

Vote Courts

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

APPROPRIATION ADMINISTRATOR: Ministry of Justice

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2019/20				Total Budget \$000
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Addition to the Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Cumulative Supplementary Estimates 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
Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19) Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.	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
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
Court and Coroner Related Costs (M19) This appropriation is limited to funding professional and administrative services provided to or directed by courts and coroners, including costs that are required by legislation and costs incurred by Visiting Justices.	118,048	(700)	-	(700)	117,348
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
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.	19,631	(1,694)	-	(1,694)	17,937
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
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

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2019/20				
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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
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.	1,546	700	-	700	2,246
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
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
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
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
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.	23,397	(3,800)	-	(3,800)	19,597
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	314,954	(5,494)	-	(5,494)	309,460

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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)	504,795	23,126	100	23,226	528,021
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.					
Departmental Output Expenses					
<i>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</i>	58,640	(1,121)	-	(1,121)	57,519
This category is limited to the purchase of collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.					
<i>District Court Services</i>	281,165	658	-	658	281,823
This category is limited to providing services that support the work of the District Court, including the Youth Court and Family Court.					
<i>Senior Courts Services</i>	75,579	11,502	-	11,502	87,081
This category is limited to providing services that support the work of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.					
<i>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</i>	89,411	12,087	100	12,187	101,598
This category is limited to providing services that support the work of New Zealand's specialist courts, tribunals and authorities.					
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	504,795	23,126	100	23,226	528,021
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	819,749	17,632	100	17,732	837,481

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2019/20				
	Estimates \$000	Cumulative Supplementary Estimates			Total \$000
		Departmental Transactions \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions \$000	Total Transactions \$000	
Appropriations					
Output Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	314,954	-	(5,494)	(5,494)	309,460
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	504,795	23,226	-	23,226	528,021
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	819,749	23,226	(5,494)	17,732	837,481
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	121,642	N/A	-	-	121,642
Capital Receipts	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	121,642	N/A	-	-	121,642

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			Total \$000
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Addition to the Supplementary Estimates \$000	
Total Appropriation	504,795	23,126	100	528,021
Departmental Output Expenses				
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	58,640	(1,121)	-	57,519
District Court Services	281,165	658	-	281,823
Senior Courts Services	75,579	11,502	-	87,081
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	89,411	12,087	100	101,598

	2019/20			
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Addition to the Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses				
Revenue from the Crown	454,505	20,333	100	474,938
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	54,091	(1,728)	-	52,363
District Court Services	255,102	5,791	-	260,893
Senior Courts Services	64,616	10,650	-	75,266
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	80,696	5,620	100	86,416
Revenue from Others	50,212	2,834	-	53,046
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	4,549	607	-	5,156
District Court Services	26,063	(5,133)	-	20,930
Senior Courts Services	10,963	852	-	11,815
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	8,637	6,508	-	15,145

Components of the Appropriation

	2019/20			
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Addition to the Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Departmental				
<i>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</i>				
Collection and Enforcement of Fines	48,590	19	-	48,609
Collection and Enforcement of Civil Debt	10,050	(1,140)	-	8,910
Total	58,640	(1,121)	-	57,519
<i>District Court Services</i>				
Criminal Court	191,501	4,406	-	195,907
Family Court	72,659	(6,284)	-	66,375
Civil Court	17,005	2,536	-	19,541
Total	281,165	658	-	281,823
<i>Senior Court Services</i>				
High Court - Criminal	31,029	8,924	-	39,953
High Court - Civil	23,889	1,673	-	25,562
Supreme Court - Criminal	7,150	409	-	7,559
Supreme Court - Civil	7,076	388	-	7,464
Court of Appeal - Criminal	3,359	48	-	3,407
Court of Appeal - Civil	3,076	60	-	3,136
Total	75,579	11,502	-	87,081

	2019/20			Total \$000
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Addition to the Supplementary Estimates \$000	
<i>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</i>				
Māori Land Court and Māori Land Information	26,228	5,791	-	32,019
Other Tribunals and Authorities	17,826	3,560	-	21,386
Waitangi Tribunal Services	10,896	586	-	11,482
Coroner Services	9,000	997	-	9,997
Disputes Tribunal	9,820	(407)	-	9,413
Environment Court	7,085	357	-	7,442
Tenancy Tribunal	6,368	1,057	100	7,525
Employment Court	2,188	146	-	2,334
Total	89,411	12,087	100	101,598

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by a further \$100,000 to \$528.021 million for 2019/20 due to additional costs associated with the appointment of six additional Tenancy Tribunal adjudicators, who will assist with clearing the backlog of cases arising from reduced services by the Tribunal during the COVID-19 alert levels.