

Minister of Youth Affairs

2003/04
Non-Departmental
Output Class Report

*On selected services purchased through
Vote Youth Affairs*

Minister's Introduction

This report records the financial and non-financial performance results for the outputs purchased by the Minister of Youth Affairs through selected non departmental output classes in Vote Youth Affairs for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004.

The Youth Development Programmes provide subsidised Youth Development Training Programmes for young people aged 15 to 25. The New Zealand Conservation Corps Programme targets 16 to 25 year olds from various backgrounds. The programme is a mixture of conservation and environmental projects, education and recreation based learning. Te Ao Maori is also part of the programme.

The Specialist Youth Service Corps programme targets 15 and 16 year old minimum to low risk offenders referred through the youth justice system. The programme provides a mixture of community projects, educational and recreation based learning. The aim of the programme is to reduce re-offending.

Both programmes aim to improve educational achievements, promote training opportunities and lead to sustainable employment. The Specialist Youth Service Corps programme also includes community service work. Community service work aims to provide meaningful work that offers the young person an opportunity to contribute positively to their community and the local environment. Through these programmes young New Zealanders contribute over 1 million hours to projects that both preserve and enhance the environment, the historical heritage of Aotearoa/ New Zealand and contribute to communities well being.



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Minister of Youth Affairs

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Vote Youth Affairs

Output Class 01 – Conservation Corps

Description

Through this non-departmental output class, the Minister of Youth Affairs purchases subsidised youth development programmes based on conservation, education and recreation activities to assist young people with motivation and skill development.

Significant Providers: The main providers are community organisations, Maori Trusts and educational institutions.

Results Achieved

Participants acquired new skills and improved their knowledge of conservation activities. 80% of participants reported an improvement in their self esteem. Many participants also gained work skills that will lead to sustainable employment. Some participants also increased their educational achievements while on the programme.

Performance Measures	Results
123 Conservation Corps projects will be established, each with conservation, education and recreation components.	124 projects were established.
1,590 young people will participate in Conservation Corps projects. 795 participants will be clients of Work and Income.	1,461 young people participated. 790 participants were clients of Work and Income.
80% of participants will report an improvement in their self-esteem through participation in the programme.	80% of participants reported improvement in their self-esteem through participation in the programme.
80% of participants will move into employment, education or further training within six months of leaving a programme.	64.2% of participants moved into employment, education or further training within six months of leaving a programme.
80% of participants will indicate via questionnaires their satisfaction with the programme.	80% of participants identified their satisfaction with the programme.
An evaluation report will be submitted by the supervisor on the completion of each project in all cases	100% of supervisors' evaluation reports were received.

Financial Performance

2003/04	Appropriation Voted \$m (GST inclusive)	Actual Expenditure \$m (GST inclusive)
	6.161	6.161

Output Class O3 – Specialist Youth Service Corps

Description

Through this non-departmental output class, the Minister of Youth Affairs purchases subsidised youth development programmes based on service, education and recreation activities to assist young people aged 15 and 16 years who are in the youth justice system. The programmes aim to reduce re-offending and improve employment and training prospects for participants.

Significant Provider: The main providers are community organisations, Maori Trusts and educational institutions.

Results Achieved

During the year 159 young people participated in the programme. Prior to joining the programmes, 95.6% of the young people had no formal qualifications. By the end of the programme 24 participants had completed their first aid certificates, 28 achieved NZQA units of learning and 20 attained their driving licences. Monitoring of participants will continue for a further 18 months.

Those not completing the programme left as a result of being case managed into further education, training or sustainable employment or for other reasons.

Performance Measures	Results
16 projects will be established, each with community work, education and recreation components.	16 projects were established.
160 young people will participate in Specialist Youth Service Corps projects. All will have had contact with the youth justice system.	159 young people participated.
60% of participants will demonstrate a reduction in re-offending.	61.4% of participants demonstrated a reduction in re-offending.
50% of participants will move into employment or further education and training within six months of leaving a project.	59.4% of participants moved into employment or further education and training within six months of leaving a project.
70% of participants will indicate via questionnaires an improvement in their self-esteem as a result of being involved in a programme.	99.4% of participants reported improvement in their self-esteem through participation in the programme.
70% of participants will demonstrate an improvement in behaviour, attitudes to peers and adults and skills acquisition, via individual reports written by the project supervisors.	61.4% of participants demonstrated an improvement in, behaviour, attitudes to peers and adults, and skills acquisition.

Financial Performance

2003/04	Appropriation Voted \$m (GST inclusive)	Actual Expenditure \$m (GST inclusive)
	1.008	1.006

Non – departmental commitments at 30 June 2004

Vote Youth Affairs Operating commitments	30 June 2004 Actual \$m
Less than one year	5.058
One to two years	1.509
Total Operating commitments	6.567

