

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	2018/19		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total 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	(600)	4,463
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.	999	300	1,299
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.	6,568	-	6,568
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.	109,139	600	109,739
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.	76,110	(1,848)	74,262
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.	21,262	-	21,262
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	161	4,352
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
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.	13,531	(11,531)	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	-	1,546
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.	410	40	450

	2018/19		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
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	1,612	7,619
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.	43,491	3,962	47,453
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.	17,085	(257)	16,828
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	307,064	(7,561)	299,503
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 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.	469,288	4,470	473,758
<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.	54,765	1,009	55,774
<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.	257,489	(1,430)	256,059
<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.	72,808	2,079	74,887
<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.	84,226	2,812	87,038
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	469,288	4,470	473,758
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	776,352	(3,091)	773,261

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2018/19				
	Estimates \$000	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	307,064	-	(7,561)	(7,561)	299,503
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	469,288	4,470	-	4,470	473,758
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	776,352	4,470	(7,561)	(3,091)	773,261
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	133,322	N/A	(11,531)	(11,531)	121,791
Capital Receipts	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	133,322	N/A	(11,531)	(11,531)	121,791

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.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$600,000 to \$4.463 million for 2018/19 due to a fiscally neutral transfer to the Court and Coroner Related Costs appropriation to cover increased demand on Family Court professional services.

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.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$300,000 to \$1.299 million for 2018/19 to reflect expected expenditure in line with the Judicial and Statutory Officers Fees Review 2017/18.

Court and Coroner Related Costs (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

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.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$600,000 to \$109.739 million for 2018/19 due to a fiscally neutral transfer from the Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants Fees appropriation to cover increased demand on Family Court professional 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.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$1.848 million to \$74.262 million for 2018/19 due to a \$6 million forecast reduction in salaries and allowances to reflect expected expenditure in line with the Judicial Salaries and Allowances (2018/19) Determination 2018.

This was partly offset by an increase of \$4.152 million for the valuation of the sabbatical leave liability for Judges.

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.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The appropriation increased by \$161,000 to \$4.352 million for 2018/19 due to the valuation of the sabbatical leave liability for Judges.

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.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation has decreased by \$11.531 million to \$2 million for 2018/19 due to the application of the accounting treatment required under the Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standard - Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions (PBE IPSAS 23).

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.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation has increased by \$40,000 to \$450,000 for 2018/19 due to a fiscally neutral transfer from the Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services appropriation to cover an increase in the fee paid to the Royal Federation of NZ Justices' Associations Incorporated.

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.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$1.612 million to \$7.619 million for 2018/19 due to the valuation of the sabbatical leave liability for Judges.

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.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$3.962 million to \$47.453 million for 2018/19 due to:

- an increase of \$2.700 million in accordance with the Judicial Salaries and Allowances (2018/19) Determination 2018, and
- an increase of \$1.262 million for the valuation of the sabbatical leave liability for Judges.

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.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$257,000 to \$16.828 million for 2018/19 due to:

- an expense transfer of \$2.482 million from 2018/19 to 2019/20 to fund the work programme of the Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal, to reflect the expected dates for the enactment of legislation, and
- an expense transfer of \$1.400 million from 2018/19 to 2019/20 to meet costs associated with addressing the backlog of cases for the Human Rights Review Tribunal.

This was partly offset by:

- a fiscally neutral transfer of \$1.800 million from Vote Building and Housing Greater Christchurch Recovery appropriation for the cost of specialist technical experts for the Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal
- a fiscally neutral transfer of \$1.609 million from the Court and Coroner Related Costs appropriation to meet the costs associated with addressing the backlog of cases for the Human Rights Review Tribunal. This funding was previously carried forward from 2017/18 in the Court and Coroner Related Costs appropriation to 2018/19 to fund this cost pressure, and
- a fiscally neutral transfer of \$216,000 from Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services appropriation for the cost of additional fulltime Immigration Protection Tribunal members.

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 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

	2018/19		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	469,288	4,470	473,758
Departmental Output Expenses			
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	54,765	1,009	55,774
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Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	84,226	2,812	87,038

	2018/19		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	419,247	3,431	422,678
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	50,302	897	51,199
District Court Services	231,345	(2,029)	229,316
Senior Courts Services	61,918	1,936	63,854
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	75,682	2,627	78,309
Revenue from Others	49,986	1,039	51,025
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	4,463	112	4,575
District Court Services	26,144	599	26,743
Senior Courts Services	10,890	143	11,033
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	8,489	185	8,674

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

	2018/19		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Departmental Output Expenses			
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services			
<i>Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority</i>			
Percentage of uncontested applications issued within six weeks once all relevant documentation has been received by the authority	50%	Measure removed	Measure removed

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$4.470 million to \$473.758 million for 2018/19 due to:

- an increase of \$4.122 million to improve the base pay of Ministry of Justice employees
- an increase in capital charge of \$2.699 million on the revaluation of land and buildings as at 30 June 2018
- additional funding for the Whenua Māori Programme of \$1.552 million which supports Māori land owners to achieve their aspirations in respect of their whenua
- a fiscally neutral transfer of \$1 million from the Court and Coroner Related Costs appropriation to cover support costs for the Human Rights Review Tribunal to address the current backlog of cases. This funding was previously carried forward from 2017/18 in the Court and Coroner Related Costs appropriation to 2018/19 to fund this cost pressure
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$443,000 for employees seconded to other government agencies
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$418,000 for technology services in the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct, funded by additional revenue received from building tenants
- funding of \$314,000 from the Effective Justice Fund tagged contingency to improve scheduling of court hearings across the District Courts, and
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$178,000 for the Justice Centre lease costs, funded by additional revenue received from building tenants.

This was partly offset by:

- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$3.299 million to Vote Justice to reflect the allocation of Ministry overheads in 2018/19
- an expense transfer of \$800,000 from 2018/19 to 2019/20 to meet costs associated with addressing the backlog of cases from the Human Rights Review Tribunal
- an expense transfer of \$720,000 from 2018/19 to 2019/20 to reflect the expected dates for the enactment of legislation for the Family Violence Law Reform Programme
- a fiscally neutral transfer of \$680,000 to Vote Justice for the Family Violence and Sexual Violence Joint Venture work programme to cover the development of a workforce capability plan for government and non-government agencies
- an expense transfer of \$300,000 from 2018/19 to 2019/20 due to delays in the Whenua Māori Programme
- a fiscally neutral transfer of \$216,000 to the Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses appropriation for the cost of additional fulltime Immigration Protection Tribunal members
- an expense transfer of \$135,000 from 2018/19 to 2019/20 to reflect the expected dates for the enactment of legislation associated with the Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal
- a fiscally neutral transfer of \$66,000 to Vote Justice to fund the ongoing costs of Community Law Centres o Aotearoa, and
- a fiscally neutral transfer of \$40,000 to the Justices of the Peace Association appropriation to cover an increase in the fee paid to the Royal Federation of NZ Justices' Associations Incorporated.

