

# *Vote Courts*

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

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry of Justice (A23)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

# Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

## Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2023/24		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19) (A23)</b> Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.	40	-	40
<b>Community Magistrates Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Community Magistrates as authorised by section 60 of the District Court Act 2016.	1,449	2,305	3,754
<b>Coroners and Associate Coroners' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Coroners and Associate Coroners pursuant to Section 110 of the Coroners Act 2006.	-	15,348	15,348
<b>Coroners Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Coroners pursuant to Section 110 of the Coroners Act 2006.	15,006	(15,006)	-
<b>Court and Coroner Related Costs (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to meeting the costs of services directed by or provided to courts (including coroners) and tribunals, including the costs of legal services (including settlement of claims) arising out of the exercise of judicial functions or the execution of judicial process, costs required to be met by the Crown under legislation, and remuneration of Lay Members and Visiting Justices.	154,753	12,476	167,229
<b>Court Martial Appeal Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the salaries and allowances of appointed Judges in the Court Martial Appeal Court as authorised by Section 3(3B) of the Court Martial Appeals Act 1953.	-	10	10
<b>Disputes Tribunal Referees' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the Principal Disputes Referee and Referees as authorised by section 9 of the Disputes Tribunal Act 1988.	3,700	4,470	8,170
<b>District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Judges in the District Court, including the Environment Court, as authorised by section 34 of the District Court Act 2016.	100,279	4,542	104,821
<b>Employment Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Employment Court incurred pursuant to s.206 Employment Relations Act 2000.	4,379	70	4,449
<b>Environment Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the Environment Commissioners and Deputy Environment Commissioners as authorised by section 263 of the Resource Management Act 1991.	3,600	(500)	3,100
<b>Family Court Associates Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for Family Court Associates as authorised by section 7E of the Family Court Act 1980.	-	715	715

	2023/24		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<b>Human Rights Review Tribunal Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons of the Human Rights Review Tribunal as authorised by section 118A of the Human Rights Act 1993.	760	914	1,674
<b>Immigration and Protection Tribunal Deputy Chair and Other Members' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the deputy chair and the other members of the Immigration and Protection Tribunal as authorised by schedule 2 of the Immigration Act 2009.	3,000	2,310	5,310
<b>Justices of the Peace Association (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the cost of administrative services from the Royal Federation of Justices including training and rostering Justices of the Peace for court hearings, and training for Visiting Justices.	450	-	450
<b>Māori Land Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Māori Land Court incurred pursuant to s.13 Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993.	7,988	169	8,157
<b>Senior Courts Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court as authorised by section 135 of the Senior Courts Act 2016.	45,870	1,045	46,915
<b>Tenancy Tribunal Adjudicators' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the Principal Tenancy Adjudicators, Deputy Principal Tenancy Adjudicator, and Tenancy Adjudicators as authorised by section 69 of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986.	2,160	5,016	7,176
<b>Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding remuneration, allowances, or fees for the Chairs, Members, Adjudicators and Assessors of Specialist Tribunals, and expenses incurred by those Chairs, Members, Adjudicators and Assessors in relation to Tribunal work.	5,425	319	5,744
<b>Weathertight Homes Tribunal Chair Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries, allowances, or fees for the chair of the Weathertight Homes Tribunal as authorised by schedule 3 section 6(1) of the Weathertight Homes Resolution Services Act 2006.	-	181	181
<b>Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>	348,859	34,384	383,243
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA (M19) (A23)</b> The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide courts, tribunals and other authorities services, including the collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.	697,175	21,584	718,759
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<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.	61,795	415	62,210
<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.	398,171	11,343	409,514
<i>New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions</i> This category is limited to the provision of services that support the courts, tribunals and other authorities of International jurisdictions.	2,690	1,367	4,057

	2023/24		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<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.	101,936	2,334	104,270
<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.	132,583	6,125	138,708
<b>Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>	697,175	21,584	718,759
<b>Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations</b>	1,046,034	55,968	1,102,002

# Supporting Information

## Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

### 1.2 - Trends in the Vote

#### Summary of Financial Activity

	2023/24				
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates			Total \$000
		Departmental Transactions \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions \$000	Total Transactions \$000	
<b>Appropriations</b>					
Output Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	348,859	-	34,384	34,384	383,243
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	697,175	21,584	-	21,584	718,759
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	1,046,034	21,584	34,384	55,968	1,102,002
<b>Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	116,636	N/A	(200)	(200)	116,436
Capital Receipts	-	N/A	-	-	-
<b>Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>	116,636	N/A	(200)	(200)	116,436

## 1.4 - Reconciliation of Changes in Appropriation Structure

The following changes to the appropriation structure have been during the 2023/24 year within Vote Courts:

- Three new permanent legislative authority appropriations were established as authorised under legislation for funding salaries and allowances of Coroners and Associate Coroners', Family Court Associates and Weathertight Homes Tribunal Chair.
- The funding for salaries and allowances of these judicial and statutory officers in existing appropriations was returned to the Crown. A corresponding forecasting adjustment was made to the three new appropriations reflecting the anticipated costs.

Estimates	2023/24 (Estimates) \$000	Supplementary Estimates (Changes during the year)	Amount Moved \$000	New Structure	2023/24 (Restated) \$000
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>					
Coroners' Salaries and Allowances PLA	15,006	Return of funding to the Crown	(15,006)	Coroners' Salaries and Allowances PLA	-
		Forecast Adjustment	15,006	Coroners and Associate Coroners' Salaries and Allowances PLA	15,006
Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA District Court Services	398,171	Return of funding to the Crown	(715)	Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA District Court Services	397,456
		Forecast Adjustment	715	Family Court Associates Salaries and Allowances PLA	715
Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses	5,425	Return of funding to the Crown	(181)	Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses	5,244
		Forecast Adjustment	181	Weathertight Homes Tribunal Chair Salaries and Allowances PLA	181
Total Changes in Appropriations	418,602		-		418,602

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

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

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

##### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$2.350 million to \$3.754 million for 2023/24 due to additional funding in accordance with salary and allowance determinations issued by the Remuneration Authority.

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

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

##### *Expenses*

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	15,348	15,348

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

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

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

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

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation was established due to an amendment to the Coroners Act 2006 to include the position of Associate Coroner. This appropriation increased by \$15.348 million in 2023/24 due to:

- forecasted remuneration of \$15.006 million for Coroners and Associate Coroners, and
- additional funding of \$342,000 in accordance with the Judicial Officers' Salaries and Allowances (2023/2) Determination 2023.

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

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

#### *Expenses*

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	15,006	(15,006)	-

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

A new Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation was established due to an amendment to the Coroners Act 2006. This appropriation is no longer required, and \$15.006 million funding has been returned to the Crown.



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

### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

### *Components of the Appropriation*

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Family Court Professional Services	57,601	260	57,861
Coroner-Directed Post-Mortems	21,603	3,107	24,710
Family Violence Professional Services	16,792	1,176	17,968
Youth Court Professional Fees	19,119	-	19,119
Oranga Tamariki Act Professional Services	11,576	640	12,216
Medical and Other Professional Services	6,649	2,577	9,226
Juror Fees and Expenses	5,863	2,501	8,364
Interpreter costs	7,028	309	7,337
Personal Property Protection Rights Costs	3,148	1,869	5,017
Witness Fees and Expenses	2,742	-	2,742
Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund	1,847	-	1,847
Visiting Justices to Prisons	355	38	393
Judicial Review Costs	222	-	222
Costs in Criminal Cases	157	-	157
Representations for Blood Sampling	51	-	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>154,753</b>	<b>12,476</b>	<b>167,229</b>

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$12.476 million to \$167.229 million for 2023/24 due to:

- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$11 million from Vote Justice to address cost pressures due to increased coroner directed post-mortems, medical and other professional services, and jurors' fees and expenses
- additional funding of \$1.176 million for remuneration of social workers and employees undertaking social work in the community and iwi organisations, aiming to achieve pay equity, and
- an expense transfer of \$300,000 from 2022/23 to 2023/24 for legal and expert advice for the Coroner for the masjidian coronial inquiry.

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

### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	10	10

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

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the Court Martial Appeal Court by providing payment of salaries and allowances for appointed Judges in the Court Martial Appeal Court.

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

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

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation was established as authorised by section 3(3B) of the Court Martial Appeals Act 1953. This appropriation increased by \$10,000 in 2023/24 due to forecasted salaries and allowances for appointed Judges in the Court Martial Appeal Court.

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

### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$4.470 million to \$8.170 million for 2023/24 due to additional funding in accordance with salary and allowance determinations issued by the Remuneration Authority.

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

### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

### *Components of the Appropriation*

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
District Court Judges	95,198	4,434	99,632
Environment Court Judges	5,081	108	5,189
Total	100,279	4,542	104,821

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$4.542 million to \$104.821 million for 2023/24 due to:

- additional funding of \$2.482 million in accordance with the Judicial Officers' Salaries and Allowances (2023/24) Determination 2023, and
- additional funding of \$2.060 million to allow for the increase in usage of acting Judges to cover for District Court Judges on leave, as indicated by the rise in sitting days for Acting Judges in 2023/24.

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

### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation has increased by \$70,000 to \$4.449 million for 2023/24 in accordance with the Judicial Officers' Salaries and Allowances (2023/24) Determination 2023.

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

### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	3,600	(500)	3,100

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation decreased by \$500,000 to \$3.100 million due to a forecasting adjustment to account for the Deputy Environment Commissioners being part time.

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

### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	715	715

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

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

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

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

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation was established due to an amendment to the Family Court Act 1980. This appropriation increased by \$715,000 in 2023/24 due to forecasted salaries, allowances, or fees for Family Court Associates.

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

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

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$914,000 to \$1.674 million for 2023/24 due to additional funding in accordance with salary and allowance determinations issued by the Remuneration Authority.

**Immigration and Protection Tribunal Deputy Chair and Other Members' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23)***Scope of Appropriation*

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

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$2.310 million to \$5.310 million for 2023/24 due to additional funding in accordance with salary and allowance determinations issued by the Remuneration Authority.

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

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

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$169,000 to \$8.157 million for 2023/24 in accordance with the Judicial Officers' Salaries and Allowances (2023/24) Determination 2023.

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

### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$1.045 million to \$46.915 million for 2023/24 in accordance with the Judicial Officers' Salaries and Allowances (2023/24) Determination 2023.

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

### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$5.016 million to \$7.176 million for 2023/24 due to additional funding in accordance with salary and allowance determinations issued by the Remuneration Authority.

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

### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	5,425	319	5,744

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$319,000 to \$5.744 million for 2023/24 due to a technical adjustment of \$500,000 to reinstate funding previously returned upon the establishment of the Environment Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners' Salaries and Allowances PLA.

This was partially offset by a technical adjustment of \$181,000 to reflect the Weathertight Homes Tribunal Chair that is now funded by a new Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation.

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

### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

### *Expenses*

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	181	181

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

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

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

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

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation was established as authorised by schedule 3 section 6(1) of the Weathertight Homes Resolution Services Act 2006. This appropriation increased by \$181,000 in 2023/24 due to forecasted salaries, allowances, or fees for the chair of the Weathertight Homes 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) (A23)

#### *Overarching Purpose Statement*

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

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

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

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

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

##### *District Court Services*

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

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

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

##### *Senior Courts Services*

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

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

This category is limited to providing services that support the work of New Zealand's specialist courts, tribunals and authorities.

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

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>697,175</b>	<b>21,584</b>	<b>718,759</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	61,795	415	62,210
District Court Services	398,171	11,343	409,514
New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions	2,690	1,367	4,057
Senior Courts Services	101,936	2,334	104,270
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	132,583	6,125	138,708



	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Funding for Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Revenue from the Crown</b>	<b>643,636</b>	<b>20,417</b>	<b>664,053</b>
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	56,765	415	57,180
District Court Services	378,612	11,343	389,955
New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions	190	-	190
Senior Courts Services	91,035	2,334	93,369
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	117,034	6,325	123,359
<b>Revenue from Others</b>	<b>52,981</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>55,353</b>
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	5,030	-	5,030
District Court Services	19,559	-	19,559
New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions	2,500	1,367	3,867
Senior Courts Services	10,901	-	10,901
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	14,991	1,005	15,996

### *Components of the Appropriation*

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Departmental</b>			
<b><i>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</i></b>			
Collection and Enforcement of Fines	50,838	1,191	52,029
Collection and Enforcement of Civil Debt	10,957	(776)	10,181
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,795</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>62,210</b>
<b><i>District Court Services</i></b>			
Criminal Court	267,412	(8,266)	259,146
Family Court	105,346	14,305	119,651
Civil Court	25,413	5,304	30,717
<b>Total</b>	<b>398,171</b>	<b>11,343</b>	<b>409,514</b>
<b><i>New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions</i></b>			
Pacific Regional Justice Sector Programme	2,690	1,367	4,057
<b><i>Senior Court Services</i></b>			
High Court - Criminal	45,591	(1,798)	43,793
High Court - Civil	30,562	1,965	32,527
Supreme Court - Criminal	9,038	864	9,902
Supreme Court - Civil	8,924	942	9,866
Court of Appeal - Criminal	4,073	181	4,254
Court of Appeal - Civil	3,748	180	3,928
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,936</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>104,270</b>

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<i>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</i>			
Māori Land Court and Māori Land Information	40,937	504	41,441
Other Tribunals and Authorities	26,502	1,742	28,244
Coroner Services	17,358	3,138	20,496
Waitangi Tribunal Services	14,039	-	14,039
Disputes Tribunal	11,586	1,895	13,481
Environment Court	9,070	138	9,208
Tenancy Tribunal	10,249	(1,319)	8,930
Employment Court	2,842	27	2,869
Total	132,583	6,125	138,708

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

	2023/24		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>District Court Services</b>			
Average time to answer calls to the Registry Contact Centre (mm:ss) (see Note 1)	1:30	00:30	2:00

Note 1 - The standard was increased in 2023/24 by 00:30 seconds due to a reduction in staffing levels in the registry contact centre.

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$21.584 million to \$718.759 million for 2023/24 due to:

- a net increase of \$4.262 million for implementing a digital case management system aimed at reducing delays and improve access to information, reflecting additional funding of \$4.559 million as well as expense transfers of \$1.200 million from 2022/23 to 2023/24 and \$1.497 million from 2023/24 to 2024/25
- an expense transfer of \$4.900 million from 2022/23 to 2023/24 to support the coronial inquiry into the masjidain attack and associated judicial review
- an expense transfer of \$3.500 million from 2022/23 to 2023/24 to replace ageing infrastructure and continue upgrading critical technology to ensure the delivery of Justice services
- additional funding of \$2.540 million for capital charge as a result of the revaluation of land and buildings as at 30 June 2023

- an expense transfer of \$2.500 million from 2022/23 to 2023/24 for detailed project investigations and the development of business cases on priority courthouses
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$1.367 million to reflect the agency contributions to deliver the Pacific Regional Justice Sector Programme
- additional funding of \$1.280 million for project operating costs associated with the seismic remediation of Auckland District Court, Hamilton District Court and Wellington High Court
- an expense transfer of \$1.250 million from 2022/23 to 2023/24 to progress Waitangi Tribunal inquiry projects
- an expense transfer of \$1.062 million from 2022/23 to 2023/24 for the Whakaari/White Island criminal prosecution costs impacted by the judiciary announcement of the trial date and location
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$663,000 for the Better Outcomes for Victims work programme to improve victims' experience of the justice system
- an expense transfer of \$600,000 from 2022/23 to 2023/24 for the Criminal Process Improvement programme to address the increasing backlog of criminal cases impacted by Justice Sector agencies' ability to participate, and
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$500,000 for the post implementation costs of Whakaoranga te Mana Tangata to support Māori offenders, victims and their whānau.

This is partially offset by:

- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$1.650 million to reflect the allocation of Ministry overhead in 2023/24
- a technical adjustment of \$715,000 to reflect Family Court Associates are now funded by a new Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation
- a decrease of \$200,000 to reflect the forecasted expenditure for the Legal Complaints Review Officers Memorandum Account which will be offset by third party revenue received and the retained surplus from prior years
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$145,000 to Vote Corrections for the continued delivery of the Apanui Justice programme, and
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$130,000 to Vote Health for an additional Pou Oranga role in Te Whare Whakapiki Wirua Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Courts.

*Memorandum Account*

	2023/24		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Second Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers</b>			
Opening Balance at 1 July	474	(48)	426
Revenue	144	-	144
Expenses	(247)	-	(247)
Transfers and Adjustments			
Closing Balance at 30 June	371	(48)	323
<b>Legal Complaints Review Officers</b>			
Opening Balance at 1 July	459	784	1,243
Revenue	1,562	1,005	2,567
Expenses	(2,017)	200	(1,817)
Transfers and Adjustments			
Closing Balance at 30 June	4	1,989	1,993