

# *Vote Courts*

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APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Courts (M19)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry of Justice (A23)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

## *Overview of the Vote*

The Minister for Courts is responsible for appropriations in Vote Courts totalling nearly \$1,068 million for the 2024/25 financial year covering the following:

- a total of nearly \$633 million on services from the Ministry of Justice that support the work of courts, tribunals and other authorities
- a total of nearly \$208 million on salaries and allowances for Judges', Coroners', Community Magistrates' and certain judicial officers' as set under legislation
- over \$158 million on professional and administrative services provided to or directed by courts and coroners, including costs that are required by legislation
- nearly \$63 million on the collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services by the Ministry of Justice
- nearly \$6 million on tribunal related fees and expenses, and
- a total of \$490,000 to support associated activities, including the Justice of the Peace Association.

Nearly \$120 million of court-imposed fines, offender levies, contributions towards lawyer for child costs, and penalties is expected to be received for the 2024/25 financial year.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-4.

# Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

## Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19) (A23)</b> Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.	40	40	<b>40</b>
<b>Community Magistrates Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Community Magistrates as authorised by section 60 of the District Court Act 2016.	3,754	3,754	3,769
<b>Coroners and Associate Coroners' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Coroners and Associate Coroners pursuant to Section 110 of the Coroners Act 2006.	15,348	15,348	15,334
<b>Court and Coroner Related Costs (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to meeting the costs of services directed by or provided to courts (including coroners) and tribunals, including the costs of legal services (including settlement of claims) arising out of the exercise of judicial functions or the execution of judicial process, costs required to be met by the Crown under legislation, and remuneration of Lay Members and Visiting Justices.	167,229	167,229	<b>158,167</b>
<b>Court Martial Appeal Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the salaries and allowances of appointed Judges in the Court Martial Appeal Court as authorised by Section 3(3B) of the Court Martial Appeals Act 1953.	10	10	10
<b>Disputes Tribunal Referees' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the Principal Disputes Referee and Referees as authorised by section 9 of the Disputes Tribunal Act 1988.	8,170	8,170	8,228
<b>District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Judges in the District Court, including the Environment Court, as authorised by section 34 of the District Court Act 2016.	104,821	104,821	102,635
<b>Employment Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Employment Court incurred pursuant to s.206 Employment Relations Act 2000.	4,449	4,449	4,472
<b>Environment Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the Environment Commissioners and Deputy Environment Commissioners as authorised by section 263 of the Resource Management Act 1991.	3,100	3,100	3,100
<b>Family Court Associates Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for Family Court Associates as authorised by section 7E of the Family Court Act 1980.	715	715	1,716
<b>Human Rights Review Tribunal Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons of the Human Rights Review Tribunal as authorised by section 118A of the Human Rights Act 1993.	1,674	1,674	1,674

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<b>Immigration and Protection Tribunal Deputy Chair and Other Members' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the deputy chair and the other members of the Immigration and Protection Tribunal as authorised by schedule 2 of the Immigration Act 2009.	5,310	5,310	5,310
<b>Justices of the Peace Association (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the cost of administrative services from the Royal Federation of Justices including training and rostering Justices of the Peace for court hearings, and training for Visiting Justices.	450	450	<b>450</b>
<b>Māori Land Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Māori Land Court incurred pursuant to s.13 Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993.	8,157	8,157	8,213
<b>Senior Courts Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court as authorised by section 135 of the Senior Courts Act 2016.	46,915	46,915	45,903
<b>Tenancy Tribunal Adjudicators' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the Principal Tenancy Adjudicators, Deputy Principal Tenancy Adjudicator, and Tenancy Adjudicators as authorised by section 69 of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986.	7,176	7,176	7,176
<b>Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding remuneration, allowances, or fees for the Chairs, Members, Adjudicators and Assessors of Specialist Tribunals, and expenses incurred by those Chairs, Members, Adjudicators and Assessors in relation to Tribunal work.	5,744	5,744	<b>5,783</b>
<b>Weathertight Homes Tribunal Chair Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the chair of the Weathertight Homes Tribunal as authorised by schedule 3 section 6(1) of the Weathertight Homes Resolution Services Act 2006.	181	181	181
<b>Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>	383,243	383,243	372,161
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA (M19) (A23)</b> The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide courts, tribunals and other authorities services, including the collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.	718,759	715,759	<b>695,565</b>
<i>Departmental Output Expenses</i>			
<i>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</i> This category is limited to the purchase of collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.	62,210	62,210	62,861
<i>District Court Services</i> This category is limited to providing services that support the work of the District Court, including the Youth Court and Family Court.	409,514	406,514	397,443
<i>New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions</i> This category is limited to the provision of services that support the courts, tribunals and other authorities of international jurisdictions.	4,057	4,057	2,690
<i>Senior Courts Services</i> This category is limited to providing services that support the work of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.	104,270	104,270	102,974
<i>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</i> This category is limited to providing services that support the work of specialist courts, tribunals and other authorities.	138,708	138,708	129,597
<b>Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>	718,759	715,759	695,565
<b>Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations</b>	1,102,002	1,099,002	1,067,726

# Supporting Information

## Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

### 1.1 - New Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
Te Au Reka - Digital case management solution for courts and tribunals	<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA</b>					
	District Court Services	4,559	2,888	-	-	-
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Justice Property Health and Safety Remediation - Seismic Strengthening of Ministry of Justice Courthouses	<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA</b>					
	District Court Services	1,031	9,708	12,201	14,029	13,341
	Senior Courts Services	249	2,350	2,953	3,396	3,230
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Extend Pay Equity Settlement for Social Workers in Community and Iwi Organisations	<b>Court and Coroner Related Costs</b>	1,176	1,339	1,474	1,586	1,586
	Non-Departmental Other Expenses					
Responding to Gang Harm	<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA</b>					
	District Court Services	-	2,433	2,083	2,083	2,083
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Addressing Serious Youth Offending	<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA</b>					
	District Court Services	-	2,121	1,710	1,538	1,380
	Departmental Output Expenses					
	<b>District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA</b>	-	181	382	382	382
	Non-Departmental Other Expenses					

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
Court Fines and Legal Aid Debt Collection Changes	<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA</b>					
	Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	-	1,712	1,438	978	972
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Tougher Approach to Sentencing	<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA</b>					
	District Court Services	-	1,287	653	653	653
	Departmental Output Expenses					
	<b>District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA</b>	-	382	382	382	382
	Non-Departmental Other Expenses					
Courts and Tribunals Fees - Increased Revenue	<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA</b>					
	Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	-	332	24	24	24
	Senior Courts Services	-	161	14	14	14
	District Court Services	-	87	9	9	9
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Optimising the Ministry's Back-Office Functions	<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA</b>					
	District Court Services	-	(4,335)	(4,297)	(4,313)	(4,313)
	Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	-	(1,871)	(1,855)	(1,855)	(1,855)
	Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	-	(1,143)	(1,133)	(1,133)	(1,133)
	Senior Courts Services	-	(970)	(961)	(961)	(961)
	New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions	-	(17)	(16)	-	-
	Departmental Output Expenses					

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
Returning Funding for Te Ao Mārama	<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA</b>					
	District Court Services	-	(4,768)	(7,065)	(6,705)	(6,782)
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Court and Coronial Services - Returning Funding for Initiatives with Low Demand	<b>Court and Coroner Related Costs</b>	-	(2,893)	(400)	(128)	(128)
	Non-Departmental Other Expenses					
Returning Funding for Lifting Cultural Capability	<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA</b>					
	District Court Services	-	(928)	(1,250)	(1,250)	(1,250)
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Back-Office Transformation	<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA</b>					
	Senior Courts Services	-	(179)	(179)	(179)	(179)
	Departmental Output Expenses					
<b>Total Initiatives</b>		<b>7,015</b>	<b>7,877</b>	<b>6,167</b>	<b>8,550</b>	<b>7455</b>

## 1.2 - Trends in the Vote

### Summary of Financial Activity

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24		2024/25			2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000	Estimated \$000
<b>Appropriations</b>												
Output Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	273,001	303,959	303,408	335,602	383,243	383,243	-	372,161	372,161	371,136	373,494	373,494
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)												
<i>Output Expenses</i>	518,093	553,745	575,509	632,420	718,759	715,759	695,565	-	695,565	693,776	695,368	695,804
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	791,094	857,704	878,917	968,022	1,102,002	1,099,002	695,565	372,161	1,067,726	1,064,912	1,068,862	1,069,298
<b>Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>												
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	135,264	138,193	100,883	119,852	116,436	116,436	N/A	119,842	119,842	120,874	121,167	121,510
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>	135,264	138,193	100,883	119,852	116,436	116,436	N/A	119,842	119,842	120,874	121,167	121,510

Note - where restructuring of the vote has occurred then, to the extent practicable, prior years information has been restated as if the restructuring had occurred before the beginning of the period covered. In this instance Total Appropriations for the Budgeted and Estimated Actual year may not equal Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations in the Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections.



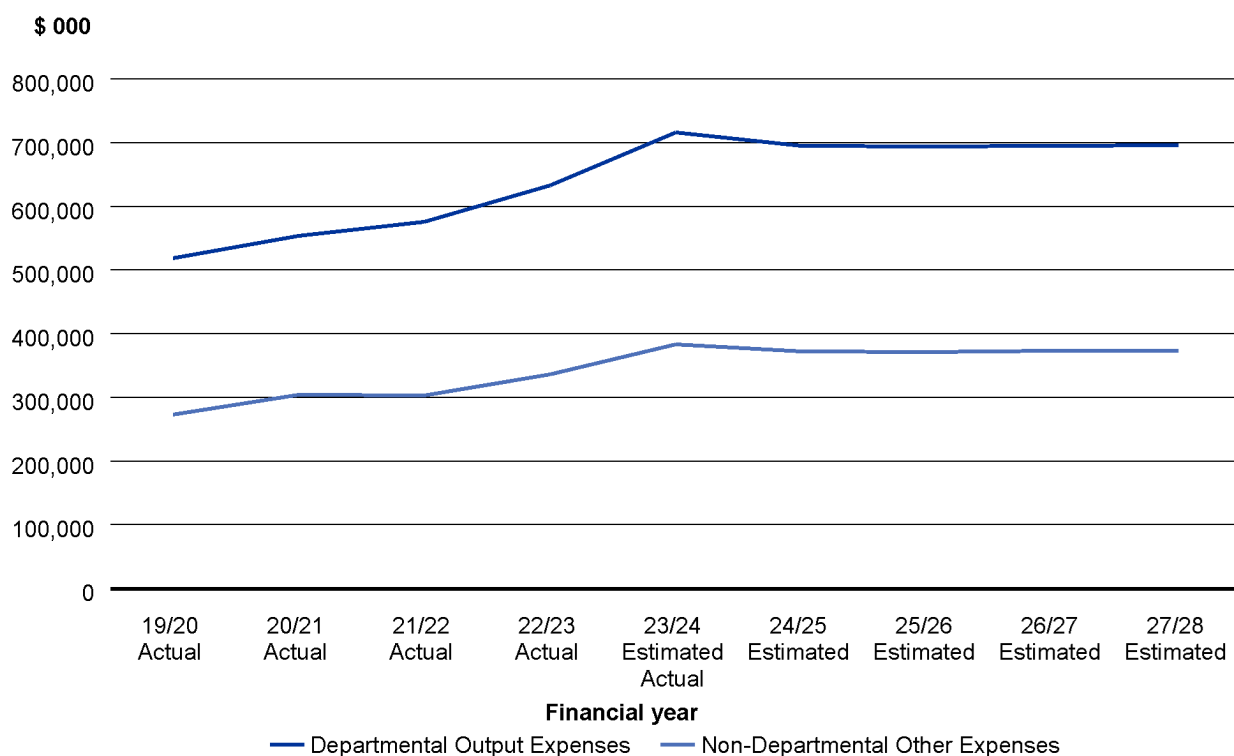
## Adjustments to the Summary of Financial Activity Table Due to Vote Restructuring

There have been no restructuring adjustments to prior year information in the Summary of Financial Activity table.

### 1.3 - Analysis of Significant Trends

*Total Vote: All Appropriations*

**Figure 1** - Vote trends in actual and budgeted expenditure by appropriation type



Source: Ministry of Justice

#### *Output Expenses*

The overall trend of increased output expenses reflects increased demand for Court services and Judicial Reviews, investment in infrastructure, increased remuneration and ongoing asset maintenance costs and depreciation. As part of the transformation of the justice system additional funding has provided for a new digital case management solution for courts and tribunals, and Te Ao Mārama, the new model for the District Court to deliver services. Work continued in 2023/24 to establish an innovative courthouse in Tauranga, along with review of health and safety remediation work required on priority courthouses.

#### *Other Expenses*

Other expenses have gradually increased since 2019/20 reflecting increased investment in the court system to address growing demand. In 2023/24, additional funding was provided to meet the demand for critical court and justice services, and to assist with retaining a stable and resilient workforce, ensuring efficient court operations and minimising delays in accessing justice.

#### *Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts*

Over 95% of the non-tax revenue is collected through Court fines, that are subject to judicial decisions.

## Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

### 3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

#### Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19) (A23)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.

##### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	40	40	40

##### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve effective support and services for victims, to reduce the impact of crime.

##### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental output expense is less than \$5 million.

#### Community Magistrates Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Community Magistrates as authorised by section 60 of the District Court Act 2016.

##### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	3,754	3,754	3,769

##### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the courts system by providing payment of salaries and allowances to Community Magistrates.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under the remuneration provisions of the District Court Act 2016.

## **Coroners and Associate Coroners' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)**

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Coroners and Associate Coroners pursuant to Section 110 of the Coroners Act 2006.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	15,348	15,348	15,334

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the coronial function by providing payment of salaries and allowances to Coroners and Associate Coroners.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989 as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under section 110 of the Coroners Act 2006.

### *Current and Past Policy Initiatives*

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
<b>Previous Government</b>						
Coronial Services - Improving the Coronial System for Bereaved Families and Whānau	2022/23	3,806	3,806	3,806	3,806	3,806

## Court and Coroner Related Costs (M19) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to meeting the costs of services directed by or provided to courts (including coroners) and tribunals, including the costs of legal services (including settlement of claims) arising out of the exercise of judicial functions or the execution of judicial process, costs required to be met by the Crown under legislation, and remuneration of Lay Members and Visiting Justices.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	167,229	167,229	158,167

### *Components of the Appropriation*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Family Court Professional Services	57,861	57,861	56,441
Coroner-Directed Post-Mortems	24,710	24,710	22,296
Family Violence Professional Services	19,119	19,119	20,776
Youth Court Professional Services	17,968	17,968	17,968
Oranga Tamariki Act Professional Services	12,216	12,216	11,576
Interpreter costs	9,226	9,226	7,938
Juror Fees and Expenses	7,337	7,337	6,864
Medical and Other Professional Services	8,364	8,364	5,786
Personal Property Protection Rights Costs	5,017	5,017	3,148
Witness Fees and Expenses	2,742	2,742	2,742
Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund	1,847	1,847	1,847
Visiting Justices to Prisons	393	393	355
Judicial Review Costs	222	222	222
Costs in Criminal Cases	157	157	157
Representations for Blood Sampling	51	51	51
Total	167,229	167,229	158,167

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve effective professional and administrative services to ensure that court users receive appropriate support and representation, and the judiciary have sufficient information to proceed with cases.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Number of external professional services appointed in the Family Court (see Note 1)	>13,000	14,000	>13,000
Percentage of people who started a non-violence programme who completed the programme	65%	78%	65%
Percentage of people who completed a safety programme and met the objectives of the programme	70%	77%	70%

Note 1 - The services include court appointed counsel, such as lawyer for child, lawyer to assist the court and specialist report writers. These services are demand driven and professional service providers are engaged when the judge determines there is a need. An application can have more than one type of service provision appointment.

### *End of Year Performance Reporting*

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister for Courts in a report appended to the Ministry of Justice's Annual Report.

### *Current and Past Policy Initiatives*

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
<b>Current Government</b>						
Court and Coronial Services - Returning Funding for Initiatives with Low Demand	2024/25	-	(2,893)	(400)	(128)	(128)
<b>Previous Government</b>						
Maintaining Momentum Across Te Aorerekura - Improved Access to Family Violence Programmes in Court and the Community	2023/24	2,016	3,250	6,064	8,239	8,239
Extend Pay Equity Settlement for Social Workers in Community and Iwi Organisations	2023/24	1,176	1,339	1,474	1,586	1,586
Settlement of Pay Equity Claim for Social Work-Related Roles	2023/24	270	295	320	336	336
Meeting Demand for Critical Court and Justice Services	2022/23	9,741	13,607	13,607	13,607	13,607
Justice Sector Resourcing - Addressing the Impacts of the Delta COVID-19 Restrictions	2022/23	1,862	1,862	-	-	-
Ensuring Ongoing Access to the Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund	2020/21	500	500	500	500	500

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The decrease in this appropriation for 2024/25 is mainly due to:

- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$11 million in 2023/24 from Vote Justice to address cost pressures due to increased coroner directed post-mortems, medical and other professional services, and jurors' fees and expenses, and
- a decrease of \$2.893 million to return funding for court interpreters, specialist services and coronial medical reports due to demand for these services being lower than expected when first funded.

This is partially offset by:

- an increase of \$3.866 million to support the court and to prevent delays with people accessing justice services, and
- an increase of \$1.234 million to reflect improved access to the family violence programmes in court and the community.

## Court Martial Appeal Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the salaries and allowances of appointed Judges in the Court Martial Appeal Court as authorised by Section 3(3B) of the Court Martial Appeals Act 1953.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	10	10	10

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the court system by providing payment of salaries and allowances to the Court Martial Appeal Court judiciary.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under remuneration provisions of the Court Martial Appeal Act 1953.

## Disputes Tribunal Referees' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the Principal Disputes Referee and Referees as authorised by section 9 of the Disputes Tribunal Act 1988.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	8,170	8,170	8,228

*What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of tribunals by providing payment of salaries and allowances for the Principal Disputes Referee and Referees'.

*How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under the remuneration provisions of the Disputes Tribunal Act 1988.

**District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)***Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Judges in the District Court, including the Environment Court, as authorised by section 34 of the District Court Act 2016.

*Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	104,821	104,821	102,635

*Components of the Appropriation*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
District Court Judges	99,632	99,632	97,302
Environment Court Judges	5,189	5,189	5,333
Total	104,821	104,821	102,635

*What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the court system by providing payment of salaries and allowances to the District Court and Environment Court judiciary.

*How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under remuneration provisions of the District Court Act 2016.

### *Current and Past Policy Initiatives*

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
<b>Current Government</b>						
Tougher Approach to Sentencing	2024/25	-	382	382	382	382
Addressing Serious Youth Offending	2024/25	-	181	382	382	382
<b>Previous Government</b>						
Supporting the Elimination of Indefinite Compulsory Treatment Orders under the Mental Health Act 1992	2023/24	602	602	602	602	602
Justice Sector Resourcing - Addressing the Impacts of the Delta COVID-19 Restrictions	2022/23	2,584	2,577	-	-	-

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The decrease in this appropriation for 2024/25 is mainly due to a time-limited increase of \$2.060 million in 2023/24 for increased usage of acting Judges to cover for District Court Judges on leave, as indicated by the rise in sitting days for acting Judges.

## **Employment Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)**

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Employment Court incurred pursuant to s.206 Employment Relations Act 2000.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	4,449	4,449	4,472

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the courts system by providing payment of salaries and allowances to the Employment Court judiciary.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under s206 of the Employment Relations Act 2000.



## Environment Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the Environment Commissioners and Deputy Environment Commissioners as authorised by section 263 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	3,100	3,100	3,100

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the Environment Court by providing payment of salaries and allowances for the Environment Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under the remuneration provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991.

## Family Court Associates Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for Family Court Associates as authorised by section 7E of the Family Court Act 1980.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	715	715	1,716

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the Family Court system by providing payment of salaries and allowances to Family Court Associates.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under section 7E of the Family Court Act 1980.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation was established due to an amendment to the Family Court Act 1980. The increase in this appropriation for 2024/25 reflects the full year forecasted salaries, allowances or fees.

## **Human Rights Review Tribunal Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)**

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons of the Human Rights Review Tribunal as authorised by section 118A of the Human Rights Act 1993.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	1,674	1,674	1,674

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of tribunals by providing payment of salaries and allowances for the Human Rights Review Tribunal Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons'.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under the remuneration provisions of the Human Rights Act 1993.

## Immigration and Protection Tribunal Deputy Chair and Other Members' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the deputy chair and the other members of the Immigration and Protection Tribunal as authorised by schedule 2 of the Immigration Act 2009.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	5,310	5,310	5,310

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of tribunals by providing payment of salaries and allowances for the Immigration and Protection Tribunal Deputy Chairpersons' and Members.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under the remuneration provisions of the Immigration Act 2009.

## Justices of the Peace Association (M19) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the cost of administrative services from the Royal Federation of Justices including training and rostering Justices of the Peace for court hearings, and training for Visiting Justices.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	450	450	450

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient provision of Justices of the Peace services by providing funding for the work performed by the Royal Federation of New Zealand Justices' Associations.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as the amount of this annual appropriation for a Non-Departmental other expense is less than \$5 million.

## Māori Land Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Māori Land Court incurred pursuant to s.13 Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	8,157	8,157	8,213

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the courts system by providing payment of salaries and allowances to the Māori Land Court judiciary.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under s13 Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993.

## Senior Courts Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court as authorised by section 135 of the Senior Courts Act 2016.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	46,915	46,915	45,903

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the courts system by providing payment of salaries and allowances to Judges in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under the remuneration provisions of the Senior Courts Act 2016.

### *Current and Past Policy Initiatives*

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
<b>Previous Government</b>						
Justice Sector Resourcing - Addressing the Impacts of the Delta COVID-19 Restrictions	2022/23	3,434	2,071	-	-	-

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The decrease in this appropriation for 2024/25 is mainly due to a reduction of \$1.363 million in funding provided for justice sector resourcing, aimed at addressing caseloads impacted by the Delta COVID-19 restrictions.

## **Tenancy Tribunal Adjudicators' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)**

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the Principal Tenancy Adjudicators, Deputy Principal Tenancy Adjudicator, and Tenancy Adjudicators as authorised by section 69 of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	7,176	7,176	7,176

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of tribunals by providing payment of salaries and allowances for Tenancy Tribunal Adjudicators'.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under the remuneration provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986.

## Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses (M19) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to funding remuneration, allowances, or fees for the Chairs, Members, Adjudicators and Assessors of Specialist Tribunals, and expenses incurred by those Chairs, Members, Adjudicators and Assessors in relation to Tribunal work.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	5,744	5,744	5,783

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the tribunals administered by the Ministry of Justice through the payment of remuneration, allowances, fees and expenses for Chairs, Members, Adjudicators, and Assessors of Specialist Tribunals.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for funding remuneration, allowances or fees, and expenses.

### *Current and Past Policy Initiatives*

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
<b>Previous Government</b>						
Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal - Continuing Operational Funding	2023/24	460	-	-	-	-
Charities Act 2005 - Implementation of Changes	2023/24	55	110	110	110	110
Increasing fees paid to Judicial Officers	2022/23	855	1,299	1,299	1,299	1,299
Supporting the Tenancy Tribunal to Manage Pressures Arising from Rental Law Reforms, to Better Support New Zealanders	2021/22	238	238	238	238	238

## Weathertight Homes Tribunal Chair Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the chair of the Weathertight Homes Tribunal as authorised by schedule 3 section 6(1) of the Weathertight Homes Resolution Services Act 2006.

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	181	181	181

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of tribunals by providing payment of salaries and allowances for the Weathertight Homes Tribunal Chair.

### *How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements*

An exemption was granted, as the appropriation is one from which resources will be provided to a person or an entity other than a department, a functional chief executive, an Office of Parliament, or a Crown entity, under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Finance Act 1989 as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under schedule 3 section 6(1) of the Weathertight Homes Resolution Services Act 2006.

# Part 4 - Details of Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

## 4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

### Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (M19) (A23)

#### *Overarching Purpose Statement*

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide courts, tribunals and other authorities services, including the collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

##### **Departmental Output Expenses**

###### *Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services*

This category is limited to the purchase of collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.

###### *District Court Services*

This category is limited to providing services that support the work of the District Court, including the Youth Court and Family Court.

###### *New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions*

This category is limited to the provision of services that support the courts, tribunals and other authorities of international jurisdictions.

###### *Senior Courts Services*

This category is limited to providing services that support the work of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.

###### *Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services*

This category is limited to providing services that support the work of specialist courts, tribunals and other authorities.

#### *Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>718,759</b>	<b>715,759</b>	<b>695,565</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	62,210	62,210	62,861
District Court Services	409,514	406,514	397,443
New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions	4,057	4,057	2,690
Senior Courts Services	104,270	104,270	102,974
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	138,708	138,708	129,597



	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Funding for Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Revenue from the Crown</b>	<b>664,053</b>	<b>664,053</b>	<b>632,746</b>
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	57,180	57,180	54,199
District Court Services	389,955	389,955	376,642
New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions	190	190	190
Senior Courts Services	93,369	93,369	90,473
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	123,359	123,359	111,242
<b>Revenue from Others</b>	<b>55,353</b>	<b>55,353</b>	<b>62,716</b>
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	5,030	5,030	8,662
District Court Services	19,559	19,559	20,801
New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions	3,867	3,867	2,500
Senior Courts Services	10,901	10,901	12,501
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	15,996	15,996	18,252

### *Components of the Appropriation*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Departmental</b>			
<b><i>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</i></b>			
Collection and Enforcement of Fines	52,029	52,029	52,573
Collection and Enforcement of Civil Debt	10,181	10,181	10,288
Total	62,210	62,210	62,861
<b><i>District Court Services</i></b>			
Criminal Court	259,146	256,146	252,740
Family Court	119,651	119,651	113,835
Civil Court	30,717	30,717	30,868
Total	409,514	406,514	397,443
<b><i>New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions</i></b>			
Pacific Regional Justice Sector Programme	4,057	4,057	2,690
<b><i>Senior Court Services</i></b>			
High Court - Criminal	43,793	43,793	43,255
High Court - Civil	32,527	32,527	32,120
Supreme Court - Criminal	9,902	9,902	9,778
Supreme Court - Civil	9,866	9,866	9,743
Court of Appeal - Criminal	4,254	4,254	4,200
Court of Appeal - Civil	3,928	3,928	3,878
Total	104,270	104,270	102,974

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b><i>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</i></b>			
Māori Land Court and Māori Land Information	41,441	41,441	40,664
Other Tribunals and Authorities	28,244	28,244	26,951
Coroner Services	20,496	20,496	15,613
Disputes Tribunal	13,482	13,482	13,229
Waitangi Tribunal Services	14,039	14,039	12,526
Environment Court	9,208	9,208	9,035
Tenancy Tribunal	8,930	8,930	8,763
Employment Court	2,869	2,869	2,816
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,708</b>	<b>138,708</b>	<b>129,597</b>

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation*

This appropriation is intended to achieve an efficient and accessible system of courts, tribunals and other authorities, which is trusted by New Zealanders.

### *How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Satisfaction of court users with court services and facilities (see Note 1)	80%	Not measured	80%
Percentage of juror survey responses that rate overall juror satisfaction as "satisfied" or better	90%	90%	90%
Percentage of category 3 and 4 criminal cases disposed within 12 months	90%	75%	90%

Note 1 - This survey is measured biennially. The next survey will take place in 2024/25.

### *What is Intended to be Achieved with each Category and How Performance will be Assessed*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</b>			
This category is intended to achieve efficient, accessible and responsive collections of fines, reparations and civil debt services that are trusted by the public.			
Total amount of fines collected	>\$180 million	\$200 million	>\$180 million
Civil enforcement applications processed in three days (see Note 1)	90%	47%	Measure replaced
Civil enforcement applications processed in six days (see Note 1)	New measure	New measure	90%

	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
<b>Assessment of Performance</b>			
Percentage of Offender Levy collected or placed under arrangement within four months	75%	71%	75%
Percentage of debt that is under arrangement	45%	38%	45%
Average time to answer calls to the Collections Contact Centre (mm:ss)	01:30	01:18	01:30
<b>District Court Services</b>			
This category is intended to achieve efficient, accessible and responsive District Courts services that are trusted by the public.			
Percentage of Care of Children Act cases disposed within 12 months in the Family Court	75%	70%	75%
Percentage of category 2 criminal cases disposed within three months	70%	62%	70%
Number of District Court criminal cases (including youth) disposed	>110,000	110,000	>110,000
Number of civil cases disposed	>16,000	20,000	>16,000
Number of Family Court substantive applications disposed (see Note 2)	>55,000	60,000	>55,000
Number of calls received by the 0800 victims of crime information line	17,000-19,000	14,000	17,000-19,000
Percentage of calls answered by the 0800 victims of crime information line answered within 30 seconds	80%	76%	80%
Average time to answer calls to the Registry Contact Centre (mm:ss)	02:00	02:00	02:00
Dissolution of marriage applications processed within six days	90%	75%	90%
Applications to commence civil proceedings processed within six days	90%	81%	90%
<b>New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions</b>			
This category is intended to achieve a stable, prosperous and resilient Pacific through support for the development of accessible, fair, responsive and efficient justice systems.			
Milestones delivered as agreed in the Pacific Justice Sector Programme memorandum of understanding between the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	90%	90%	90%
<b>Senior Courts Services</b>			
This category is intended to achieve efficient, accessible and responsive Senior Courts services that are trusted by the public.			
Number of Supreme Court civil and criminal applications for leave to appeal and appeals disposed	100-200	170	100-200
Number of Court of Appeal civil and criminal appeals disposed	570-730	700	570-730
Number of High Court civil and criminal appeals disposed	1,500-1,750	2,200	1,500-1,750
Number of High Court civil and criminal cases disposed	2,100-2,700	2,400	2,100-2,700
<b>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</b>			
This category is intended to achieve efficient, accessible and responsive specialist courts, tribunals and other authorities' services that are trusted by the public.			
<i>Accident Compensation Appeals District Court Registry</i>			
Percentage of Accident Compensation Appeals District Court Registry cases disposed	85%	85%	85%

Assessment of Performance	2023/24		2024/25
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
<i>Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority</i>			
Percentage of Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority appeals and enforcements disposed within 6 months	75%	65%	75%
<i>Coronial Services Unit</i>			
Number of coronial cases closed	>3,100	4,500	>3,100
Percentage of coronial cases on hand aged under 12 months	60%	45%	60%
<i>Disputes Tribunal</i>			
Number of Disputes Tribunal claims disposed	>12,000	12,000	>12,000
Percentage of Disputes Tribunal claims disposed within 3 months	70%	60%	70%
Disputes Tribunal applications processed within 6 days	85%	97%	85%
<i>Employment Court</i>			
Number of Employment Court cases disposed	>150	200	>150
Percentage of Employment Court cases on hand aged under 12 months	75%	75%	75%
<i>Environment Court</i>			
Number of Environment Court cases disposed	>350	400	>350
Percentage of Environment Court cases on hand aged under 18 months	75%	45%	75%
<i>Human Rights Review Tribunal</i>			
Percentage of Human Rights Review Tribunal cases disposed	80%	80%	80%
<i>Immigration and Protection Tribunal</i>			
Percentage of Immigration and Protection Tribunal cases disposed	90%	75%	90%
<i>Māori Land Court</i>			
Number of Māori Land Court and Māori Appellate Court applications disposed	>5,000	4,500	>5,000
Percentage of Māori Land Court and Māori Appellate Court applications disposed within 12 months	80%	45%	80%
<i>Tenancy Tribunal</i>			
Number of Tenancy Tribunal applications disposed	>18,300	13,000	>18,300
<i>Waitangi Tribunal</i>			
Percentage of Waitangi Tribunal claims processed within 30 days	90%	90%	90%

Note 1 - The performance indicator 'Civil enforcement applications processed in three days' was replaced in 2024/25 with 'Civil enforcement applications processed in six days'. This has been updated for 2024/25 to reflect the standard 6-day processing time for other applications received by the Central Registry.

Note 2 - A substantive application is an application that initiates the proceedings and identifies the issue that the court is asked to determine.

## End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry of Justice in its Annual Report.

## Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
<b>Current Government</b>						
<b>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</b>						
Court Fines and Legal Aid Debt Collection Changes	2024/25	-	1,712	1,438	978	972
Optimising the Ministry's Back-Office Functions	2024/25	-	(1,143)	(1,133)	(1,133)	(1,133)
<b>District Court Services</b>						
Responding to Gang Harm	2024/25	-	2,433	2,083	2,083	2,083
Addressing Serious Youth Offending	2024/25	-	2,121	1,710	1,538	1,380
Tougher Approach to Sentencing	2024/25	-	1,287	653	653	653
Courts and Tribunals Fees - Increased Revenue	2024/25	-	87	9	9	9
Returning Funding for Te Ao Mārama	2024/25	-	(4,768)	(7,065)	(6,705)	(6,782)
Optimising the Ministry's Back-Office Functions	2024/25	-	(4,335)	(4,297)	(4,313)	(4,313)
Returning Funding for Lifting Cultural Capability	2024/25	-	(928)	(1,250)	(1,250)	(1,250)
<b>New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions</b>						
Optimising the Ministry's Back-Office Functions	2024/25	-	(17)	(16)	-	-
<b>Senior Courts Services</b>						
Courts and Tribunals Fees - Increased Revenue	2024/25	-	161	14	14	14
Optimising the Ministry's Back-Office Functions	2024/25	-	(970)	(961)	(961)	(961)
Back-Office Transformation	2024/25	-	(179)	(179)	(179)	(179)
<b>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</b>						
Courts and Tribunals Fees - Increased Revenue	2024/25	-	332	24	24	24
Optimising the Ministry's Back-Office Functions	2024/25	-	(1,871)	(1,855)	(1,855)	(1,855)
<b>Previous Government</b>						
<b>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</b>						
Continuing to Pay Employees to Maintain Core Justice Services for New Zealanders	2022/23	6,244	6,822	7,517	7,853	7,955
Investment in Infrastructure - Maintaining Critical Technology for Courts and Justice Services	2022/23	1,299	1,218	1,161	1,161	1,161
Investment in Infrastructure - Ensuring a Secure Technology Environment for Courts and Justice Services	2022/23	272	272	272	272	272
Justice Sector Resourcing - Addressing the Impacts of the Delta COVID-19 Restrictions	2022/23	8	8	-	-	-
Addressing Remuneration Cost Pressures at the Ministry of Justice	2020/21	1,956	1,956	1,956	1,956	1,956
Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services	2020/21	313	313	313	313	313

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
<b>District Court Services</b>						
Wellington District Courthouse Remediation Project	2024/25	-	961	2,978	3,276	3,276
Te Au Reka - Digital case management solution for courts and tribunals	2023/24	4,559	2,888	-	-	-
Cultural Capability - Ministry of Justice	2023/24	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Supporting the Elimination of Indefinite Compulsory Treatment Orders under the Mental Health Act 1992	2023/24	2,027	1,617	593	593	593
Justice Property Health and Safety Remediation - Seismic Strengthening of Ministry of Justice Courthouses	2023/24	1,031	9,708	12,201	14,029	13,341
Maintaining Momentum Across Te Aorerekura - Improved Access to Family Violence Programmes in Court and the Community	2023/24	130	130	130	130	130
Continuing to Pay Employees to Maintain Core Justice Services for New Zealanders	2022/23	19,023	17,908	23,271	24,801	25,263
Te Ao Mārama - Partnering with Iwi to Design New Solutions for People Going Through the District Court	2022/23	11,679	17,049	17,477	16,084	16,084
Court Security - Strengthening Health, Safety, and Security at the Courts of New Zealand	2022/23	5,899	5,899	5,899	5,899	5,899
Investment in Infrastructure - Maintaining Critical Technology for Courts and Justice Services	2022/23	5,715	5,359	5,105	5,105	5,105
Whakaari/White Island Criminal Prosecution - Ensuring Access to Justice	2022/23	5,800	-	-	-	-
Justice Sector Resourcing - Addressing the Impacts of the Delta COVID-19 Restrictions	2022/23	3,969	3,745	200	200	200
Continuing the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Courts: Waikato, Auckland and Waitakere	2022/23	1,912	1,661	1,657	1,657	1,657
Criminal Process Improvement Programme - Make Every Event in the Criminal District Court System Meaningful	2022/23	1,211	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111
Investment in Infrastructure - Ensuring a Secure Technology Environment for Courts and Justice Services	2022/23	1,195	1,195	1,195	1,195	1,195
Preventing Family Violence and Sexual Violence: Foundational FVSV Training for Ministry of Justice Workforce	2022/23	1,171	1,330	1,211	1,211	1,211
Safeguarding Child Wellbeing and Building a Strong Foundation for Change in the Family Justice System	2021/22	4,843	6,968	6,968	6,968	6,968
Continuing the Interpreter and Communication Assistance Services to Maintain Access to Justice	2021/22	1,611	1,718	1,718	1,718	1,718
Whakaoranga te Mana Tangata - Uplifting the Mana of Offenders, Victims and Whānau	2021/22	1,456	1,346	1,346	1,346	1,346
Consistent Access to Justice through Effective Scheduling across the District Court and Tribunals	2021/22	1,437	1,437	1,437	1,437	1,437
Justice Property Health and Safety Remediation of priority Courthouses	2021/22	700	-	-	-	-
Strengthening the Family Court - Initiatives to Enhance Child and Whānau Wellbeing under COVID-19	2020/21	10,892	10,892	10,892	10,892	10,892
Addressing Remuneration Cost Pressures at the Ministry of Justice	2020/21	7,186	7,186	7,186	7,186	7,186
Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services	2020/21	1,606	1,606	1,606	1,606	1,606

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2023/24 Final Budgeted \$000	2024/25 Budget \$000	2025/26 Estimated \$000	2026/27 Estimated \$000	2027/28 Estimated \$000
Wellington District Court Upgrade	2020/21	593	593	593	593	593
Justice Sector Resourcing to Address COVID-19 Related Backlogs	2020/21	439	439	439	439	439
<b>New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions</b>						
Continuing to Pay Employees to Maintain Core Justice Services for New Zealanders	2022/23	190	207	229	239	242
<b>Senior Courts Services</b>						
Justice Property Health and Safety Remediation - Seismic Strengthening of Ministry of Justice Courthouses	2023/24	249	2,350	2,953	3,396	3,230
Continuing to Pay Employees to Maintain Core Justice Services for New Zealanders	2022/23	4,805	4,400	5,167	5,538	5,650
Justice Sector Resourcing - Addressing the Impacts of the Delta COVID-19 Restrictions	2022/23	2,270	1,670	-	-	-
Investment in Infrastructure - Maintaining Critical Technology for Courts and Justice Services	2022/23	1,515	1,420	1,353	1,353	1,353
Support for Judicial Branch of Government - Sustainably Expanding Te Kura Kaiwhakawā (Institute of Judicial Studies)	2022/23	1,073	1,073	1,073	1,073	1,073
Investment in Infrastructure - Ensuring a Secure Technology Environment for Courts and Justice Services	2022/23	317	317	317	317	317
Justice Property Health and Safety Remediation of priority Courthouses	2021/22	210	-	-	-	-
Addressing Remuneration Cost Pressures at the Ministry of Justice	2020/21	1,671	1,671	1,671	1,671	1,671
Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services	2020/21	458	458	458	458	458
<b>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</b>						
Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal - Continuing Operational Funding	2023/24	688	-	-	-	-
Charities Act 2005 - Implementation of Changes	2023/24	200	125	125	125	125
Continuing to Pay Employees to Maintain Core Justice Services for New Zealanders	2022/23	8,980	8,743	10,033	10,659	10,845
Coronial Services - Improving the Coronial System for Bereaved Families and Whānau	2022/23	4,462	4,263	3,963	3,963	3,963
Investment in Infrastructure - Maintaining Critical Technology for Courts and Justice Services	2022/23	2,416	2,266	2,158	2,158	2,158
Investment in Infrastructure - Ensuring a Secure Technology Environment for Courts and Justice Services	2022/23	504	504	504	504	504
Motor Vehicle Disputes Tribunal Levy Amendments	2022/23	319	319	319	319	319
Supporting the Tenancy Tribunal to Manage Pressures Arising from Rental Law Reforms, to Better Support New Zealanders	2021/22	1,133	1,133	1,133	1,133	1,133
Addressing Remuneration Cost Pressures at the Ministry of Justice	2020/21	3,324	3,324	3,324	3,324	3,324
Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services	2020/21	513	513	513	513	513

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

The decrease in this appropriation for 2024/25 is mainly due to:

- a decrease of \$8.336 million for funding return by optimising the Ministry of Justice's back-office functions
- a decrease of \$7.364 million for time-limited funding to support access to justice for those involved in the Whakaari/White Island criminal prosecution
- a net decrease of \$6.877 million to reflect funding for a digital case management system to reduce delays and improve access to information
- a decrease of \$4.900 million for time-limited funding to support the coronial inquiry into the Christchurch masjidain attack and associated judicial review
- a net decrease of \$4.182 million to reflect funding for the replacement of ageing infrastructure and continue upgrading critical technology to ensure the delivery of justice services, and
- a decrease of \$2.500 million for an expense transfer from 2022/23 to 2023/24 to reflect the disruption to court proceedings by North Island weather events.

This was partially offset by:

- a net increase of \$8.329 million detailed project investigations, the development of business cases and project operating costs relating to capital work to be completed on priority courthouses, and
- an increase of \$2.433 million to manage increased volume and security pressures at the courts as a result of the Government's Gangs Policy.

### *Memorandum Accounts*

	2023/24		2024/25
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Second Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers</b>			
Opening Balance at 1 July	426	426	323
Revenue	144	144	144
Expenses	(247)	(247)	(247)
Transfers and Adjustments			
Closing Balance at 30 June	323	323	220
<b>Legal Complaints Review Officers</b>			
Opening Balance at 1 July	1,243	1,243	1,993
Revenue	2,567	2,567	1,919
Expenses	(1,817)	(1,817)	(1,919)
Transfers and Adjustments			
Closing Balance at 30 June	1,993	1,993	1,993