Minister for Media and Communications

Media and Communications 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 the relevant non-departmental appropriations for the Media and Communications portfolio within Vote Business, Science and Innovation.

The relevant appropriation is:

Non-Departmental Output Expense

- Media and Communications: Funding to address Māori Interests in radio spectrum (M8) (A17)

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Minister for Media and Communications

Statements of Performance

Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Media and Communications: Funding to address Māori Interests in radio spectrum (M8) (A17)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to supporting the Interim Māori Spectrum Commission and its successor Māori Spectrum Entity to serve Māori interests and opportunities in radio spectrum.

Intention Statement

This appropriation is intended to achieve a strengthened Crown-Māori relationship through an enduring resolution of Māori interests in spectrum, and increased leadership, skills, capability and participation of Māori in spectrum-related sectors.

Assessment of Performance

Non-Financial

Performance Measure	2024/25 Actual Result	2025/26 Total Standard	2025/26 Actual Result
Funds drawn down in accordance with the Funding Agreement	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved

Comment

Funds drawn down in accordance with the Funding Agreement.

Financial

Expenses ($000)	2024/25 Actual	2025/26 Estimates	2025/26 Supplementary Estimates	2025/26 Actual
Total Appropriation	8,000	8,000	18,750	18,750

Comment

This appropriation increased by $10.750 million to $18.750 million in 2025/26 due to the drawdown of the remaining tagged operating contingency to partially reimburse Tū Ātea for the acquisition of the telecommunications business Feenix Communications Limited.