

# *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 2012/13 financial year covering the following:

- A total of under \$3 million for the provision of policy advice, the provision of administrative services to relevant boards and committees, the coordination of commemorations and the administration of contracts for work carried out in Services Cemeteries.
- A total of just over \$6 million for the assessment and review of entitlements and benefits (War Disablement Pension, Surviving Spouse 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, ex-gratia payments and annual medical assessments to Vietnam veterans.
- A total of over \$140 million for benefits and medical treatment 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

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2011/12		2012/13
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Policy Advice and Related Outputs MCOA (M75)</b>	-	-	<b>2,715</b>
<i>Administration Services</i>	-	-	2,495
This output class is limited to the provision of services to Ministers to enable them to discharge their portfolio (other than policy decision-making) responsibilities, the coordination of commemorations, the provision of administration services to relevant boards and committees and the administration of contracts for service for maintenance and development work carried out in Service Cemeteries.			
<i>Policy Advice</i>	-	-	220
This output class is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributions to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on government policy matters relating to Veterans' Affairs.			
<b>Services and Payments to Veterans (M75)</b>	<b>5,814</b>	<b>5,814</b>	<b>6,014</b>
This appropriation is limited to the assessment, review and payment of entitlements and benefits (War Disablement Pensions and related concessions and allowances, Surviving Spouse Pensions), the assessment and review of entitlement for burial in Service Cemeteries, the installation of ex-service memorials for eligible veterans, and the provision of case management for veterans and their families.			
<b>Policy and Administration (M75)</b>	<b>2,853</b>	<b>2,853</b>	-
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.			
<b>Total Departmental Output Expenses</b>	<b>8,667</b>	<b>8,667</b>	<b>8,729</b>
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Development and Maintenance of Services Cemeteries (M75)</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>746</b>
The purchase of the development and maintenance of Services Cemeteries.			
<b>Support for Veterans and Their Families (M75)</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>1,027</b>
This appropriation is limited to providing 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; additional support for veterans to facilitate them remaining in their own homes for as long as possible; additional support to facilitate veterans' rehabilitation; support for the surviving partner after the death of the veteran and for the provision of grants to Non-Government Organisations for the support of veterans and their families.			
<b>Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>1,773</b>

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2011/12		2012/13
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses</b>			
<b>Interest Concessions Land and Buildings (M75)</b> This appropriation is limited to provision for grandparented loans of the differential between the 3% or 5% Rehabilitation Loan rate and the current market rate as set out in the Rehabilitation Act 1941.	9	6	4
<b>Medical Treatment (M75)</b> This appropriation is limited to the payment of assessment costs as set out in the War Pensions Regulations 1956 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.	21,670	20,221	21,070
<b>Special Annuities (M75)</b> This appropriation is limited to paying annuities authorised by Cabinet to recognise a special contribution by the recipient to New Zealand Society.	29	26	27
<b>War Disablement Pensions (M75)</b> This appropriation is limited to the payment of 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 the War Pensions Act 1954, the payment of Surviving Spouse Pensions as set out in the War Pensions Act 1954 and the payment of allowances as set out in the War Pensions Act 1954 and the War Pensions Regulations 1956.	129,621	128,705	124,140
<b>Total Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses</b>	151,329	148,958	145,241
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Debt Write-down for Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses (BOUE) (M75)</b> This appropriation is limited to the write-down of Crown debtors administered by the New Zealand Defence Force due to the requirement to comply with Crown accounting policies and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).	250	250	250
<b>Ex-Gratia Payments and Comprehensive Medical Assessments for Vietnam Veterans (M75)</b> This appropriation is limited to the ex-gratia payments to Vietnam veterans and/or members of their family with accepted conditions and for the annual comprehensive medical assessments for Vietnam Veterans.	1,200	1,200	1,300
<b>Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>	1,450	1,450	1,550
<b>Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations</b>	163,669	161,298	157,293