



REPORT

PROTECTING NEW ZEALAND'S BORDER

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Minister for COVID-19 Response

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION FOR VOTE CUSTOMS BORDER SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTPUT EXPENSE APPROPRIATION

Purpose and key points

- This report seeks your approval of the performance assessment information for the Border System Performance output expense appropriation to be included in *The Supplementary Estimates of Appropriations 2020/21* and *The Estimates of Appropriations 2021/22* (2021/22 Estimates) for Vote Customs.
- In December 2020 Parliament established a new interdepartmental executive board, the Border Executive Board (Board), with Customs as its servicing department. A new Vote Customs appropriation - Border System Performance - was created to fund a dedicated unit at Customs to support the Board with coordination, administration and advisory activities.
- Performance assessment information is required for this new appropriation for which Customs is allocated funding and responsibilities for both the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years. Appendix One contains the proposed performance assessment information for both reporting years.
- The Border System Performance appropriation funds Customs in its role of supporting the Board. The proposed performance assessment information focuses on its assurance work and the provision of support and secretariat services. Information about the Board's strategic outcomes will be reported in the New Zealand Customs Service annual report.
- We would appreciate your approval of the proposed performance assessment information by Friday 26 March 2021.

Recommendations

1 I recommend that you:

- 1 **agree** to, or provide feedback on, the proposed performance assessment information by Friday 26 March 2021.

Agree Disagree/Please Discuss



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| Minister's feedback on quality of briefing: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 = Was not satisfactory 2 = Fell short of my expectations in some respects 3 = Met my expectations 4 = Met and sometimes exceeded my expectations 5 = Greatly exceeded my expectations | | | | | |

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BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Performance assessment information for the Border System Performance appropriation

- 2 In December 2020 Parliament established a new interdepartmental executive board, the Border Executive Board (Board), with its' members jointly responsible to the Minister for COVID-19 Response for the operation of the Board.
- 3 The Board includes the New Zealand Customs Service, the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Ministry of Health.
- 4 Customs was named as the Board's servicing department and a new Vote Customs appropriation - Border System Performance - was created to fund a dedicated unit at Customs to support the Board with coordination, administration and advisory activities.
- 5 Performance assessment information, reflecting the outputs delivered by the organisation under this appropriation, is required for each financial year that funding and responsibilities are allocated. Appendix One contains the proposed performance assessment information for the Border System Performance appropriation. The same information is proposed for performance assessment in output reporting for 2020/21 and 2021/22.
- 6 *The Supplementary Estimates of Appropriations 2020/21* record all changes to the *The Estimates of Appropriations 2020/21* for Vote Customs which were finalised as part of Budget 2020. Our current performance measures for 2020/21 were proposed and agreed in March 2020, prior to the full emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic and the creation of this new Border System Performance appropriation.
- 7 Performance assessment information for this new appropriation is required for 2020/21 as Customs has received funding and responsibilities under COVID-19 legislation passed this financial year. Appendix One contains the proposed performance assessment information to be included in *The Supplementary Estimates of Appropriations 2020/21*.
- 8 *The Estimates of Appropriations 2021/22* cover the outputs to be delivered through each appropriation in the coming financial year. As Customs will continue to receive funding and responsibilities under this appropriation in 2021/22, the performance assessment information contained in Appendix One will also be required for *The Estimates of Appropriations 2021/22*.

ENDS

Output class 5 – Border System Performance

This appropriation is limited to policy and investment advice and the design and coordination of joint initiatives relating to the border system as a whole.

What is intended to be achieved with this appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve an end-to-end border process that integrates health risk management and strategic border system improvements. This will be achieved through the provision of support to the Border Executive Board to enable it to provide policy and investment advice to assist effective decision making, design and coordination for the border system to improve the wellbeing of New Zealanders.

How performance will be assessed

| Assessment of performance | | 2020/21 Standard | 2020/21 Budget Standard | Any changes and the rationale for the changes |
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| 5.1 | The Border Executive Board has a risk and assurance framework for the end-to-end border process with respect to COVID-19 | Achieved | Achieved | New measure – This measure reflects the Board's actions to provide a risk and assurance framework to ensure there are no gaps in the end-to-end border processes with respect to integrated health risk management and COVID-19 response |
| 5.2 | Satisfaction of the Minister for COVID-19 Response with the provision of coordination, information and advice | Meets expectations | Meets expectations | New measure – This measure reflects the quality of coordination, information and advice provided by the Board to the Minister for COVID-19 Response |

End of year performance reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the New Zealand Customs Service in its annual report.