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Report in relation to selected non-departmental appropriations for the year ended 30 June 2025

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Foreword

Ministers are responsible for reporting the financial and non-financial performance of non-departmental appropriations to Parliament. This report provides information on the year-end performance results of non-departmental appropriations that have not been included in any other reports to Parliament.

This report provides the 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 results of relevant non-departmental appropriations for the Science, Innovation and Technology portfolio within Vote Business, Science and Innovation.

The relevant appropriations are:

Non-departmental output expenses:

- Endeavour Fund
- Gene technology regulatory functions
- Health Research Fund
- Marsden Fund
- Partnered Research Fund

Non-departmental other expenses:

- Catalyst Fund
- Innovative Partnerships Strategic Facilitation Fund

Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

- Kenepuru Science Centre 2023-2026



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Statements of Performance

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Endeavour Fund

Scope of appropriation

This appropriation is limited to research, science or technology, and related activities that have the potential for excellence and long-term impact for New Zealand's economy, society or environment.

What is intended to be achieved with this appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve investment in the highest quality, investigator-led research proposals to impact in areas of future value, growth and critical need for New Zealand.

Assessment of Performance

Non-financial

Performance Measures	2023/24 Actual Standard	2024/25 Budgeted Standard	2024/25 Actual Standard
Percentage of contracts that have been monitored and performance assessed within agreed timeframes	100%	100%	100%

Comment

All contracts report and are assessed annually, with high-risk contracts monitored more frequently through regular discussion with contract holders.

Financial

Expenses (\$000)	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Estimates	2024/25 Supplementary Estimates	2024/25 Actual
Total Appropriation	236,515	246,857	247,746	244,853

Comment

Actual spend of \$244.853 million is \$2.893 million (1%) under appropriation.

An In Principle Expense Transfer approved through the March Baseline Updates 2025 will be transferred to financial year 2025/26 to cover anticipated contract variation payments in outyears, as a result of the third-party contract delays.

Gene technology regulatory functions

Scope of appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the provision of gene technology regulatory functions.

What is intended to be achieved with this appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the establishment of a new Gene Technology regulator and regime to accelerate the research, development, commercialisation and uptake of Gene Technologies in New Zealand. The updated rules intend to support our scientists and industry in using gene technologies to make advancements in healthcare and climate change, protect our unique environment, lift our agricultural productivity, and boost exports for economic growth

Assessment of Performance

Non-financial

Performance Measures	2023/24 Actual Standard	2024/25 Budgeted Standard	2024/25 Actual Standard
Scoping and design for the Regulator system is completed by June 2025	New measure	Achieved	Achieved

Financial

Expenses (\$000)	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Estimates	2024/25 Supplementary Estimates	2024/25 Actual
Total Appropriation	-	-	876	876

Health Research Fund

Scope of appropriation

This appropriation is limited to research and research applications with the primary purpose of improving the health and well-being of New Zealanders.

What is intended to be achieved with this appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve an improvement in the health and well-being of New Zealanders through health research.

Assessment of Performance

Non-financial

Performance Measures	2023/24 Actual Standard	2024/25 Budgeted Standard	2024/25 Actual Standard
Number of contracts funded in the previous financial year by the Health Research Council that meet the Health Research Council's definition of 'transformative' research	17	10-20	19
The percentage of funding contracts that have been administered and monitored by MBIE and performance assessed within agreed timeframes	100%	100%	100%

Comment

Financial

Expenses (\$000)	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Estimates	2024/25 Supplementary Estimates	2024/25 Actual
Total Appropriation	124,989	124,989	115,434	115,434

Marsden Fund

Scope of appropriation

This appropriation is limited to excellent investigator-led research.

What is intended to be achieved with this appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve an improvement in investigator-led research in areas of science, engineering, mathematics, social sciences and the humanities.

Assessment of Performance

Non-financial

Performance Measures	2023/24 Actual Standard	2024/25 Budgeted Standard	2024/25 Actual Standard
The proportion of the publications attributed to the Marsden Fund that are in the top 10% of global publications, ranked by citations	21.2%	10%	18%

Comment

Marsden Fund grant recipients continue to outperform with citations in highly ranked global publications.

Financial

Expenses (\$000)	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Estimates	2024/25 Supplementary Estimates	2024/25 Actual
Total Appropriation	78,545	78,545	78,545	78,545

Partnered Research Fund

Scope of appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the co-funding of research commissioned by users, and the application of research by users.

What is intended to be achieved with this appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve greater connections between researchers and end-users.

Assessment of Performance

Non-financial

Performance Measures	2023/24 Actual Standard	2024/25 Budgeted Standard	2024/25 Actual Standard
Percentage of contracts that have been monitored and performance assessed within agreed timeframes	100%	100%	100%

Comment

Contract monitoring is ongoing throughout the year and reports are assessed when received by Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) according to individual contract requirements.

Financial

Expenses (\$000)	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Estimates	2024/25 Supplementary Estimates	2024/25 Actual
Total Appropriation	28,045	22,328	22,647	21,880

Comment

Actual spend of \$21.880 million is \$0.767 million (3%) under appropriation.

An In Principle Expense Transfer approved through the March Baseline Updates 2025 will be transferred to financial year 2025/26. This is due to an extension to a contract across the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial year boundary as the result of one of the Research Partnerships Programmes being put on hold while a new work programme was developed and implemented.

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Catalyst Fund

Scope of appropriation

This appropriation is limited to grants to support international science partnerships.

What is intended to be achieved with this appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve improved international flows of people, ideas and investment through support of activities that initiate, develop and foster collaborations leveraging international science and innovation for New Zealand's benefit.

Assessment of Performance

Non-financial

Performance Measures	2023/24 Actual Standard	2024/25 Budgeted Standard	2024/25 Actual Standard
Percentage of contracts that have been monitored and performance assessed within agreed timeframes	100%	100%	100%

Comment

All contract conditions are being actively managed.

Financial

Expenses (\$000)	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Estimates	2024/25 Supplementary Estimates	2024/25 Actual
Total Appropriation	31,557	52,961	53,155	34,946

Comment

Actual spend of \$34.946 million is \$18.209 million (34%) under appropriation.

An In Principle Expense Transfer approved through the March Baseline Updates 2025 will be transferred to financial year 2025/26 and out years to align with international partners' priorities and budget commitments.

Innovative Partnerships Strategic Facilitation Fund

Scope of appropriation

This appropriation is limited to grants to support the operation of the Innovative Partnerships programme.

What is intended to be achieved with this appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the enablement of Innovative Partnerships to procure outcomes through co-investment to get Research and Development opportunities secured, embedded and enlarged for New Zealand's benefit.

Assessment of Performance

Non-financial

Performance Measures	2023/24 Actual Standard	2024/25 Budgeted Standard	2024/25 Actual Standard
Percentage of contracts that have been monitored and performance assessed within agreed timeframes.	100%	100%	100%

Financial

Expenses (\$000)	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Estimates	2024/25 Supplementary Estimates	2024/25 Actual
Total Appropriation	6,343	5,000	577	577

Comment

The appropriation is disestablished for 2025/26 – the Partnerships Strategic Facilitation Fund is no longer active.

Non-Departmental Capital Expenses

Kenepuru Science Centre 2023-2026

Scope of appropriation

This appropriation is limited to capital expenditure to support the redevelopment of the Institute of Environmental Science and Research's Kenepuru Science Centre.

Commences: 01 January 2024

Expires: 30 June 2026

What is intended to be achieved with this appropriation

This appropriation intends to achieve the redevelopment of the Institute of Environmental Science and Research's Kenepuru Science Centre

Assessment of Performance

Non-financial

Performance Measures	2023/24 Actual Standard	2024/25 Budgeted Standard	2024/25 Actual Standard
The redevelopment of the Institute of Environmental Science and Research's Kenepuru Science Centre is delivered in accordance with its Implementation Business Case	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved

Comment

The appropriation was used to progress the redevelopment of the Institute of Environmental Science and Research's property asset at Kenepuru.

Financial

Expenses (\$000)	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Estimates	2024/25 Supplementary Estimates	2024/25 Actual
Total Appropriation	10,000	15,000	15,000	15,000

