

Vote Courts

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

APPROPRIATION ADMINISTRATOR: Ministry of Justice

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 \$854 million for the 2020/21 financial year covering the following:

- a total of nearly \$486 million on services from the Ministry of Justice that support the work of courts, tribunals and other authorities
- a total of nearly \$159 million on salaries and allowances for Judges', Coroners' and Community Magistrates' as set under legislation
- over \$121 million on professional and administrative services provided to or directed by courts and coroners, including costs that are required by legislation
- nearly \$60 million on the collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services by the Ministry of Justice
- nearly \$20 million on tribunal related fees and expenses
- over \$5 million for certifying consultants for abortion supervisory committees
- a total of over \$3 million to allow for the impairment of debt relating to court imposed fines, costs and fees in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- \$490,000 for support for associated activities, including Justice of the Peace Association.

Over \$121 million of court imposed fines, offender levies, contributions towards lawyer for child costs, and penalties is expected to be received for the 2020/21 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	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants Fees (M19) Payments to certifying consultants for providing opinions under Section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977.	5,063	5,063	5,063
Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19) Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.	40	40	40
Community Magistrates Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Community Magistrates as authorised by section 60 of the District Court Act 2016.	1,449	1,449	1,449
Coroners Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) This appropriation is limited to the costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Coroners pursuant to Section 110 of the Coroners Act 2006.	8,199	8,199	8,525
Court and Coroner Related Costs (M19) This appropriation is limited to meeting the costs of professional services directed by or provided to courts (including coroners), including costs required to be met by the Crown under legislation, remuneration of Lay Members and Visiting Justices, and payments ordered from the Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund.	117,348	117,348	121,006
District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) 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.	76,820	76,820	91,690
Employment Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) 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.	4,191	4,191	4,191
Impairment of Debt Established to Recognise Contributions towards Family Court Professional Services (M19) This appropriation is limited to the impairment of debt owing as a contribution towards Family Court Professional Services costs in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.	1,292	1,292	1,292
Impairment of Fines Receivable (M19) This appropriation is limited to allowing for the impairment of fines, court costs and enforcement fees in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.	2,000	2,000	2,000
Justices of the Peace Association (M19) 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	450
Māori Land Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) 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.	6,007	6,007	6,007
Senior Courts Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) 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.	46,491	46,491	46,821

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses (M19) 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.	19,597	19,597	19,645
District Court Part-time or Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances (M19) This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of part-time and acting Judges in the District Court, including the Environment Court.	17,937	17,937	-
Judicial Review Costs (M19) Cost of legal services (including settlement of claims) in cases involving the exercise of judicial functions or the execution of judicial process or costs of counsel to assist the court, including payments ordered to be made from the Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund.	2,246	2,246	-
Senior Courts Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of acting warranted Judges and Associate Judges in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court as authorised by section 137 of the Senior Courts Act 2016.	330	330	-
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	309,460	309,460	308,179
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA (M19) 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.	527,921	527,921	545,729
<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.	57,519	57,519	59,830
<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.	281,823	281,823	293,765
<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.	87,081	87,081	87,954
<i>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</i> This category is limited to providing services that support the work of New Zealand's specialist courts, tribunals and authorities.	101,498	101,498	104,180
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	527,921	527,921	545,729
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	837,381	837,381	853,908

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.1 - New Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2019/20 Final Budgeted \$000	2020/21 Budget \$000	2021/22 Estimated \$000	2022/23 Estimated \$000	2023/24 Estimated \$000
Addressing the Depreciation Impacts of Property Revaluations	Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA	8,080	8,080	8,080	8,080	8,080
	District Court Services	8,080	8,080	8,080	8,080	8,080
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Oranga Pāpori, Oranga Ōhanga mā te Whenua Māori Social and Economic Development Through Whenua Māori	Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA	4,778	4,887	4,918	6,815	6,815
	Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	4,778	4,887	4,918	6,815	6,815
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services	Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA	-	7,258	2,791	2,839	2,890
	Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	-	785	303	307	313
	District Court Services	-	4,034	1,551	1,578	1,606
	Senior Courts Services	-	1,150	442	450	458
	Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	-	1,289	495	504	513
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Ongoing Funding for the Operation of the Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal	Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA	-	1,300	1,013	1,000	-
	Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	-	1,300	1,013	1,000	-
	Departmental Output Expenses					
	Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses	(3,800)	2,500	2,255	2,226	-
	Non-Departmental Other Expenses					

Policy Initiative	Appropriation	2019/20 Final Budgeted \$000	2020/21 Budget \$000	2021/22 Estimated \$000	2022/23 Estimated \$000	2023/24 Estimated \$000
Towards a Safe and Effective Criminal Justice System: Initial Response to the Final Reports and Recommendations	Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA	864	3,084	2,220	-	-
	District Court Services	864	3,084	2,220	-	-
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Initiatives Responding to the 15 March Terror Attacks: Additional Funding	Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA	2,834	2,258	-	-	-
	District Court Services	1,324	1,168	-	-	-
	Senior Courts Services	1,266	892	-	-	-
	Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	244	198	-	-	-
	Departmental Output Expenses					
Total Initiatives		12,756	29,367	21,277	20,960	17,785

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20		2020/21			2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	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
Appropriations												
Output Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	228,691	254,139	259,230	270,774	309,460	309,460	-	308,179	308,179	309,121	309,526	307,300
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)												
<i>Output Expenses</i>	444,835	436,637	451,148	473,489	527,921	527,921	545,729	-	545,729	540,483	540,266	538,863
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	673,526	690,776	710,378	744,263	837,381	837,381	545,729	308,179	853,908	849,604	849,792	846,163
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts												
Tax Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	137,411	142,112	119,305	125,691	121,642	121,642	N/A	121,495	121,495	121,495	121,495	121,495
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	137,411	142,112	119,305	125,691	121,642	121,642	N/A	121,495	121,495	121,495	121,495	121,495

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.

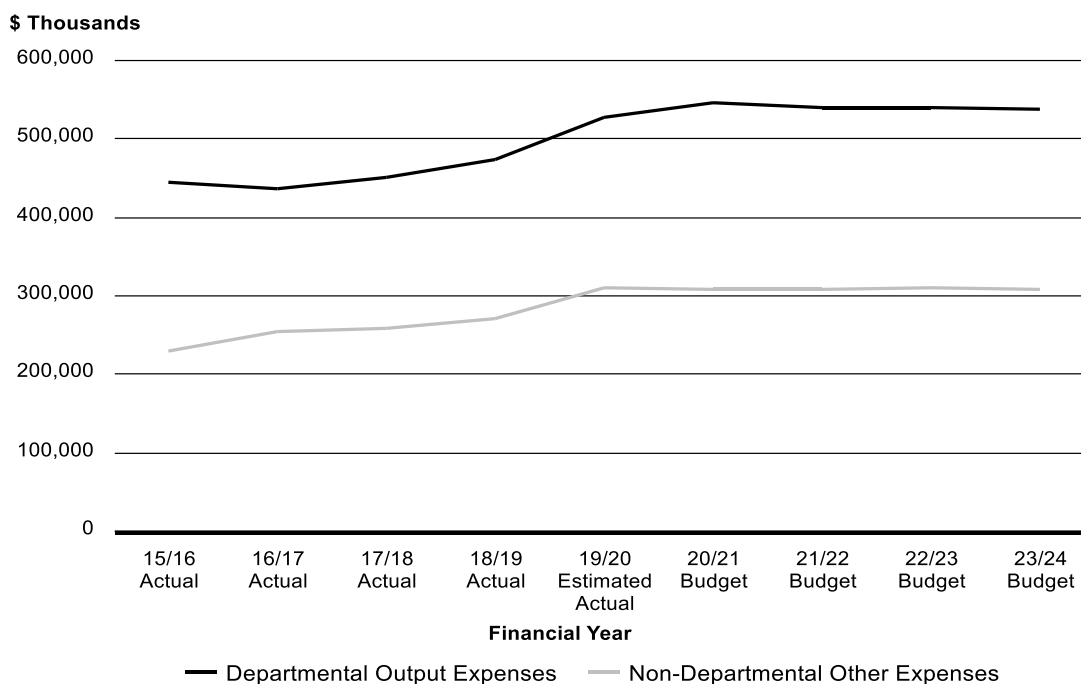
Adjustments to the Summary of Financial Activity Table Due to Vote Restructuring

There have been no restructuring adjustments to prior year information reported in last years' 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 increased remuneration. As part of the transformation of the justice system additional funding from 2019/20 has enhanced Court security, supported improved intergenerational wellbeing and provided operational support for the services funded through other expenses. Preliminary work will commence in 2020/21 to establish an innovative courthouse in Tauranga, the discovery phase giving an opportunity for iwi and community groups to design a courthouse that will transform the way justice services are delivered.

Other Expenses

Other expenses have gradually increased from 2015/16 and reflect the additional investment in the court system to meet increasing demand, including funding to support the sustainability of coronial services. In 2019/20 additional funding was provided to:

- ensure the sustainability of the District Courts with the appointment of additional District Court Judges
- improve the timely access to justice for people who have lodged a claim with the Human Rights Review Tribunal, and
- provide the full year operational costs of the Canterbury Earthquake Insurance Tribunal.

Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts

Over 90% of the non-tax revenue is collected through Court fines that are subject to judicial decisions.

1.4 - Reconciliation of Changes in Appropriation Structure

From 2020/21 the following changes to appropriation structure have been made:

- the Statutes Amendment Act 2019 has amended the definition of Judge to include part-time and acting Judges from 1 July 2020. As a result of this change the separate appropriations for remuneration of part-time or acting judges, in senior and district courts, have been removed and the funding transferred to the District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA and Senior Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA, and
- the Judicial Review Costs appropriation has been merged into the Court and Coroner Related Costs appropriation as both appropriations reflect judicial process for court activities. This is part of the initial step of modernising the public finance system, which includes merging smaller appropriations.

2019/20 Appropriations in the 2019/20 Structure	2019/20 (Current) \$000	Old Structure		New Structure		
		Appropriations to which Expenses (or Capital Expenditure) have been Moved from or to	Amount Moved \$000	2019/20 Appropriations in the 2020/21 Structure	2019/20 (Restated) \$000	2020/21 \$000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses						
District Court Part-time or Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances	17,937	Transferred to District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	(17,937)		-	-
District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	76,820	Transferred from District Court Part-time or Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances	17,937	District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	94,757	91,690
Senior Courts Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	330	Transferred to Senior Courts Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	(330)		-	-
Senior Courts Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	46,491	Transferred from Senior Courts Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	330	Senior Courts Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	46,821	46,821
Judicial Review Costs	2,246	Transferred to Court and Coroner Related Costs	(2,246)		-	-
Court and Coroner Related Costs	117,348	Transferred from Judicial Review Costs	2,246	Court and Coroner Related Costs	119,594	121,006
Total Changes in Appropriations	261,172		-		261,172	259,517

Explanations of the reasons for changing the appropriation structure are noted in the details of each appropriation in Parts 2-4.

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants Fees (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

Payments to certifying consultants for providing opinions under Section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977.

Expenses

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	5,063	5,063	5,063

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient provision of medical opinions.

End of Year Performance Reporting

An exemption was granted 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 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977.

Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.

Expenses

	2019/20		2020/21
	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 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.

Community Magistrates Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

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

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	1,449	1,449	1,449

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 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 Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

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

Expenses

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	8,199	8,199	8,525

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the coronial system of New Zealand by providing payment of salaries and allowances to coroners.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted 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.

Court and Coroner Related Costs (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to meeting the costs of professional services directed by or provided to courts (including coroners), including costs required to be met by the Crown under legislation, remuneration of Lay Members and Visiting Justices, and payments ordered from the Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund.

Expenses

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	117,348	117,348	121,006

Components of the Appropriation

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Family Court Professional Services	46,761	46,761	47,599
Children Young Persons and Their Families Professional services	11,400	11,400	11,400
Coroner-Directed Post-Mortems	18,600	18,600	18,600
Youth Court Professional Fees	15,892	15,892	16,566
Domestic Violence Professional Services	12,900	12,900	13,166
Medical and Other Professional Services	5,440	5,440	5,774
Personal Property Protection Rights Costs	3,100	3,100	3,100
Witness Fees and Expenses	2,700	2,700	2,700
Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund	-	-	1,327
Visiting Justices to Prisons	350	350	350
Judicial Review Costs	-	-	219
Costs in Criminal Cases	155	155	155
Representations for Blood Sampling	50	50	50
Total	117,348	117,348	121,006

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Courts: Non-departmental Other Expenses: Judicial Review Costs	2,246	2,246	-
Total	119,594	119,594	121,006

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

Assessment of Performance	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Number of Oranga Tamariki Act professional services appointed in the Family Court (see Note 1 and 2)	4,800-5,300	5,100	>4,800
Number of external professional services appointed in the Family Court (see Note 1 and 3)	12,000-15,000	14,440	>13,000
Percentage of people who started a non-violence programme who completed the programme	70%	70%	65% (see Note 4)
Number of protected persons/victims of family violence referred to safety programmes	6,000-7,000	7,000	6,000-7,000

Note 1 - This is the same measure as 2019/20, but the wording of the measure has been clarified.

Note 2 - The services provided are demand driven and dependent on the type of cases before the court. The services are judicially ordered.

Note 3 - The services provided 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.

Note 4 - The Standard has been updated to align with the service level agreement with the service provider.

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	2019/20 Final Budgeted \$000	2020/21 Budget \$000	2021/22 Estimated \$000	2022/23 Estimated \$000	2023/24 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Ensuring the Sustainability of the District Court by Appointing Additional District Court Judges	2019/20	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Improving the Justice Response to Sexual Violence Victims	2019/20	-	-	200	200	200
Youth Justice - Including 17 Year Olds in the Youth Justice System and Managing Remand Pressures	2019/20	4,392	4,366	4,337	4,337	4,337
Court and Coronial Services - Additional Investment	2018/19	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
Previous Government						
Review of Family Violence Legislation	2018/19	1,450	2,288	3,412	3,846	3,846
Maintaining Capacity in the Justice System	2017/18	8,200	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation for 2020/21 of \$3.658 million is mainly due to:

- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$2.246 million from the Judicial Review Costs appropriation to merge smaller appropriations as part of an initial step in modernising the public finance system
- an increase of \$838,000 for the review of family violence legislation, and
- an increase of \$600,000 to maintain the capacity and capability of the Justice system to meet the ongoing demand for services.

District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

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

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	76,820	76,820	91,690

Components of the Appropriation

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
District Court Judges	72,304	72,304	87,174
Environment Court Judges	4,516	4,516	4,516
Total	76,820	76,820	91,960

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Courts: Non-Departmental Other Expenses: District Court Part-time or Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances	17,937	17,937	-
Total	94,757	94,757	91,690

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 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	2019/20 Final Budgeted \$000	2020/21 Budget \$000	2021/22 Estimated \$000	2022/23 Estimated \$000	2023/24 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
Ensuring the Sustainability of the District Court by Appointing Additional District Court Judges	2019/20	5,010	4,710	4,710	4,710	4,710
Previous Government						
Investing in Policing - Safe, Confident and Resilient Communities	2017/18	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation for 2020/21 of \$14.870 million is mainly due to:

- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$14.496 million to transfer the District Court Part-time or Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances appropriation following legislative changes, and
- an increase of \$1 million for costs associated with the Investing in Policing - Safe, Confident and Resilient Communities initiative.

Employment Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

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

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	4,191	4,191	4,191

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 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 Employment Relations Act 2000.

Impairment of Debt Established to Recognise Contributions towards Family Court Professional Services (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the impairment of debt owing as a contribution towards Family Court Professional Services costs in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Expenses

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	1,292	1,292	1,292

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 for the incurring of expenses involved in the impairment of debt.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted 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 the impairment of debt.

Impairment of Fines Receivable (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to allowing for the impairment of fines, court costs and enforcement fees in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Expenses

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	2,000	2,000	2,000

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the court system by providing for the incurring of expenses involved in the impairment of fines, court costs and enforcement fees.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted 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 the impairment of fines and enforcement fees.

Justices of the Peace Association (M19)

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

	2019/20		2020/21
	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 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)

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

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	6,007	6,007	6,007

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 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)

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

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	46,491	46,491	46,821

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Vote Courts: Non-Departmental Other Expenses Senior Courts Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA	330	330	-
Total	46,821	46,821	46,821

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 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.

Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses (M19)*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

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	19,597	19,597	19,645

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 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.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2019/20 Final Budgeted \$000	2020/21 Budget \$000	2021/22 Estimated \$000	2022/23 Estimated \$000	2023/24 Estimated \$000
Ongoing Funding for the Operation of the Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal	2019/20	(3,800)	2,500	2,255	2,266	-
Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal	2019/20	2,260	-	-	-	-
Human Rights Review Tribunal - Increasing Access to Justice for People Whose Human Rights May Have Been Breached	2019/20	896	1,002	1,002	1,002	1,002

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)

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.

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 New Zealand's specialist courts, tribunals and authorities.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Total Appropriation	527,921	527,921	545,729
Departmental Output Expenses			
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	57,519	57,519	59,830
District Court Services	281,823	281,823	293,765
Senior Courts Services	87,081	87,081	87,954
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	101,498	101,498	104,180
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	474,838	474,838	494,580
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	52,363	52,363	54,791
District Court Services	260,893	260,893	274,151
Senior Courts Services	75,266	75,266	76,477
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	86,316	86,316	89,161

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Revenue from Others	53,046	53,046	51,212
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	5,156	5,156	5,039
District Court Services	20,930	20,930	19,614
Senior Courts Services	11,815	11,815	11,477
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	15,145	15,145	15,082

Components of the Appropriation

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental			
<i>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</i>			
Collection and Enforcement of Fines	48,609	48,609	50,561
Collection and Enforcement of Civil Debt	8,910	8,910	9,269
Total	57,519	57,519	59,830
<i>District Court Services</i>			
Criminal Court	195,907	195,907	204,007
Family Court	66,375	66,375	69,385
Civil Court	19,541	19,541	20,373
Total	281,823	281,823	293,765
<i>Senior Court Services</i>			
High Court - Criminal	39,953	39,953	40,353
High Court - Civil	25,562	25,562	25,819
Supreme Court - Criminal	7,559	7,559	7,635
Supreme Court - Civil	7,464	7,464	7,539
Court of Appeal - Criminal	3,407	3,407	3,441
Court of Appeal - Civil	3,136	3,136	3,167
Total	87,081	87,081	87,954
<i>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</i>			
Māori Land Court and Māori Land Information	32,019	32,019	32,730
Other Tribunals and Authorities	21,386	21,386	21,993
Waitangi Tribunal Services	11,482	11,482	11,807
Coroner Services	9,997	9,997	10,281
Disputes Tribunal	9,413	9,413	9,680
Environment Court	7,442	7,442	7,653
Tenancy Tribunal	7,425	7,425	7,636
Employment Court	2,334	2,334	2,400
Total	101,498	101,498	104,180

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

Assessment of Performance	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Satisfaction of court users with court services and facilities (see Note 1)	80%	82%	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 resolved within 12 months	90%	83%	90%

Note 1 - This survey is conducted biennially. The estimated actual is based off the result from 2018/19. The next survey is due in 2020/21.

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

Assessment of Performance	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Departmental Output Expenses			
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services			
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	\$165 million to \$185 million	\$219 million	At least \$180 million
Percentage of court-imposed and infringement fines collected or placed under arrangement within 4 months	80%	80%	80%
Civil enforcement applications processed in 3 days	90%	94%	90%
Percentage of Offender Levy collected or placed under arrangement within 4 months	75%	78%	75%
Percentage of debt that is under arrangement	43%	48%	45%
Average time to answer calls to the Contact Centre (mm:ss) (see Note 1)	01:30	0:40	1:30
District Court Services			
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 applications resolved within 12 months in the Family Court	75%	74%	75%
Percentage of category 2 criminal cases resolved within 3 months	70%	70%	70%

	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Number of District Court criminal cases (including youth) disposed	110,000-130,000	128,200	>110,000
Number of civil cases disposed	16,000-19,000	18,500	>16,000
Number of Family Court substantive applications disposed	55,000-69,000	58,600	>55,000
Number of calls received by the 0800 victims of crime information line	23,000-25,000	29,300	17,000-19,000 (see Note 2)
Percentage of calls answered by the 0800 victims of crime information line answered within 30 seconds	85%	78%	80%
Average time to answer calls to the Registry Contact Centre (mm:ss) (see Note 3)	01:30	0:20	01:30
Dissolution of marriage applications processed within 6 days	90%	94%	90%
Applications to commence civil proceedings processed within 6 days	90%	98%	90%
Senior Courts Services			
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	70-200	167	100-200
Number of Court of Appeal civil and criminal appeals disposed	570-730	635	570-730
Number of High Court civil and criminal appeals disposed	1,200 - 1,500	1,589	1,400-1,700
Number of High Court civil and criminal cases disposed	2,100 - 2,700	2,359	2,100 - 2,700
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services			
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 (ACA DCR)</i>			
Percentage of Accident Compensation Appeals District Court Registry cases disposed	85%	90%	85%
<i>Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority</i>			
Percentage of Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority appeals and enforcements resolved within 6 months	75%	75%	75%
<i>Coronial Services Unit</i>			
Number of coronial cases disposed	3,100-3,300	3,200	>3,100
Percentage of coronial cases on hand under 12 months old	60%	51%	60%
<i>Disputes Tribunal</i>			
Number of Disputes Tribunal claims disposed	12,800-14,000	11,300	>12,000
Percentage of Disputes Tribunal claims disposed within 3 months	75%	67%	75%
Disputes Tribunal applications processed within 6 days	85%	88%	85%

Assessment of Performance	2019/20		2020/21
	Final Budgeted Standard	Estimated Actual	Budget Standard
<i>Employment Court</i>			
Number of Employment Court cases disposed	150-180	260	>150
Percentage of Employment Court cases on hand under 12 months old	75%	70%	75%
<i>Environment Court</i>			
Number of Environment Court cases disposed	350-500	500	>350
Percentage of Environment Court cases on hand under 18 months old	75%	80%	75%
<i>Human Rights Review Tribunal</i>			
Percentage of Human Rights Review Tribunal cases disposed	New measure	New measure	80%
<i>Immigration and Protection Tribunal</i>			
Percentage of Immigration and Protection Tribunal cases disposed	90%	95%	90%
<i>Māori Land Court</i>			
Number of Māori Land Court and Māori Appellate Court applications disposed	5,700-5,900	5,100	>5,000
Percentage of Māori Land Court and Māori Appellate Court applications disposed within 12 months	80%	70%	80%
<i>Tenancy Tribunal</i>			
Number of Tenancy Tribunal applications resolved	18,300-20,200	14,000	>18,300
<i>Waitangi Tribunal</i>			
Percentage of Waitangi Tribunal claims processed within 30 days	90%	100%	90%
Percentage of Waitangi Tribunal urgent applications determined in 1 month of receipt of last submissions	90%	80%	90%
Number of Waitangi Tribunal reports completed to the Chief Historian's standard and by the agreed timeframes	5-10	10	5-10
Percentage of Waitangi Tribunal drafts completed to the Chief Historian's standard and by the agreed timeframes	90%	100%	90%

Note 1 - The 2019/20 measure referred to the contact centre as the Fines Contact Centre.

Note 2 - The Standard has been updated to align with the Service Level Agreement with the provider.

Note 3 - The 2019/20 measure referred to the contact centre as 0800 Courts.

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	2019/20 Final Budgeted \$000	2020/21 Budget \$000	2021/22 Estimated \$000	2022/23 Estimated \$000	2023/24 Estimated \$000
Current Government						
<i>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</i>						
Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services	2020/21	-	785	303	307	313
Enhancing Court Security	2019/20	162	162	162	162	162
Improving Base Pay of Ministry of Justice Employees	2018/19	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Ministry of Justice - Additional Investment	2018/19	1,465	1,994	2,239	2,239	2,239
<i>District Court Services</i>						
Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services	2020/21	-	4,034	1,551	1,578	1,606
Addressing the Depreciation Impacts of Property Revaluations	2019/20	8,080	8,080	8,080	8,080	8,080
Towards a Safe and Effective Criminal Justice System: Initial Response to the Final Reports and Recommendations	2019/20	864	3,084	2,220	-	-
Initiatives Responding to the 15 March Terror Attacks: Additional Funding	2019/20	1,324	1,168	-	-	-
Improving the Justice Response to Sexual Violence Victims	2019/20	488	1,085	1,731	1,807	2,057
Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court - Operational Support 2019/20	2019/20	200	-	-	-	-
An Effective, Timely Crown Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in Care	2019/20	135	-	-	-	-
Enhancing Court Security	2019/20	6,723	6,723	6,723	6,723	6,723
Alleviating Depreciation Cost Pressure in the Justice System Due to Revaluation of Property	2019/20	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Ensuring the Sustainability of the District Court by Appointing Additional District Court Judges	2019/20	3,626	3,441	3,483	3,483	3,483
Improving Base Pay of Ministry of Justice Employees	2018/19	6,378	6,378	6,378	6,378	6,378
Ministry of Justice - Additional Investment	2018/19	6,609	8,994	10,101	10,101	10,101
Youth Justice - Including 17 Year Olds in the Youth Justice System and Managing Remand Pressures	2018/19	108	34	63	63	63
<i>Senior Courts Services</i>						
Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services	2020/21	-	1,150	442	450	458
Initiatives Responding to the 15 March Terror Attacks: Additional Funding	2019/20	1,266	892	-	-	-
An Effective, Timely Crown Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in Care	2019/20	65	-	-	-	-
Enhancing Court Security	2019/20	567	567	567	567	567
Improving Base Pay of Ministry of Justice Employees	2018/19	1,491	1,491	1,491	1,491	1,491
Ministry of Justice - Additional Investment	2018/19	1,845	2,512	2,820	2,820	2,820

Policy Initiative	Year of First Impact	2019/20 Final Budgeted \$000	2020/21 Budget \$000	2021/22 Estimated \$000	2022/23 Estimated \$000	2023/24 Estimated \$000
<i>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</i>						
Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services	2020/21	-	1,289	495	504	513
Ongoing Funding for the Operation of the Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal	2019/20	-	1,300	1,013	1,000	-
Oranga Pāpori, Oranga Ōhanga mā te Whenua Māori Social and Economic Development Through Whenua Māori	2019/20	4,778	4,887	4,918	6,815	6,815
Initiatives Responding to the 15 March Terror Attacks: Additional Funding	2019/20	244	198	-	-	-
Enhancing Court Security	2019/20	648	648	648	648	648
Human Rights Review Tribunal - Increasing Access to Justice for People Whose Human Rights May Have Been Breached	2019/20	516	521	521	519	515
Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal	2019/20	1,127	-	-	-	-
Improving Base Pay of Ministry of Justice Employees	2018/19	2,569	2,569	2,569	2,569	2,569
Ministry of Justice - Additional Investment	2018/19	2,148	2,923	3,282	3,282	3,282
Previous Government						
<i>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</i>						
Investing in Policing - Safe, Confident and Resilient Communities	2017/18	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
<i>District Court Services</i>						
Investing in Policing - Safe, Confident and Resilient Communities	2017/18	6,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Review of Family Violence Legislation	2017/18	4,719	5,616	6,469	6,466	5,766
Dunedin Courthouse - Capital Charge and Depreciation	2016/17	2,126	2,126	2,126	2,126	2,126
Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015 Implementation	2016/17	200	200	200	200	200
Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct	2016/17	12,712	12,712	12,712	12,712	12,712
<i>Senior Courts Services</i>						
Dunedin Courthouse - Capital Charge and Depreciation	2016/17	133	133	133	133	133
<i>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</i>						
Dunedin Courthouse - Capital Charge and Depreciation	2016/17	149	149	149	149	149

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation for 2020/21 of \$17.808 million is mainly due to:

- an increase of \$7.258 million for maintaining critical technology
- an increase of \$5.200 million for work with joint venture agencies on the Safe, Confident and Resilient Communities: Investing in Policing initiative

- an increase of \$4.356 million to maintain the capacity and capability of the Justice system to meet the ongoing demand for services
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$2.908 million to address increased security costs within the Courts, and
- an increase of \$2.200 million towards a safe and effective criminal justice system initiative, which includes preliminary work to establish an innovative courthouse in Tauranga.

This is partially offset by:

- a decrease of \$1.516 million relating to a reduction in capital charge following the sale and lease-back of land under treaty settlements
- a fiscally neutral adjustment in 2019/20 of \$828,000 for employees seconded to other government agencies
- an expense transfer from 2018/19 to 2019/20 of \$800,000 for the Human Rights Review Tribunal to address the backlog of cases, and
- a fiscally neutral adjustment in 2019/20 of \$775,000 to assist with hosting the 2020 International Association of Women Judges Conference in New Zealand, with costs reimbursed by third parties.

Memorandum Accounts

	2019/20		2020/21
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Second Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers			
Opening Balance at 1 July	519	519	482
Revenue	195	195	300
Expenses	(232)	(232)	(237)
Transfers and Adjustments			
Closing Balance at 30 June	482	482	545
Legal Complaints Review Officers			
Opening Balance at 1 July	197	197	197
Revenue	1,759	1,759	1,759
Expenses	(1,759)	(1,759)	(1,759)
Transfers and Adjustments			
Closing Balance at 30 June	197	197	197