



Minister for Economic Growth

Economic Growth Portfolio

Vote Business, Science and Innovation

Report in relation to selected non-departmental appropriations for the year ended 30 June 2026

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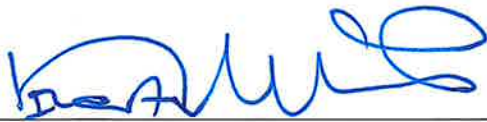
Foreword

Ministers are responsible for reporting the financial and non-financial performance of non-departmental appropriations to Parliament. This report provides information about 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 2025 - 30 June 2026 results of relevant non-departmental appropriations for the Economic Growth portfolio within Vote Business, Science and Innovation. The relevant appropriations are:

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

- *Economic Development: New Zealand Screen Production Grant - International 2021-2026 (Multi-Year Appropriation)*
- *Cyclone – Regional Support for the Impacts of Cyclone Garbielle and January 2023 Weather Events*



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Statements of Performance

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Economic Development: New Zealand Screen Production Grant - International 2021-2026 (Multi-Year Appropriation)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to providing grant assistance to screen productions that are internationally focused and produced in New Zealand.

Commences: 01 July 2021

Expires: 30 June 2026

Intention Statement

The appropriation is intended to achieve economic and industry benefits to New Zealand, including employment and skill development opportunities by incentivising screen productions that would not otherwise have been made in New Zealand.

Assessment of Performance

Non-Financial

Performance Measures	2024/25 Actual Result	2025/26 Budget Standard	2025/26 Actual Result
Total annual value of approved Qualifying New Zealand Production Expenditure (QNZPE) for NZSPR (international productions)	New measure for 2025/26	\$650m-\$800m	\$1.16 billion
Percentage of New Zealand crew employed on live action international productions receiving the NZSPR	New measure for 2025/26	85%	91%
Percentage of New Zealand cast employed on live action international productions receiving the NZSPR	New measure for 2025/26	60%	80%

Commentary

The Government's decision to increase the New Zealand Screen Production Rebate (NZSPR-International) funding by \$577 million over four years and changes to the NZSPR - International announced in November 2025 enhanced New Zealand's competitiveness and helped attract a wider range of productions eligible for the rebate. This resulted in higher production expenditure than expected under previous settings and therefore greater employment outcomes for New Zealand cast and crew.

Financial

Expenses	2024/25 Actual \$000	2025/26 Estimates \$000	2025/26 Supplementary Estimates \$000	2025/26 Actual \$000
Total Appropriation	228,839	210,000	231,161	191,174

Commentary

This appropriation is underspent by \$39.987m (17%) for the year ended 30 June 2026. This was the final year of the Multi-Year Appropriation (MYA) that was in place from 1 August 2021 to 30 June 2026 with a total budget of \$991.167m, compared to the actual spend of \$951.180m. The underspend will be transferred to the new MYA beginning 1 July 2026 and relates to the grant being uncapped and the uncertainty relating to forecasts on how many productions will register for access to the rebate each year.

Cyclone – Regional Support for the Impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle and January 2023 Weather Events

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to providing support for regions impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle and the January 2023 weather events.

Intention Statement

The appropriation is intended to achieve a funding package enabling a regional recovery for projects impacted by extreme weather in Northland, Hawke's Bay, and Tairāwhiti.

Assessment of Performance

Non-Financial

Performance Measures	2024/25 Actual Result	2025/26 Budget Standard	2025/26 Actual Result
Percentage of contracted projects monitored at key contract stages	New measure for 2025/26	95%	99.5%

Commentary

This new measure was introduced in 2025/26 to strengthen monitoring of contracted projects across the full portfolio of regional development funds and appropriations. As the measure did not exist in 2024/25, comparison is not possible.

Financial

Expenses	2024/25 Actual \$000	2025/26 Estimates \$000	2025/26 Supplementary Estimates \$000	2025/26 Actual \$000
Total Appropriation	2,284	0	2,751	1,088

Commentary

The appropriation is underspent by \$1.663 million (50%) for the year ended 30 June 2026 due to the grant contracts incorporating milestone-based payments. The requirement for each payment milestone needs to be met before payment can occur. The contract payment milestones are continuing into 2026/27, and the underspend has been approved to be carried-forward from 2025/26 to fund milestone payments largely relating to Wairoa Airport Upgrade project.