

**Minister for Social Development and Employment**

# **2006/07 Non-Departmental Output Expense Report**

*On selected services purchased through  
Vote Social Development*

# Minister's Introduction

I am pleased to present the 2006/07 Non-Departmental Output Expense report for Vote Social Development. This report records the financial and non-financial performance results for the following non-departmental output expenses in Vote Social Development for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007:

- Vocational Services for People with Disabilities
- Student Placement Services
- Capacity Building Initiatives
- Strong Families and
- Connected Communities

The highlights for the 2006/07 year include:

- Supporting over 9,000 people with disabilities to move into or to stay in paid employment through the *Vocational Services for People with Disabilities* output expense
- Providing tertiary students with employment that on average earned them \$13.18 per hour in 2006/07 compared with \$12.47 per hour in 2005/06. The average length of job placements in summer also rose from 5.3 to 5.5 weeks.

*Vocational Services for People with Disabilities* provides services to increase the participation of people with disabilities in employment and in their communities. In 2006/07, 21,317 people received a vocational service and of these, 9,087 were placed into employment or assisted to remain in employment. In addition, 237 very high needs school leavers were assisted with their transition from education to the workforce and/or enhanced participation in the community. The repeal of the Disabled Persons Employment Promotion Act 1960 (DPEP Act) heralds a new environment for the disability sector. A significant focus during the year has been working with stakeholders in the sector to improve the quality of services provided and enhance outcomes for clients in the new environment. \$83.052 million was spent on this output expense in 2006/07.

The \$3.511 million spent on the Student Placement Services enabled Student Job Search Aotearoa Inc. (SJS) to provide tertiary students with employment that generated \$84.719 million in student earnings in 2006/07. Although fewer students were placed in employment by SJS in 2006/07 compared with 2005/06 they earned a higher hourly rate and had longer placements in jobs in summer. These placements help students to assist themselves while they study, and to reduce their dependence on other sources of living support.

*Capacity Building Initiatives* fund a variety of programmes to support social development and employment outcomes for disadvantaged communities. Key achievements in 2006/07 are outlined below.

- 96 at-risk teenagers participated in Project K – a programme that assists them to reach their potential;
- More than 390,000 talking books, and more than 5,000 articles were delivered as part of the Talking Books for the Blind programme.

*Strong Families* funds services to improve outcomes for families and their members. Key achievements in 2006/07 are outlined below.

- 4,083 families received Family Start (and Early Start) services from 26 sites managed by the Ministry of Social Development
- Funding was provided to NGOs to employ 20 advocates for children and young people witnessing family violence, and the first 10 advocates were appointed
- 122,693 people received budgeting advice and education and 112,636 people received assistance from preventive service providers.

The *Connected Communities* output funds services to strengthen community cohesion, participation and capability. Key achievements in 2006/07 are outlined below.

- Nine community leaders were funded through the Community Initiatives Fund to manage social development projects, including initiatives to enhance the capacity of the community and voluntary sector, and to strengthen the capability of vulnerable families
- Funding and other assistance was provided to a range of refugee and migrant community projects including parenting programmes in Hamilton and Auckland and programmes to teach “social English” in Christchurch.

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Acting Minister for Social Development and Employment

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# Vote Social Development

## Output Expense – Vocational Services for People with Disabilities

### *Description*

This non-departmental output expense provides supported employment services, including sheltered workshops, and other vocational services for people with disabilities that:

- Increase participation of people with disabilities in employment, and
- Increase participation of people with disabilities in their communities.

The strategies implemented to achieve these objectives are outlined in the Government's document *Pathways to Inclusion: Improving Vocational Services for People with Disabilities*. The strategies are to:

- increase the focus on employment
- encourage and enhance community participation
- ensure services are responsive to the needs of all groups of people with disabilities
- clarify who is eligible for Work and Income funded vocational services
- build sector capacity and quality
- improve access for job seekers with disabilities to Work and Income's mainstream employment related services
- change legislation.

The first six strategies were phased in over a number of years and the Ministry is working with its partners in the disability sector to ensure that the strategies become locked in and that there is a smooth transition to the new environment and also that there continue to be improvements in the quality of the new services.

Implementation of the seventh strategy is tied to the 2006 repeal of the Disabled Persons Employment Promotion Act 1960 (DPEP Act). As a result of this from 1 December 2007, standard employment legislation will apply to sheltered workshops. The Ministry, along with the Department of Labour is working closely with the sector to ensure that the change is implemented in a way which is valued by service providers and their clients alike.

## *Background*

### *Services to increase participation of people with disabilities in employment:*

These services are focused on placing and/or supporting people with disabilities in paid employment, (including full-time, part-time, temporary or casual, or self-employment), with the same rights, conditions and obligations as other workers.

The aim of these services is to:

- support people to gain and or retain employment, and/or
- support people to acquire the skills needed to obtain employment.

Employment programmes can include:

- employment placement
- supported employment
- development of job search skills and work confidence
- support to access careers information and guidance, and
- time-limited work experience or skills training for the purpose of gaining employment.

### *Services to increase participation of people with disabilities in their communities:*

These services are focused on enabling people with disabilities to participate in and contribute to the wider community.

The aim of these services is to:

- support people with disabilities to access and take part in the community, and/or
- support people with disabilities to develop skills to participate in the community.

Community participation programmes can include:

- voluntary work (note: voluntary work can also be an activity used as a stepping stone by a service focused on employment outcomes)
- active participation in activities, services and facilities that are part of the daily lives of New Zealanders

- support to people to achieve valued roles in the community (eg, student, team mate, colleague, volunteer worker, teacher, parent)
- activities that develop skills for daily living and participating in the community.

It is expected that providers will aim to ensure that:

- services provided are in accordance with the aspirations and needs of each participant
- participants have opportunities to interact with and develop relationships with the wider community (i.e. activities are not segregated, there is meaningful interaction with people outside the programme), and
- the activities are valued by the community.

### *Results Achieved*

In 2006/07, 9,087 of the 21,317 people who received a vocational service were placed into employment or assisted to remain in employment.

There were also approximately 1,500 people with disabilities working within Ministry funded Sheltered Workshops. When the Disabled Persons Employment Promotion Repeal Act takes effect in December 2007 “Sheltered Workshops” will become known as “Business Enterprises”. A high proportion of the workers in “Business Enterprises” are people with an intellectual disability.

A high needs school and tertiary education leaver transition strategy was established in 2003/04 with 237 students at 110 educational institutions participating in 2006/07. This service supports young people with disabilities to move from school or tertiary education into work or participation in the community in a valued role.

The repeal of the DPEP Act and the end of the transition period for the implementation of Pathways to Inclusion signal the beginning of a new environment for the disability sector. The Ministry is now working with stakeholders in the sector to lock in and enhance this new environment. This work includes undertakings with not only service providers but also agencies including The New Zealand Federation of Vocational and Support Services, People First New Zealand Incorporated and the Standards and Monitoring Service to extend the work initiated in the transition period to continuously improve the quality of the new services being provided for people with disabilities.

<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>Results</b>
The number of individuals placed in paid open employment – Estimated	9,087 clients were placed in paid open employment.

9,000.	
The number of individuals who received a Vocational Service – Estimated 20,000.	21,317 clients received a Vocational Service.
The volume of service provided.	7,359,881 hours of employment and community participation services for people with disabilities were provided.
The volume of sheltered work hours provided.	1,788,143 hours of sheltered work were provided.
The level of participation in the community.	3,630,593 community participation hours (enabling people with disabilities to participate in and contribute to the wider community) were provided. (This includes services within the community and services within community organisations.)

It should be noted that while the “hours” give a good indication of the level of service provided, this information is derived from data supplied by individual service providers and some providers supply estimates of their service hours. Consequently the “hours” shown in the performance measures should be treated as indicative.

### *Financial Performance*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Appropriation Voted \$m (GST exclusive)</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure \$m (GST exclusive)</b>
<b>2006/07</b>	83.580	83.052

## **Output Expense – Student Placement Services**

### *Description*

Through this non-departmental output expense, the Minister for Social Development and Employment purchases services from Student Job Search (SJS) to place students in employment during holiday and term periods.

### *Results Achieved*

The \$3.511 million spent on the Student Placement Services Output Expense enabled Student Job Search Aotearoa Inc. to provide tertiary students with employment that generated \$84.719 million in student earnings in the 2006/07 year. This was a 4% decrease from the \$88.040 million worth of student earnings in 2005/06.

40,914 students were placed into 214,318 weeks of work during the 2006/07 financial year. The average dollar-per-hour rate increased from \$12.47 per placement to \$13.18. Over summer (October 2006 to February 2007), 21,855 students were placed into 119,636 weeks of work which generated \$46.760 million in student earnings.

Over 40% of the work (49,928 weeks of work) placed by Student Job Search over summer was long-term work (full-time and over a month in duration). The average length of job placements in summer rose slightly from 5.3 to 5.5 weeks.

Student Job Search continued to build relationships with small to medium sized businesses, and to match students with business skill shortages. 1,939 placements were made in skilled or course-related duration (30 hours per week and four weeks or more) over summer. In addition 5,330 skilled placements were made in-term, which was 33% above the target of 4,000.

During the 2006/07 year Student Job Search attracted 37,926 new job offers (many with multiple vacancies), of which 19,113 were over the summer period.

Performance Measures	Results										
<p>SJS will provide at least 150,000 weeks of work through the placement of tertiary students in work over the period 1 October 2006 to 28 February 2007.</p> <p>These placements will generate at least \$58 million in earnings for students.<sup>1</sup></p>	<p>119,636 worker weeks were achieved. The main factors that contributed to lower than forecast performance were a strong labour market which meant job numbers and student enrolment numbers were lower than expected and efficiency gains from new online services did not eventuate to the extent expected.</p> <p>\$46.760 million of earnings were generated for students.</p>										
<p>SJS will measure the number of weeks of work for:</p> <p>Men Women Māori Pacific Island</p> <p>students and compare this with their proportional representation among students.</p>	<p>SJS achieved the following proportions for:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="831 779 1402 965"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="831 779 1145 817"><b>Weeks</b></th> <th data-bbox="1155 779 1402 817"><b>(% of Students)</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="831 817 1145 855">Men 47.1%</td> <td data-bbox="1155 817 1402 855">(46.6%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="831 855 1145 893">Women 52.9%</td> <td data-bbox="1155 855 1402 893">(53.4%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="831 893 1145 931">Māori 4.9%</td> <td data-bbox="1155 893 1402 931">(4.2%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="831 931 1145 969">Pacific Island 2.7%</td> <td data-bbox="1155 931 1402 969">(2.4%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>(% of Students)</b>	Men 47.1%	(46.6%)	Women 52.9%	(53.4%)	Māori 4.9%	(4.2%)	Pacific Island 2.7%	(2.4%)
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<p>SJS will measure client satisfaction, through an independently conducted satisfaction survey, to ensure that at least 80% of student and employer clients are satisfied with the service they receive.</p>	<p>Client satisfaction was not measured in 2006/07<sup>2</sup>.</p>										
<p>SJS will provide at least 80,000 of the overall weeks of work target of 150,000 in placements that exceed 30 hours for 4 weeks. 50,000 of these duration worker weeks will be in skilled or course related placements.</p>	<p>49,928 weeks of work exceeding 30 hours for 4 weeks continuously were achieved.</p> <p>The main factor that contributed to lower than forecast performance was a strong labour market which meant job numbers and student enrolment numbers were lower than expected.</p> <p>1,939 skilled placements were achieved.</p>										
<p>SJS will connect students to 80,000 weeks of work through the placement of tertiary students in work over the</p>	<p>94,723 worker weeks were achieved over the periods 1 July 2006 to 30 September 2006, and 1 March 2007 to</p>										

<sup>1</sup> SJS gather information about earnings for students at the time the student is placed in employment.

<sup>2</sup> SJS did not undertake the research necessary to complete this measure. It will be completed in 2007/08.

periods 1 July 2006 to 30 September 2006, and 1 March 2007 to 30 June 2007 (these placements will generate at least \$26 million in earnings for tertiary students).	30 June 2007.  \$37.980 million of earnings were generated for students.
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<b>Other Information Activity Monitors</b>	<b>Results</b>
SJS and StudyLink will measure the number of placements (both in-term and over the summer period). Traditionally placement levels have been set at 25,400 placements over the summer period and 4,000 'skilled' placements in-term. Whilst not a key performance indicator itself, numbers of new enrolments and placements do provide a measure of the number of transactions with tertiary students.	19,028 placements were achieved in-term and 5,330 were skilled placements.  21,885 placements were achieved over summer. 3,222 duration placements were achieved over summer, of which 1,939 were skilled or course-related.
SJS and StudyLink will provide a breakdown of the number of individual students and their demographic characteristics within the weeks of work targets.	See demographic information below.

## Demographics of Student Placements 2006/2007

### Age

2006/07	<18	18-20	21-24	25-35	>35	Total <sup>3</sup>
Number of Placements	Not measured	15,946	15,168	7,527	2,239	40,880

### Gender

2006/07	Female	Male	Total
Number of Placements	18,295	22,585	40,880

### Ethnicity

2006/07	Maori	Pacific Island	Other Ethnicity	Total
Number of Placements	2,551	1,399	36,930	40,880

### Financial Performance

Year	Appropriation Voted \$m (GST exclusive)	Actual Expenditure \$m (GST exclusive)
2006/07	3.512	3.511

<sup>3</sup> 34 placements did not have demographic information recorded in 2006/07.

## Output Expense – Capacity Building Initiatives

### *Description*

This non-departmental output expense provides resources to disadvantaged communities and individuals to enhance the skills, knowledge and services available, to better achieve their and the Government's aims for social development and employment.

Currently this output expense includes:

- *Citizens' Support*: Assistance to organisations which provide advocacy services to people regarding their entitlements from government departments.
- *Talking Books for the Blind*: Delivery and return of Talking Books for the Blind and articles for the Blind from the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind to library members.
- *Project K*: Programmes and services that provide at risk Year 10 students with opportunities for positive change and self-empowerment.
- *Red Cross*: Purchase of services for vulnerable older people.

### *Results Achieved*

#### Citizens' Support

This is the fourth year that funding was provided to support advocacy groups to help New Zealanders access social assistance entitlements. Government support of advocacy groups recognises that some people require independent assistance to help articulate their circumstances so that the social security system can respond appropriately.

The funding is a contribution to advocacy service activities but is limited to services provided to clients in their individual interactions with the Ministry of Social Development on matters relating to their individual benefit entitlements.

The following criteria were applied in distributing the funding:

- Funding is to be used as a fee for service to assist individuals in their dealings with Work and Income and Special Services service delivery units of the Ministry of Social Development.
- Only bona fide advocacy services are to receive funding.

- The advocacy service must be a “not for profit” service, and
- The advocacy service must have a proven record of providing services to clients to the level of Benefits Review Committee and Social Security Appeal Authority hearings.

All funding recipients indicated that they had increased the level of service they provided. They were able to retain experienced staff and operate at a more professional level. Expanded services to rural areas were able to continue with workshops for rural clients.

## Talking Books for the Blind

The Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind (RNZFB) currently issues, and receives returns of, Talking Books and Articles for the Blind through a postal service which the Ministry contracts from New Zealand Post on behalf of the RNZFB.

In the 2006/07 year, 391,975 Talking Books were delivered and returned and 5,874 Articles were delivered to RNZFB library members.

## Project K

Project K is a 14 month youth development programme designed to inspire targeted year 10 students to reach their potential, through developing their self-confidence, promoting positive health outcomes, developing team work and problem solving skills and enabling participants to set and realise their goals.

The Ministry of Youth Development managed the service contract with the Foundation for Youth Development (formerly Project K Trust) to deliver the Project K programme to 288 students (the target level over three years) between September 2004 and June 2007.

An evaluation of Project K is also underway. It will report on the impact of the programme on students and their:

- Self-efficacy
- Health and lifestyle and
- Goal achievement.

## Red Cross

The Red Cross received \$192,000 in 2006/07 to undertake research to determine unmet community needs and services required in two areas:

- Support in Caring for the Sick
- Support for Older People (in line with the Positive Ageing Strategy).

Based on this work the Red Cross has submitted two further proposals for funding in 2007/08:

- An “A to Z” booklet to assist clients to identify which services are available to them
- A proposal to offer community transport.

These proposals are being evaluated and are likely to be the basis of a contract in 2007/08.

Performance Measures	Results
<p><b>Citizens' Support:</b> Provide funding for advocacy services in each of the 12 Work and Income regions.</p>	<p>11 advocacy services received assistance. This provided coverage for all Work and Income regions except Waikato. Advocacy groups based in Auckland and the Bay of Plenty represented clients and or provided support and advice to advocates in the Waikato region.</p>
<p><b>Talking Books for the Blind:</b> Delivery and return of 426,000 books and delivery of 6,000 articles.</p>	<p>Delivery and return of 391,975 books and delivery of 5,874 articles. This service provides books and articles as requested by service users. Actual numbers therefore reflect demand.</p>
<p><b>Project K:</b> Support up to 96 students over a 14 month programme.</p>	<p>96 students participated in Project K.</p>
<p><b>Red Cross:</b> Develop home based services for vulnerable older people.</p>	<p>Research into community needs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support in Caring for the Sick and</li> <li>• Support for Older People.</li> </ul> <p>The research was completed and proposals for meeting some of the identified needs were made.</p>

*Financial Performance*

<b>2006/07</b>	<b>Forecast Expenditure \$m (GST exclusive)</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure \$m (GST exclusive)</b>
Citizens' Support	0.231	0.222
Talking Books for the Blind	0.690	0.690
Project K	0.279	0.279
Red Cross	0.750	0.192
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.950</b>	<b>1.383</b>

<b>Year</b>	<b>Appropriation Voted \$m (GST exclusive)</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure \$m (GST exclusive)</b>
<b>2006/07</b>	1.950	1.383

## **Output Expense – Strong Families**

### *Description*

This non-departmental output expense provides funding for services to improve outcomes for families and their members, including services that provide general advice and information, and services that improve family resilience and safety. This output expense includes.

Early Intervention initiatives, including:

- Funding for the Family Start programme which provides assistance to families with children aged up to five years whose family and social circumstances place their health, education and well-being at risk. The service helps families set goals for their future, assists them in developing a plan to meet those goals and then provides parenting education and in-home assistance to get them on the right track,
- A pilot of a universal parenting support service that builds on the core Well Child health service.

Initiatives to reduce violence and abuse in families, including:

- education of, and provision of services to, older people suffering abuse and neglect, and
- education and co-ordination of services for children witnessing violence.

SAGES: older people as mentors:

- Funding for older people to deliver one-on-one home and life skills mentoring for families in need of assistance. Volunteers work with families to develop their skills in areas such as home management, cooking, budgeting and positive parenting.

Budget Advice and Education:

- Funding for the provision of budgeting services to families and individuals.

### *Results Achieved*

#### **Family Start**

Funding to extend Family Start and Early Start boundaries, and to increase contracted volumes, was agreed to as part of the Early Years package announced by Government on 21 June 2006. A process was undertaken in which existing Family Start providers were invited to apply for increases in

volumes and extensions to geographic boundaries. A panel comprising representatives from the Ministries of Social Development and Education reviewed the applications, and granted changes in six locations: an extension to Nelson Family Start's boundaries; and increases in volumes of an additional 132 client places to Family Start sites in Rotorua, Hastings, Ranui and Kawerau, and the Early Start in Christchurch.

The roll-out of Family Start to a further 10 sites was completed, with the two providers selected during 2005/06 (in Tokoroa and Taumaranui) completing the required developmental work to raise their capability, before contracts were signed.

During the 2006/07 financial year 4,083 families received Family Start (and Early Start) services from the 26 sites managed by the Ministry of Social Development.

### *Well Child (Toddlers Without Tears) Pilot*

This pilot is a parenting support programme that builds on the core Well Child services currently accessed by virtually all parents of young children. It includes three points of contact with the family. The first is an individual parenting session when the child is about eight months old, which is delivered by a Well Child nurse. Group parenting sessions, when the child reaches around 12 and 15 months, are the second and third points of contact with the family.

The first cohort of 79 families took part in the pilot during 2006/07, which was delivered within the Auckland District Health Board region. The parenting sessions were delivered by three Well Child service providers.

The pilot will be rolled out in 2007/08 and 2008/09. The programme will be delivered to approximately 4,000 families in Canterbury, Counties Manukau and Auckland, beginning in October 2007.

### *Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services*

Funding was provided to the 23 providers of elder abuse and neglect prevention services (EANPS), and 909 people received services.

\$79,438 was also allocated to 15 EANPS providers through the annual funding round. This funding pool is designed to provide support for EANPS providers to undertake a specific project or activity for older people in their region, or for the purchase of a specific item of equipment.

### *Child Witnesses*

This initiative provides for 45 full-time equivalent advocates for children and young people nationwide, to be rolled out over four years. The advocates sit within (and are employed by) a community-based non-government agency, and

are a community-wide resource for people working with children and young people affected by family violence.

During 2005/06 consultation was undertaken with the family violence prevention collaborative networks to establish where the first 10 child advocate positions would be based. The areas selected were the East Coast, Waitakere, North Shore/ Rodney, and Hauraki. This year, contracting was completed with the selected non-government organisations (NGOs) in the agreed locations, and by 30 June 2007, all 10 advocates had been employed by the NGOs.

The next 10 locations to host advocates were identified. These were Taupo, Rotorua, Hamilton, New Plymouth (2), Wanganui, Christchurch, Timaru, Dunedin and Invercargill. Following a contract tender process, agencies were selected and contracts negotiated. Funding was paid to these agencies to employ the advocates and, as at 30 June 2007, two advocates had been employed. It was anticipated that the 10 advocate positions would be filled by 30 June, but due to the high number of agencies expressing interest in hosting the advocate positions, timelines were extended to allow agencies enough time to prepare and submit proposals. This extension delayed the selection of the agencies and, consequently, the agencies' advertising and recruitment process, which is currently under way.

During 2007/08 host agencies for the third group of 10 advocates will be selected, and during 2008/09 host agencies for the final 15 advocate positions will be selected. All 45 full-time equivalent advocate positions will in place by 30 June 2009.

### *SAGES: older people as mentors*

Funding was provided to the 15 providers of SAGES, and 585 families or individuals received one-on-one life and home-skills mentoring this year.

### *Budget Advice and Education*

122,693 clients received budget and general education and advice this year from providers that received funding from Family and Community Services.

Performance Measures	Results
<p><b>Early Intervention initiatives:</b> Family and Early Start: provide funding for Family and Early Start services to between 3,100 and 3,500 families.</p> <p>Family Start Services will be provided in at least 20 sites across New Zealand.</p> <p>Pilot parent support with Well Child providers: 50 parents from the Auckland District Health Board area will take part in the initial Toddlers Without Tears trial being run by Well Child providers.</p>	<p>Services were provided to 4,083 families during 2006/07. A number of the new providers were able to increase the number of families they work with faster than anticipated.</p> <p>At 30 June 2006, 26 Family Start sites were funded by Family and Community Services.</p> <p>79 families were recruited and took part in the trial.</p>
<p><b>Initiatives to reduce family violence and abuse in families:</b> Elder Abuse: Between 800 and 950 clients will receive elder abuse and neglect prevention services.</p> <p>Services for children witnessing violence: provide funding for 20 child advocates based in non-government organisations to provide advice and consult with those working with children and their families.</p>	<p>909 people received elder abuse and neglect prevention services.</p> <p>Funding was provided to the agencies hosting the first 20 child advocates positions.</p>
<p><b>Other initiatives:</b> SAGES: older people as mentors: delivery of home and life skills mentoring to between 300 and 500 families and individuals in need.</p> <p>Budget Advice and Education: delivery of budgeting advice and education to between 80,000 and 120,000 clients.</p> <p>Preventive services: delivery of assistance from preventive services</p>	<p>585 families and individuals received home and life skills mentoring from 15 service providers.</p> <p>Budgeting advice and education was delivered to 122,693 clients.</p> <p>Preventive services were delivered to 112,636 people.</p>

providers to between 110,000 and 130,000 people.	
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*Financial Performance*

Year	Appropriation Voted \$m (GST exclusive)	Actual Expenditure \$m (GST exclusive)
<b>2006/07</b>	46.314	45.774

## **Output Expense – Connected Communities**

### *Description*

This non-departmental output expense provides funding for services to strengthen community cohesion, participation and capability. This output expense includes.

*Social service development for Refugee and Migrant groups:* assisting the refugee/migrant sector develop and implement social services.

*Community Initiatives Fund:* providing support for innovative social development projects run by community leaders that will make a real, tangible and measurable difference within communities.

### *Results Achieved*

#### **Social Service Development for Refugee and Migrant Groups**

Funding was provided to a range of communities for a wide variety of activities. These included funding:

- Volunteer Wellington to work on encouraging migrants into volunteer work
- Nelson Multi Ethnic Council and Marlborough Migrant Centre to link communities with local social services
- Parenting programmes for refugee communities in Hamilton and Auckland
- The Changemakers Forum in Wellington to undertake work around social cohesion and participation
- Work around the Wellington Refugee Health & Wellbeing Action Plan
- A “social English” programme In Christchurch for isolated refugee women.

Additionally, a range of activities to increase the skills and knowledge of refugee and migrant communities across the country was undertaken. These activities were diverse and were based on the needs of each particular group and community. Activities included leadership training, legal rights and obligations, fundraising training, democratic/civil process, governance training and project management.

#### **Community Initiatives Fund**

Nine projects received funding through the Community Initiatives Fund's third funding round (run over the 2006/07 year). The projects were based in Kaipara,

Waikato, New Plymouth, Tararua, Wellington (2), Christchurch, Banks Peninsula and Gore. The focus of these projects was on areas including refugee social development, enhancing the capacity of the voluntary and community sector, strengthening the capability of families, and working with young people.

Applications were invited for the fourth funding round (being run over the 2007/08 year). Five projects were selected for this round and these projects focus on areas including at-risk youth, family violence prevention and helping families deal with the loss of a child.

Performance Measures	Results
<p><b>Social Service Development for Refugee and Migrant groups:</b> At least 30 refugee and migrant community groups throughout the country are provided with assistance to develop the skills knowledge and confidence they need to become fully functioning participants within their communities.</p> <p>At least 90% of projects funded achieve contracted outputs within agreed timeframes.</p>	<p>More than 30 groups were supported to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence.</p> <p>100% achieved goals within agreed timeframes.</p>
<p><b>Community Initiatives Fund:</b> At least 90% of outputs contained in 2006/07 output plans are delivered within agreed timeframes.</p>	<p>Progress reports received from the 15 projects running during the 2006/07 year showed that 93% of outputs from project plans were achieved.</p>

### *Financial Performance*

Year	Appropriation Voted \$m (GST exclusive)	Actual Expenditure \$m (GST exclusive)
<b>2006/07</b>	3.367	3.196

## Non – departmental commitments at 30 June 2007

Vote Social Development Non – departmental Operating commitments	30 June 2007 Actual \$m
Less than one year	63.896
One to two years	0
Two to five years	0
<b>Total Operating commitments</b>	<b>63.896</b>