

Overview of the Vote - Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety

Vote Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety is a new Vote for 2018/19 (2019/20). It contains appropriations (other than forestry-related appropriations) that until the end of 2017/18 were in the previous Vote Primary Industries and Food Safety. The forestry-related appropriations previously in Vote Primary Industries and Food Safety are now in the new Vote Forestry.

The Minister of Agriculture is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2018/19 (2019/20) financial year covering a total of \$126 million (\$106 Million) mainly for:

- administration of government approved schemes, grants and assistance to the sector, including the Primary Growth Partnership
- education and enforcement intended to improve animal welfare in New Zealand
- obtaining science, research, technology, capacity and capability in climate change, and
- providing recovery assistance and support to the sector following adverse natural events.

The Minister of Agriculture is also responsible for an appropriation of \$121 million (\$158 million) which provides for policy advice, the implementation of it and ministerial servicing for the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister for Biosecurity, the Minister of Fisheries and the Minister for Food Safety and for facilitating international trade in, and market access for, primary products.

The Minister of Agriculture is also responsible for a capital injection of \$48 million (\$16 million) to the Ministry for Primary Industries to finance its capital expenditure.

The Minister for Biosecurity is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2018/19 financial year covering a total of \$264 million (\$365 million) for Biosecurity: Border and Domestic Biosecurity Risk Management. These expenses relate to:

the assessment, containment and possible long term management of suspected biosecurity risk organisms within New Zealand

- monitoring and clearance programmes that manage the biosecurity risk associated with international trade and travel
- development and maintenance of standards and systems that manage biosecurity risk associated with imports and exports, and
- expenses incurred as a result of compensation and ex-gratia payments arising from Biosecurity events.

The Minister for Food Safety is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2018/19 financial year covering a total of \$109 million (\$116 million) for Food Safety related expenditure. These expenses relates to:

- providing assurance that New Zealand food products meet New Zealand legislative requirements, and where relevant, the market access requirements of importing countries

- obtaining and sharing information that encourages participation in, and compliance with the food regulatory programme
- investigations of, preparedness for, and responses in relation to food related events, incidents, emergencies, complaints and suspected breaches of legislation and taking appropriate action
- the scientific inputs and development and implementation of food related standards, and standards related to inputs into food production, imports and exports
- co-ordination of activities, development and delivery of frameworks that facilitate the food-related safety aspects of international trade, and implementation of agreements and arrangements which influence and improve multilateral, regional and bilateral relationships.

The Minister of Fisheries is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2018/19 financial year covering a total of \$80 million (**\$84 million**). These expenses relate to:

- informing, assisting, directing and enforcing adherence to New Zealand fisheries laws implementing ministerial decisions on sustainability and management controls for New Zealand fisheries
- administration of government approved scheme, grants and assistance to the fisheries sector, and
- implementing aquaculture policy advice, and supporting and monitoring the growth of the aquaculture industry.