

WPQ 6226 (2026) – Since 01 January 2016, what funding, if any, has been allocated to Immigration New Zealand compliance and enforcement functions broken per financial year by staffing, operational costs associated with compliance visits, investigation, and detention activity?

Table 1 – Total costs for compliance and enforcement functions

	January 2026 – Year to date	Financial Year 2025	Financial Year 2024
Personnel costs			
Compliance – Deportations *	\$2,758	\$8	\$824
Compliance (currently 58 staff)	\$4,537,304	\$7,521,678	\$7,893,124
Investigations (currently 48 staff)	\$3,152,608	\$5,530,137	\$5,097,374
	\$7,692,670	\$13,051,823	\$12,991,322
Operating costs			
Compliance – Deportations **	\$1,242,776	\$2,744,529	\$2,118,080
Compliance	\$267,483	\$756,107	\$1,033,071
Investigations	\$371,244	\$667,862	\$842,118
	\$1,881,503	\$4,168,498	\$3,993,269

Note: Operating costs include the rest of Direct expenditure including doubtful debts for deportation costs.

* It is unclear why these costs are in the personnel costs for the deportation budget. We suspect that they are miscoded transactions relating to deportation costs.

** The Compliance - Deportations budget covers all costs of a deportation including airfares, escort costs (including airfares, accommodation), costs of obtaining travel documents, and any other associated costs.