

OUTPUT CLASS 2: SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND MAINTENANCE OF THE RESIDENCES

Description

This class of outputs involves:

- the provision of financial, administrative, communications, travel, and advisory services to the Office of the Governor-General and domestic and personal services for the Governor-General
- the conducting of a range of official functions, investitures and receptions at Government House and the hosting of state and other dignitaries
- the general upkeep of the two Government Houses (in Wellington and Auckland), including the maintenance and security of the buildings, and the landscaping, development, and maintenance of the gardens and grounds

- the maintenance of the other residences and buildings associated with the two Government Houses.

The Governor-General is the Queen's representative in New Zealand – and has constitutional, ceremonial and community roles. She requires high-quality advice and support to carry out these roles in a way that is appropriate for the representative of the head of state. The Wellington and Auckland Government Houses are important facilities for carrying out the Governor-General's duties and also as historic places.

Output Class 2 Financial Performance

30.06.04 Actual \$000		30.06.05 Actual \$000	30.06.05 Main Estimates \$000	30.06.05 Supplementary Estimates \$000
3,102	Revenue Crown	3,266	3,332	3,266
58	Revenue Other	54	48	58
3,131	EXPENDITURE	3,296	3,362	3,296
29	SURPLUS	24	18	28

Output Class 2 Service Performance: Support Services to the Governor-General and Government House

SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Objective

To provide efficient and effective support to the Governor-General to enable her to carry out her ceremonial and public role.

Performance

The Governor-General undertook an extensive programme of official engagements both within New Zealand and overseas.

Arrangements were made and briefings provided to the Governor-General to enable her to attend 243 official engagements in New Zealand. The Governor-General hosted 182 functions at Government House Wellington (the House in Auckland was closed for refurbishment for most of the period). A total of 30,000 people visited the two houses, either attending functions or on house visits individually or in groups.

The functions included nine investiture ceremonies for recipients from the 2004 Queen's Birthday Honours List and the 2005 New Year Honours List, and five credential ceremonies.

A ceremonial welcome, garden reception and dinner were held in honour of HRH the Prince of Wales, who stayed at Government House Wellington. Official welcome ceremonies and state lunches were held in Auckland in honour of the President of Pakistan and the Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina while a similar ceremony was held at Government House Wellington for the President of Indonesia.

A state dinner was held in honour of the Governor-General of the Solomon Islands, who stayed at Government House Wellington. A dinner was held in honour of the Prime Minister of Bahrain.

The Governor-General made extended visits to South Otago, Central Otago, the East Coast of the North Island, the West Coast of the South Island, and Invercargill during which she visited and met New Zealanders in their communities, schools, institutions, and businesses – and on marae.

In her ceremonial role, the Governor-General played a key part in New Zealand activities concerning the return from France of the remains of the Unknown Warrior and their subsequent interment at the National War Memorial in Wellington. She also addressed the remembrance ceremony for the 25th anniversary of the Mt Erebus air disaster. Ceremonies involving the New Zealand defence forces included the presentation of a new Queen's Colour to the RNZAF at RNZAF Base Ohakea.

As an initiative to promote wider public knowledge of the office and role of the Governor-General, a social studies resource for primary, intermediate and secondary schools has been incorporated into the Government House website. This was launched at a number of venues around the country and has attracted wide interest.

Objective

To provide services to the Governor-General to ensure the efficient and effective running of the official programme and household.

Performance

A wide range of functions and ceremonial occasions was delivered to the standard required for the Governor-General. Catering and domestic services were provided in accordance with the Governor-General's requirements. Some areas for improvement have been identified and are under action.

MAINTENANCE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Objective

To preserve and enhance the buildings and grounds of Government House as an appropriate residence of the head of the state and as an historic place.

Performance

The major focus for the year has been the redevelopment of Government House Auckland. The project was completed in April 2005 with a reopening held on 13 May 2005.

Significant projects carried out in Government House Wellington during this period include residence refurbishment, painting of the ballroom ceiling, and the start of the staged upgrade of security.

An independent review was commissioned during the period in order to ascertain the present condition, desirable maintenance level, and fitness for purpose of both the Auckland and Wellington properties. This will inform the development of a 25-year asset-management plan for the properties.

Objective

To satisfy the Governor-General that the development projects and the maintenance programmes are implemented effectively.

Performance

The Governor-General's views were sought regularly, particularly in regard to grounds management and development and other development projects. Her views were also sought during the preparation of the asset-management plan.

OUTPUT CLASS 3: INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS ON DEVELOPMENTS OVERSEAS

Description

This class of outputs involves:

- the provision of information and reports on events and trends overseas that affect New Zealand's interests
- the identification, collation, evaluation, and analysis of information on topics likely to affect New Zealand's foreign relations and external interests

- the preparation of intelligence assessments and reports on political, economic, environmental, biographic, strategic, military, and scientific subjects as required.

The use of effective planning and co-ordination processes in government can manage the risks of certain adverse events occurring, or lessen their effect if they do occur.

The department is responsible for assessing, monitoring and responding to threats of any kind in a timely and structured way.

Output Class 3 Financial Performance

30.06.04 Actual \$000		30.06.05 Actual \$000	30.06.05 Main Estimates \$000	30.06.05 Supplementary Estimates \$000
2,781	Revenue Crown	3,089	3,081	3,089
2,774	EXPENDITURE	3,089	3,081	3,089
7	SURPLUS			

Output Class 3 Service Performance: External Assessments Bureau (EAB)

Objective

To ensure the effective provision of accurately and succinctly assessed information on overseas developments of policy relevance to New Zealand.

Performance

There were no instances where significant factual errors were reported in papers that had been issued.

In a few instances, readers (particularly in New Zealand diplomatic missions overseas) provided additional information and insights subsequent to the publication of papers, especially for biographic reports. Such information was not available to EAB at the time that the reports in question were written.

Limits on the length of papers continued to be enforced strictly.

Priority was given to work directly related to topics of immediate concern to policy makers.

During the reporting period:

- the National Assessments Committee (NAC) approved 80 papers
- 445 biographical reports were prepared (compared with 509 in the previous year)
- 212 other assessments and reports were prepared, including 90 executive intelligence summaries (this compares with 265 other assessments and reports prepared in the previous year).

Biographical reports were delivered to primary customers before the visits and conferences to which the reports related.

Relevant EAB reports were available at the start of Watch Group meetings.

Objective

To ensure that the Prime Minister, other senior ministers, and officials are satisfied with the assessments and reports provided.

Performance

Assessments reflected national priorities, and those done in response to specific tasking addressed topics specified by those who requested them. Substantial positive feedback was received.

At least 90 per cent of assessments submitted to the NAC required no more than minor revision.