$000	2023/24 Budgeted \$000	2023/24 Revised \$000	2023/24 Actual \$000
Total appropriation	22,177	24,189	23,901	22,223

Appendix: Appropriations not reported

The following non-departmental appropriations in Vote Social Development are not included in this report, for the reasons stated below.

To be reported in the Annual Report of the Children and Young People's Commission

Non-departmental output expense:

- Children and Young People's Commission

Non-departmental capital expense:

- Children and Young People's Commission Capital programme

To be reported in the Annual Report of the Social Workers Registration Board

Non-departmental output expense:

- Social Workers Registration Board

Exempted from reporting under section 15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989 (Note 1)

Non-departmental output expense:

- Supporting Equitable Pay for Care and Support Workers

Non-departmental benefit or related expenses:

- Accommodation Assistance
- Childcare Assistance
- Disability Assistance
- Hardship Assistance
- Jobseeker Support and Emergency Benefit
- New Zealand Superannuation
- Orphan's/Unsupported Child's Benefit
- Sole Parent Support
- Special Circumstance Assistance
- Student Allowances
- Study Scholarships and Awards
- Supported Living Payment
- Training Incentive Allowance
- Transitional Assistance
- Veterans' Pension
- Winter Energy Payment
- Work Assistance
- Youth Payment and Young Parent Payment

Non-departmental other expenses:

- Apprentice Support
- Business Support Subsidy COVID-19
- COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme
- Debt Write-downs
- Reimbursement of Income Related Rent Overpayments

Non-departmental capital expenses:

Recoverable Assistance

Recoverable Housing Support Assistance category in the Housing Support Assistance MCA

Student Loans

Exempted from reporting under section 15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act 1989 (Note 2)

Non-departmental output expense:

Housing Place-Based Approaches

Student Placement Services

Improving Children's Participation in Education category in the Community Support Services MCA

Provision to better prepare people to access and sustain private rentals category in the Housing Support Assistance MCA

Non-departmental other expenses:

Disability-related Legal Expenses

Emergency Housing Support Package

Extraordinary Care Fund

Community Capacity and Support category in the Supporting Tāngata Whaikaha Māori and Disabled People MCA

Note 1: Under section 15D(2)(b)(ii), an appropriation or category may be exempted from reporting if end-of-year performance information for the appropriation or category is not likely to be informative in the light of the nature of the transaction or causal event giving rise to the expenses or capital expenditure.

Note 2: Under section 15D(2)(b)(iii), an appropriation or category may be exempted from reporting if the amount of the annual appropriation or the projected amount of the expenses or non-departmental capital expenditure in the category is less than \$5 million for expenses or less than \$15 million for capital expenditure.