



Vote Youth Development

Report in relation to selected Non-Departmental Appropriations
for the year ended 30 June 2008

Presented to the House of Representatives pursuant to Section 32A of the Public Finance Act 1989.

Foreword

Section 32A(2) of the Public Finance Act 1989 requires the Minister responsible for each non-departmental appropriation to report to the House of Representatives, within three months of the end of the financial year, on the services purchased in the preceding year.

The Vote Youth Development non-departmental appropriation report records the financial and non-financial performance results of service performance for the following non-departmental output expenses for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008:

- Services for Young People.
- Youth Development Partnership Fund.

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Introduction

The Ministry of Youth Development administers the *Services for Young People* and the *Youth Development Partnership Fund* non-departmental output expenses.

The Ministry of Youth Development supports, develops and funds community-based social service providers through its *Services for Young People* non-departmental output expense. During the year work continued on the development and implementation of the Pathway to Partnership Plan, which is a multi-year plan to build strong and sustainable and more effective community-based services for families, children and young people. At its core is the strong, supportive working relationship between government and the community sector.

It recognises that community-based providers of services for children, young people and families play an essential role in supporting families and making sure that children and young people get the best start in life.

Pathway to Partnership will:

- move existing essential family-, child- and youth-focused services to full funding by 2011
- provide for annual cost adjustment payments
- address forecast volume increases
- focus more on achieving outcomes and less on inputs or programmes
- enable providers to build workforce capability and capacity
- support organisations to work more closely together to reduce duplication and get more resources into services.

A range of community-based social service provider organisations are funded to deliver personal, social and emotional development opportunities through experiential learning, challenging activities and work experiences. Participants are provided with a key stepping stone towards transitioning to employment, further education or other training opportunities. The Ministry's New Zealand Conservation Corps, Youth Services Corps and Specialist Youth Services Corps programmes specifically target vulnerable and disengaged 15- to 24-year-olds. Participants develop key life and work skills, including self-confidence, team working, critical thinking and problem solving, and good communication skills.

In 2007/08 1,442 young people participated in Ministry-funded New Zealand Conservation Corps, Youth Services Corps and Specialist Youth Services Corps programmes.

The Ministry supported national programmes like the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme and the Mission-On 2008 Stage Challenge, which continued to offer more than 15,000 secondary school students new and challenging learning opportunities in safe and supportive environments.

The Ministry's funding to the *Young New Zealanders' Challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (the Challenge)* has resulted in an increase in the number of young people from diverse communities participating in the Challenge, including young people with physical and learning disabilities and those from lower-decile schools and from care and protection services.

The *Youth Development Partnership Fund* provides partial funding directly to territorial authorities for local-level solutions to the emerging needs of, and opportunities for, young people in their communities. Since the launch of the Fund in October 2005, 40 territorial authorities have been supported to collaborate with young people on projects contributing to employment, education or training outcomes.

The *Youth Development Partnership Fund* has been successful in supporting councils to improve outcomes for young people. Examples of projects funded include:

- youth crime prevention initiatives
- initiatives to prevent young people joining local gangs
- entrepreneurship opportunities
- development of employment-related skills
- developing young people's leadership skills.

Statement(s) of Service Performance

NON-DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUT EXPENSES

Services for Young People

Scope of Appropriation

Provision of programmes and services to enable the implementation of the *Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa* at regional and local levels.

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives of Appropriations	Appropriation
Outcome – Children and Young People Objective – Help young people to achieve their potential. Young people are supported to overcome barriers and develop their understanding of, and ability to make good decisions about, the range of issues and opportunities they may face.	Services for Young People.
Outcome – Working Age People Objective – Enable young people to live independent lives. All New Zealanders have access to services and the ability to obtain skills that will allow them to live healthy and productive lives and to achieve independence throughout their working lives.	Services for Young People.
Outcome – Communities, Hapū and Iwi Objective – Strengthening communities. Build our relationships with, and the capability of, the community and voluntary sector to ensure that New Zealand families and communities are strong and resilient.	Services for Young People.

Description of Activities

The Ministry of Youth Development funds community-based, not-for-profit organisations, social service providers and education institutions to deliver youth development programmes and services targeted at vulnerable and disengaged young people aged 12-24.

Essential services funded include the New Zealand Conservation Corps, the Youth Service Corps and the Specialist Youth Service Corps programmes. These programmes increase the confidence of young people, assist them to set goals for their future, increase their personal and relationship skills, improve health and wellbeing and reduce offending and other risks that are barriers to further education, training and employment.

The Ministry contributes funding to a range of key national programmes and events, including the *Mission-On 2008 Stage Challenge*, Enterprise New Zealand's *Young Enterprise Scheme* (YES), and the *Young New Zealanders' Challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award*.

The Ministry also contributed funding to national umbrella organisations, such as the National Youth Workers Network Aotearoa and the Youth Mentoring Trust to co-ordinate and collaborate on workforce and sector development activities.

Service Performance

Non-Financial

Performance Measures	2006/07 Actual Standard	2007/08 Budgeted Standard	2007/08 Actual Standard
Quantity			
The percentage of young people participating in programmes or services reporting being 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the programme or service will be no less than:	96.4%	80%	95.8%
The percentage of young people participating in programmes or services reporting an improvement in their personal and social skills and contribution to the environment will be no less than:	95.3%	80%	89.9%
The percentage of young people participating in programmes or services reporting moving into employment, education or training or to other youth development opportunities will be no less than:	70%	65%	67%
Activity Monitors			
The number of programmes or services purchased	62 ¹	N/A	129
The number of young people participating in programmes or services purchased	1,492	N/A	1,442

Financial

Expenses and Revenue	2006/07 Actual \$000	2007/08 Estimates \$000	2007/08 Supp Estimates \$000	2007/08 Actual \$000
Total Appropriation	7,263	7,208	7,388	7,388
Revenue from the Crown	7,263	7,208	7,388	7,388

¹ Sixty-two provider organisations were funded in 2006/07 from *Services for Young People*. A total of 125 programmes were purchased in 2006/07.

Youth Development Partnership Fund

Scope of Appropriation

Provision of one-off partial funding to assist territorial authorities to respond to the emerging needs of, and opportunities for, young people.

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives of Appropriations	Appropriation
<p>Outcome – Children and Young People</p> <p>Objective – Help young people to achieve their potential. Young people are supported to overcome barriers and develop their understanding of, and ability to make good decisions about, the range of issues and opportunities they may face.</p>	Youth Development Partnership Fund.
<p>Outcome – Working Age People</p> <p>Objective – Enable young people to live independent lives. All New Zealanders have access to services and the ability to obtain skills that will allow them to live healthy and productive lives and to achieve independence throughout their working lives.</p>	Youth Development Partnership Fund.
<p>Outcome – Communities, Hapū and Iwi</p> <p>Objective – Strengthening communities. Build our relationships with, and the capability of, the community and voluntary sector to ensure that New Zealand families and communities are strong and resilient.</p>	Youth Development Partnership Fund.

Description of Activities

The Youth Development Partnership Fund was launched in October 2005, enabling the Ministry of Youth Development to partner with territorial authorities to support projects that benefit young people in their communities.

The 2007/08 funding round resulted in the Ministry receiving 40 proposals from 30 territorial authorities. A selection panel comprising representatives from the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs, Local Government New Zealand, the Youth Transition Service, Child, Youth and Family, the Ministry of Social Development, the Department of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Youth Development and young people reviewed the submitted proposals and subsequently recommended 16 projects for funding.

Since the launch of the Youth Development Partnership Fund, feedback and reporting from territorial authorities indicate that more than 10,000 young people have been engaged in a variety of ways, from attending youth-led events to longer-term involvement in mentoring or cadetship programmes.

Service Performance

Non-Financial

Performance Measures	2006/07 Actual Standard	2007/08 Budgeted Standard	2007/08 Actual Standard
Quality			
The percentage of young people participating in territorial authority initiatives reporting having improved self-esteem, improved personal development, improved connection to family or community, and /or improved health will be no less than:	86%	80%	88.5%
The percentage of young people participating in territorial authority initiatives reporting being able to move into employment, further training or tertiary education or other youth development opportunities will be no less than:	91%	70%	81%
Activity Monitors			
The number of territorial authorities applying for partial funding	63	N/A	30
The number of territorial authorities receiving partial funding	27	N/A	16

Financial

Expenses and Revenue	2006/07 Actual \$000	2007/08 Estimates \$000	2007/08 Supp Estimates \$000	2007/08 Actual \$000
Total Appropriation	1,096	889	889	889
Revenue from the Crown	1,096	889	889	889