



Minister for Space

Space 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 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 2025- 30 June 2026 results of relevant non-departmental appropriation for the Space portfolio within Vote Business, Science and Innovation.

The relevant appropriation is:

Non-departmental output expenses:

- Space sector Development

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Hon Paul Goldsmith
Minister for Space

Statements of Performance

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Space Sector Development

Scope of appropriation

This appropriation is limited to initiatives relevant to development of the aerospace sector.

What is intended to be achieved with this appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve support for growth of the space and advanced aviation sectors in New Zealand.

Assessment of Performance

Non-financial

Performance Measures	2024/25 Actual Standard	2025/26 Budgeted Standard	2025/26 Actual Standard
Number of applications from New Zealand-based entities to space regulatory systems per year	New Measure	4	4
Number of launches per year	New Measure	5	16

Comment

There were three payload permit applications and one high-altitude licence application from New Zealand-based entities in 2025-26. Since this performance measure was established MBIE has implemented a new regulatory regime for ground-based space infrastructure, with applications from 15 New Zealand based entities.

Financial

Expenses (\$000)	2024/25 Actual	2025/26 Mains	2025/26 Supplementary Estimates	2025/26 Actual
Total Appropriation	893	3,911	3,911	3,867

Comment

Expenditure for 2025/26 was \$3.867 million, which was in line with the appropriation, with a minor variance of 1%.