

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		
	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	-	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)	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)	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
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	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

	2019/20		
	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	-	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)	19,597
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	314,954	(5,494)	309,460
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.	504,795	23,126	527,921
<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.	58,640	(1,121)	57,519
<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.	281,165	658	281,823
<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.	75,579	11,502	87,081
<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.	89,411	12,087	101,498
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	504,795	23,126	527,921
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	819,749	17,632	837,381

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2019/20				
	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	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	23,126	-	23,126	527,921
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	819,749	23,126	(5,494)	17,632	837,381
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 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

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

The appropriation decreased by \$700,000 to \$117.348 million for 2019/20 due to a fiscally neutral adjustment to the Judicial Review Costs appropriation to cover increased judicially ordered payments being made from the Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund.

District Court Part-time or Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of part-time and acting Judges in the District Court, including the Environment Court.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$1.694 million to \$17.937 million for 2019/20 due to:

- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$3.200 million to Vote Justice to fund the Human Rights Commission to undertake work on hate speech and discrimination, and for the second phase of the 'Give Nothing to Racism' campaign, and
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$1.694 million to address increased security costs allocated through overheads across Vote Courts, Vote Justice and Vote Treaty Negotiations.

This was partially offset by an expense transfer of \$3.200 million from 2018/19 to 2019/20 of un-used funding which was then transferred to Vote Justice to fund work by the Human Rights Commission.

Judicial Review Costs (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

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.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$700,000 to \$2.246 million for 2019/20 due to a fiscally neutral adjustment from the Court and Coroner Related Costs appropriation to cover increased judicially ordered payments being made from the Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund.

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

The appropriation decreased by \$3.800 million to \$19.597 million for 2019/20 due to an expense transfer from 2019/20 to 2020/21 for the Canterbury Earthquake Insurance Tribunal due to delayed setup of the Tribunal.

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		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	504,795	23,126	527,921
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	101,498

	2019/20		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	454,505	20,333	474,838
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	86,316
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	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		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$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	7,425
Employment Court	2,188	146	2,334
Total	89,411	12,087	101,498

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$23.126 million to \$527.921 million for 2019/20 due to:

- an increase of \$8.080 million to fund increased depreciation expense as a result of property revaluations
- an increase of \$4.778 million for the Whenua Māori Programme, a cross agency programme with Te Puni Kōkiri and the Māori Land Court
- an increase of \$2.834 million to address pressures on the court system resulting from the Christchurch terror attacks trial
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$2.526 million relating to the sale and lease-back of properties under treaty settlements
- an increase in capital charge of \$1.965 million due to the revaluation of land and buildings as at 30 June 2019
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$1.516 million from District Court Part-time or Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances appropriation to address increased security costs within the Courts
- an increase of \$864,000 to scope and set-up an additional Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court in Waikato, funded from the Proceeds of Crime Fund
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$828,000 for employees seconded to other government agencies
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$775,000 to assist with hosting the 2020 International Association of Women Judges Conference in New Zealand, with costs reimbursed by third parties
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$613,000 to support the professional development of Pacific judicial and court officers
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$497,000 for the development of an automated system for Criminal Record checks, funded by third parties

- an increase of \$300,000 for preliminary work to establish an innovative courthouse in Tauranga, and
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$80,000 for 2019/20 to fund the Marceau National Oversight Group established in response to the coronial findings into the death of Christie Marceau.

This was partially offset by:

- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$2.230 million to Vote Justice and Vote Treaty Negotiations to reflect the allocation of Ministry overheads in 2019/20, and
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$300,000 to Vote Justice to undertake work on phase two of the Law Commission's recommendations on sexual violence proceedings.