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APPROPRIATION (1995/96 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES) BILL

Proposed Amendments

Rt. Hon. W. F. BIRCH, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 4: To omit paragraph (d) of subclause (1) (which appears on page 4), and substitute the following paragraphs:

- (d) The categories of other expenses enumerated in column 6 of the First Schedule to this Act:
- (e) The class of outputs set out in column 4 of **Schedule 1A** to this Act,—

To add to subclause (3) (which appears on page 4) the following paragraph:

- (e) The class of outputs against which the amount of expenses is shown in column 5 of **Schedule 1A** to this Act.

To add, after subclause (3) (which appears on page 4) the following subclause:

- (4) The expenses to which paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of this section relates include the expenses incurred under any approval given in relation to this year by the Minister of Finance under section 12 (1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

New clause 9: To insert, after clause 8 (which appears on page 6), the following clause:

9. Appropriation for expenses to be incurred by gifting pounamu—The expenses incurred by the Crown gifting unextracted pounamu in the South Island, and in those parts of the territorial sea of New Zealand adjacent to the South Island, to Ngai Tahu at no cost, which is less than the fair market value of that pounamu, are hereby appropriated.

New Schedule 1A: To insert, after the First Schedule, the following Schedule:

Section 4

SCHEDULE 1A
APPROPRIATION OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1995/96

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
<i>Vote</i>	<i>Minister responsible for Vote</i>	<i>Department administering Vote</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Expenses \$(000)</i>	<i>Purpose of and reason for change in appropriation</i>
Agriculture	Minister of Agriculture	Ministry of Agriculture	<i>Departmental output class (Mode B)— Pest and Disease Emergency Response Services</i>	3,723	Maintenance of a capability to respond to incursion of unwanted organisms harmful to animals and plants or to other organisms which could become a serious problem if left unchecked. The change is to meet the expenses involved in responding to the Mediterranean fruitfly outbreak in Mt Roskill.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed amendments seek appropriation of:

- additional expenses to respond to the Mediterranean fruitfly outbreak in Mt Roskill; and
- the expenses incurred by the Crown gifting unextracted pounamu (greenstone) in the South Island to Ngai Tahu.

The first of these, the proposed amendments to *clause 4* and the proposed new Schedule 1A, seeks an increase in a departmental output class appropriation in Vote Agriculture beyond the cumulative amount shown in the 1995/96 Supplementary Estimates. This increase is to provide resources to respond to the Mediterranean fruitfly outbreak in Mt Roskill which has arisen since final adjustments were made to the 1995/96 Supplementary Estimates.

The increase sought is \$3,723,000 for the departmental output class appropriation *Pest and Disease Emergency Response Services*. This amount will increase the cumulative vote for this output class from the \$8,439,000 shown in the 1995/96 Supplementary Estimates to \$12,162,000. The increase sought includes \$1,948,540 approved by the Minister of Finance on 2 June 1996 under section 12 (1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

The second of these, the proposed new *clause 9*, relates to the gifting by the Crown to Ngai Tahu of unextracted pounamu (greenstone) in the South Island, and in those parts of the territorial sea of New Zealand adjacent to the South Island, as part of the redress for Ngai Tahu's grievance under the Treaty of Waitangi. An appropriation is required because the Crown is disposing of an asset at no cost, which is less than its fair market value.