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Committee Rural Services and Wairarapa
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Financial Report for the Six Months to December 2003

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of the Division's financial performance to budget.

2. Operating Performance

	YTD	YTD	YTD	FY	FY
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Forecast	Budget
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Rates & Levies	4,234	4,234	0F	8,466	8,467
External Revenue	3,051	3,844	793U	7,016	8,076
Investment Revenue	60	70	10U	140	140
Internal Revenue	1,615	1,507	108F	2,742	2,719
Total Revenue	8,960	9,655	695 U	18,364	19,402
Personnel Costs	2,770	2,952	182F	5,782	5,994
Materials	1,092	1,005	87U	1,842	1,924
Travel & Transport	122	158	36F	316	314
Contractors	1,762	2,548	786F	5,109	5,634
Consultants	303	269	34U	580	530
Grants & Subsidies	51	51	0F	84	101
Internal Charges	1,726	1,634	92U	3,120	3,046
Total Direct Expenditure	7,826	8,617	791F	16,833	17,543
Financial Costs	326	334	8F	668	669
Bad Debts	(11)	0	11F	0	0
Net Corporate Overheads	513	513	0F	1,026	1,025
Depreciation	203	98	105U	403	195
Loss (Gain) on Assets	(21)	(66)	45U	(66)	(66)
Total Indirect Expenditure	1,010	879	131U	2,031	1,823
Total Operating Expenditure	8,836	9,496	660F	18,864	19,366
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	124	159	35U	(500)	36
Net Capital Expenditure	111	238	127F	348	349

3. Comment

At the end of December the Division overall was \$35,000 over budget with revenue being \$695,000 below budget and operating expenditure \$660,000 below budget. Capital expenditure at December was \$127,000 below budget, due to the timing of vehicle replacements.

Significant components of this favourable variance are as follows:

(1) Biosecurity Department \$27,000 Favourable

Overall, the Bovine Tb activity was close to budget. However, total income and expenditure was \$0.5m below budget, due to the timing of vector control contracts.

(2) Land & River Operations \$75,000 Unfavourable

This Department had several offsetting variances including; reduced logging revenue and costs of \$0.4m for the Reserve Forests business unit caused from delays to starting Tauanui logging. River Management was \$90,000 over budget because of flood damage repairs to the Waipoua and LWVD river schemes. Also riparian management expenditure was \$80,000 below budget, partly related to delays in appointing the new Biodiversity Officer. The Akura business unit was \$54,000 ahead of budget due to timing, and increased sales of native trees and protectors.

4. Recommendation

That the report be received and the contents noted.

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