

# *Vote Justice*

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APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister of Justice (M42), Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence (M104)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry of Justice (A23)

OTHER APPROPRIATION ADMINISTRATOR(S): Executive Board for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence (A600)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE ELIMINATION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE: Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

# Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

## Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Administration of Legal Services (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the administration of community, legal and related services; and the management and collection of related debt.	38,560	(422)	38,138
<b>Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence (M104) (A600)</b> This appropriation is limited to leading a whole-of-government approach to prevent, address and eliminate family violence and sexual violence, as well as related services and support to Ministers.	20,637	1,641	22,278
<b>Establishing the Independent Statutory Agency for Firearms Safety (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to establishing the new Independent Statutory Agency for firearms safety.	-	551	551
<b>Establishing the Inspector-General of Police and related advice (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to work to provide advice to respond to Independent Police Conduct Authority's recommendations on Police accountability and to establish the Inspector-General of Police and related entity.	-	381	381
<b>Justice and Emergency Agencies Property and Shared Services (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the provision of property and shared services to other agencies in Christchurch.	41,766	(835)	40,931
<b>Justice Policy Advice (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the provision of advice and ministerial support to Ministers on government policy matter relating to law and the justice sector.	38,807	3,412	42,219
<b>Public Defence Service (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the provision of legal services by the Public Defence Service.	50,573	(2,178)	48,395
<b>Sector Leadership and Support (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to advice and services focused on the Ministry's leadership role in the justice sector. This covers enhancing the Ministry's coordination with other sector and Government agencies, advice and information about judicial and statutory appointments and monitoring specific crown entities.	13,583	3,070	16,653
<b>Total Departmental Output Expenses</b>	203,926	5,620	209,546
<b>Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Ministry of Justice - Capital Expenditure PLA (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry of Justice, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	258,890	5,004	263,894
<b>Total Departmental Capital Expenditure</b>	258,890	5,004	263,894

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Independent Advice to Ministers (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to independent advice and assurance, and related costs, to support decision-making by Ministers.	1,800	-	1,800
<b>Inspector-General of Defence (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the costs associated with the work of the Inspector-General of Defence.	1,610	-	1,610
<b>Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the administrative costs associated with the work of the Inspector General of Intelligence and Security.	1,329	-	1,329
<b>Legal Aid (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the payments of legal aid to approved providers.	328,000	10,000	338,000
<b>Provision of Protective Fiduciary Services (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the purchase of fiduciary services provided by the Public Trust as specified by statute where charges to the recipient, if any, will not meet the costs of the service.	1,984	-	1,984
<b>Services from the Criminal Cases Review Commission (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the independent review of suspected miscarriages of justice and any secondary functions outlined in statute.	4,854	-	4,854
<b>Services from the Human Rights Commission (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to advocating and promoting respect for, and an understanding and appreciation of, human rights in New Zealand.	12,446	-	12,446
<b>Services from the Independent Police Conduct Authority (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to investigating incidents and investigating and resolving complaints against the Police, and to upholding the rights of persons in Police detention.	6,742	-	6,742
<b>Services from the Law Commission (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to advice on the review, reform and development of all aspects of the law in New Zealand.	4,205	-	4,205
<b>Services from the Privacy Commissioner (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to privacy issues relating to the collection and disclosure of personal information and the privacy of individuals.	7,641	-	7,641
<b>Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>	370,611	10,000	380,611
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Impairment of Crown Assets (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the impairment or write downs of Crown assets, managed by the Ministry of Justice, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.	13,512	-	13,512
<b>Remuneration for the Inspector-General and Deputy Inspector-General of Defence PLA (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to funding salaries and allowances for the Inspector-General and Deputy Inspector-General of Defence as authorised by schedule 2 section 4 of the Inspector-General of Defence Act 2023.	644	-	644
<b>Remuneration for the Inspector-General and the Deputy Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security PLA (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of the Inspector-General and the Deputy Inspector-General as authorised by the Intelligence and Security Act 2017, Schedule 3, clause 9(1).	700	-	700
<b>Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>	14,856	-	14,856

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Community Justice Support and Assistance MCA (M42) (A23)</b> The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support community-based justice services.	73,918	<b>50,728</b>	124,646
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<i>Community Harm Reduction</i> This category is limited to services to prevent or reduce crime and services that reduce harm and victimisation as a result of crime.	29,215	500	29,715
<i>Community Legal Assistance</i> This category is limited to community legal services-related programmes and organisations that deliver, or that support, community-based legal advice, assistance and representation services.	16,186	50,228	66,414
<i>Community Resolution</i> This category is limited to mediation, restorative practices and resolution services.	9,901	-	9,901
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<i>Victim Entitlements</i> This category is limited to entitlements, including counselling and financial assistance, for victims of crime.	18,616	-	18,616
<b>Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>	73,918	50,728	124,646
<b>Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations</b>	922,201	71,352	993,553

## Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>		
<b>General Election and Electoral Services (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to administering parliamentary elections and referenda; maintaining electoral rolls; servicing the work of the Representation Commission and providing advice, reports and public education on electoral matters.	Original Appropriation	246,927
	Adjustments to 2024/25	44,461
	Adjustments for 2025/26	19,277
	Adjusted Appropriation	310,665
Commences: 01 July 2024	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	50,876
Expires: 30 June 2027	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	95,577
	Estimate for 2026/27	164,212
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

## Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	922,201	71,352	993,553
Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Output Expenses	81,690	13,887	95,577
<b>Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations</b>	<b>1,003,891</b>	<b>85,239</b>	<b>1,089,130</b>

## Capital Injection Authorisations

	2025/26		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Executive Board for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence - Capital Injection (M104) (A600)	-	-	-
Ministry of Justice - Capital Injection (M42) (A23)	99,090	-	99,090

# Supporting Information

## Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

### 1.2 - Trends in the Vote

#### Summary of Financial Activity

	2025/26				
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates			Total \$000
		Departmental Transactions \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions \$000	Total Transactions \$000	
<b>Appropriations</b>					
Output Expenses	656,227	5,620	23,887	29,507	685,734
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	14,856	-	-	-	14,856
Capital Expenditure	258,890	5,004	-	5,004	263,894
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	55,302	-	50,728	50,728	106,030
<i>Other Expenses</i>	18,616	-	-	-	18,616
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>1,003,891</b>	<b>10,624</b>	<b>74,615</b>	<b>85,239</b>	<b>1,089,130</b>
<b>Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	81,608	N/A	(18,780)	(18,780)	62,828
Capital Receipts	-	N/A	-	-	-
<b>Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>	<b>81,608</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>(18,780)</b>	<b>(18,780)</b>	<b>62,828</b>

## Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

### 2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

#### Administration of Legal Services (M42) (A23)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the administration of community, legal and related services; and the management and collection of related debt.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Number of legal aid applications processed (see Note 1)	80,000-90,000	10,000	90,000-100,000
Percentage of complaints resolved within 45 days (see Note 2)	New measure	90%	90%
Percentage of Audits that meet the required standards (see Note 2)	New measure	90%	90%

Note 1 - The standard for this performance indicator was increased by 10,000 in 2025/26 due to an increase in demand for this service.

Note 2 - These new performance indicators were added in 2025/26 to better reflect the Ministry's commitment to maintaining high standards of the legal aid assistance being provided through this Appropriation.

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

This appropriation decreased by \$422,000 to \$38.138 million for 2025/26 due to:

- a decrease of \$600,000 to reflect the allocation of Ministry overheads in 2025/26, and
- an increase of \$178,000 to provide funding for a new role within the Duty Lawyer Service.

## Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence (M104) (A600)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to leading a whole-of-government approach to prevent, address and eliminate family violence and sexual violence, as well as related services and support to Ministers.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$1.641 million to \$22.278 million for 2025/26 due to:

- an increase of \$1.311 million due to the recalibration of overhead cost allocation in 2025/26, and
- a net increase of \$330,000 to progress the Project Whetū business case for an integrated case management system that will support multi-agency response to family violence, incorporating the return of underspend at Project Whetū closure.

## Establishing the Independent Statutory Agency for Firearms Safety (M42) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to establishing the new Independent Statutory Agency for firearms safety.

### *Expenses and Revenue*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	551	551
Revenue from the Crown	-	551	551
Revenue from Others	-	-	-

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

This appropriation is intended to support the establishment of a new independent statutory agency responsible for firearms safety.

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

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
The Independent Statutory Agency for Firearms Safety is established by the statutory deadline (see Note 1)	New measure	Achieved	Achieved

Note 1 - This new performance indicator was introduced in 2025/26 as it represents the immediate area of focus for this work.

### *End of Year Performance Reporting*

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry of Justice in its Annual Report.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This is a new appropriation with initial funding of \$551,000 for 2025/26 to support the administration associated with the establishment of the Independent Statutory Agency for firearms safety.

## **Establishing the Inspector-General of Police and related advice (M42) (A23)**

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to work to provide advice to respond to Independent Police Conduct Authority's recommendations on Police accountability and to establish the Inspector-General of Police and related entity.

### *Expenses and Revenue*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	381	381
Revenue from the Crown	-	381	381
Revenue from Others	-	-	-

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

This appropriation is intended to support the effective provision of advice, in response to the Independent Police Conduct Authority's recommendations on Police accountability and to enable the establishment of the Inspector-General of Police.

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

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
The Inspector-General of Police and related advice is established and operational by the statutory deadline (see Note 1)	New measure	Achieved	Achieved

Note 1 - This new performance indicator for 2025/26 was introduced to reflect the immediate area of focus for this work.

### *End of Year Performance Reporting*

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry of Justice in its Annual Report.

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This is a new appropriation with initial funding of \$381,000 for 2025/26 to support the administration associated with the establishment of the Inspector-General of Police and related advice.

**Justice and Emergency Agencies Property and Shared Services (M42) (A23)***Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the provision of property and shared services to other agencies in Christchurch.

*Expenses and Revenue*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	41,766	(835)	40,931
Revenue from the Crown	27,674	(1,085)	26,589
Revenue from Others	14,092	250	14,342

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation decreased by \$835,000 to \$40.931 million for 2025/26 due to a decrease of \$1.085 million for capital charge as a result of the revaluation of the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Service Precinct as of 30 June 2025.

This was partially offset by an increase of \$250,000 to reflect increased operating costs.

**Justice Policy Advice (M42) (A23)***Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the provision of advice and ministerial support to Ministers on government policy matter relating to law and the justice sector.

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$3.412 million to \$42.219 million for 2025/26 due to:

- an increase of \$2.936 million to reflect the allocation of Ministry overheads in 2025/26, and
- an expense transfer of \$1.908 million from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to support firearms reform programme, including work on the business case for the transfer of the Firearms Safety Authority.

This was partially offset by:

- a decrease of \$551,000 in 2025/26 due to reprioritisation of funding to meet costs associated with the establishment of the Independent Statutory Agency for the firearms safety
- a decrease of \$500,000 in 2025/26 to fund the implementation programme for the Independent Statutory Agency for the firearms safety, and
- a decrease of \$381,000 in 2025/26 due to reprioritisation of funding to meet costs associated with the establishment of the Inspector-General of Police and related advice.

## Public Defence Service (M42) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the provision of legal services by the Public Defence Service.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Number of hours per annum Public Defence Service provides duty lawyer supervision and duty lawyer service in courts where the Public Defence Service operates (see Note 1)	21,500-22,500 hours	(1,500)	20,000-21,000 hours
Number of new cases accepted during the financial year (see Note 2)	12,000-13,000	3,000	15,000-16,000

Note 1 - The standard for this performance indicator was reduced by 1,500 hours in 2025/26 due to a reduced focus on duty lawyer service hours to enable prioritising of assignment targets.

Note 2 - The standard for this performance indicator was increased by 3,000 cases in 2025/26 because as the junior lawyers that were recruited in 2025/26 progress through Provider/Lawyer Approval levels (PAL), they are able to deliver more cases.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation decreased by \$2.178 million to \$48.395 million for 2025/26 due to:

- a decrease of \$2 million to reflect the allocation of Ministry overheads in 2025/26, and
- reprioritisation of \$178,000 to provide for a new role within the Duty Lawyer Service.

## Sector Leadership and Support (M42) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to advice and services focused on the Ministry's leadership role in the justice sector. This covers enhancing the Ministry's coordination with other sector and Government agencies, advice and information about judicial and statutory appointments and monitoring specific crown entities.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
The satisfaction of the Minister of Justice with the quality, timeliness, and usefulness of justice sector data and insights provided to support decision-making (see Note 1)	New measure	At least 8/10	At least 8/10

Note 1 - This new performance indicator was included in 2025/26 to provide insights into the quality and usefulness of the Ministry's insights, data and reports produced for the Minister of Justice to support decision making.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$3.070 million to \$16.653 million for 2025/26 due to:

- an increase of \$1.500 million to reflect the allocation of Ministry overheads in 2025/26
- an increase of \$800,000 for the Delivering Better Services for Victims initiative within the Justice Sector Victims Work Programme
- an expense transfer of \$520,000 from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to complete work on the Victims Communication Hub, and
- an increase of \$250,000 in 2025/26 for the Victims of Fraud initiative within the Justice Sector Victims Work Programme.

## 2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

### Ministry of Justice - Capital Expenditure PLA (M42) (A23)

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry of Justice, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

#### *Capital Expenditure*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	236,584	(6,545)	230,039
Intangibles	22,306	11,549	33,855
Other	-	-	-
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>258,890</b>	<b>5,004</b>	<b>263,894</b>

#### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$5.004 million to \$263.894 million for 2025/26 following a revision of the capital expenditure programme based on year-to-date progress and the approval of new projects.

#### *Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets*

##### Ministry of Justice

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2025/26 Main Estimates Projections \$000	2025/26 Supplementary Estimates Projections \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2025/26
Opening Balance	1,759,179	1,814,153	Supplementary Estimates opening balance reflects the audited results as at 30 June 2025.
Capital Injections	99,090	99,090	
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	(304)	(156)	Projected net deficit for memorandum accounts for the year.
Other Movements	-	-	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>1,857,965</b>	<b>1,913,087</b>	

# Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

## 3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

### General Election and Electoral Services (M42) (A23)

#### *Scope of Appropriation and Expenses*

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
<b>General Election and Electoral Services (M42) (A23)</b> This appropriation is limited to administrating parliamentary elections and referenda; maintaining electoral rolls; servicing the work of the Representation Commission and providing advice, reports and public education on electoral matters.  Commences: 01 July 2024  Expires: 30 June 2027	Original Appropriation	246,927
	Adjustments to 2024/25	44,461
	Adjustments for 2025/26	19,277
	Adjusted Appropriation	310,665
	Actual to 2024/25 Year End	50,876
	Estimated Actual for 2025/26	95,577
	Estimate for 2026/27	164,212
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	-

#### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation has increased by \$19.277 million to \$310.665 million for 2025/26 due to:

- an increase of \$15.762 million to implement an integrity improvement work programme by the Electoral Commission, and
- an increase of \$3.515 million for funding the Tamaki Makaurau by-election.

### Legal Aid (M42) (A23)

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the payments of legal aid to approved providers.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Number of legal aid cases granted (excluding the Public Defence Service) (see Note 1)	62,350-68,350	Measure replaced	Measure replaced
Number of criminal legal aid cases granted (excluding the Public Defence Service) (see Note 1)	New measure	47,000-50,000	47,000-50,000
Number of family legal aid cases granted (see Note 1)	New measure	20,000-22,300	20,000-22,300
Number of civil legal aid cases granted (see Note 1)	New measure	2,500-3,000	2,500-3,000

Note 1 - This performance indicator was removed in 2025/26 and replaced with three new measures to provide more detailed insight into the breakdown of legal aid grants by jurisdiction.

*Components of the Appropriation*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Legal Aid - criminal cases	189,343	5,773	195,116
Legal Aid - family cases	85,330	2,602	87,932
Legal Aid - Waitangi cases	23,070	704	23,774
Duty solicitors and police detention legal assistance	16,594	506	17,100
Legal Aid - civil cases	13,663	415	14,078
<b>Total</b>	<b>328,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>338,000</b>

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$10 million to \$338 million due to increased demand for Legal Aid services.

**Provision of Protective Fiduciary Services (M42) (A23)***Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the purchase of fiduciary services provided by the Public Trust as specified by statute where charges to the recipient, if any, will not meet the costs of the service.

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

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Hours of management and advice to individuals under the Protection of Personal Property Rights Act (see Note 1)	6,500	Between 7,500 and 8,000	14,000-14,500

Note 1 - The standard for this performance indicator was increased between 7,500 and 8,000 hours in 2025/26 to align with the Ministry's contract with the Public Trust.

## Services from the Human Rights Commission (M42) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to advocating and promoting respect for, and an understanding and appreciation of, human rights in New Zealand.

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

Assessment of Performance	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
<b>Provide education, advocacy and advice</b>			
Access and information to human rights and services reaches and informs relevant audiences and users (see Note 1)	35,000 page views 10,000 resource downloads	Measure replaced	Measure replaced
Access and information to human rights and services reaches and informs relevant audiences and users (see Note 1)	New measure	60,000 news articles 10,000 downloads	60,000 news articles 10,000 downloads
<b>Legal interventions to promote human rights</b>			
The Commission participates as an intervener in a minimum two legal cases per year (see Note 2)	New measure	Active participation in 2 legal interventions	Active participation in 2 legal interventions
<b>Provide an effective human rights enquiries and dispute resolution service</b>			
Responsive and timely resolution of enquiries and dispute resolutions as measured by the percentage of enquiries and dispute resolutions closed within one year (see Note 2)	New measure	70%	70%
<b>Provide legal representation under the Human Rights Act 1993</b>			
Percentage of applications decided within four months of receipt of the Privacy Act material from the Human Rights Commission, where applicable (see Note 2)	New measure	80%	80%

Note 1 - This performance indicator was replaced in 2025/26 to align with the Commission's Statement of Performance Expectations, updating the standard from "35,000 page views and 10,000 resource downloads" to "60,000 news articles 10,000 downloads". As a result, the previous and current performance indicators are not directly comparable.

Note 2 - These new performance indicators were added in 2025/26 to better reflect the scope of the appropriation and the breadth of the Commission's work.

## Services from the Law Commission (M42) (A23)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to advice on the review, reform and development of all aspects of the law in New Zealand.

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

	2025/26		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
High quality evidence-based legal and policy analysis evidenced by a survey of independent experts (see Note 1)	Agreed	Measure replaced	Measure replaced
High quality evidence-based legal and policy analysis evidenced by a survey of independent experts (see Note 1)	New measure	At least 4/5	At least 4/5
The number of terms of reference, consultation papers and final reports and other advice (see Note 2)	6	(2)	4

Note 1 - In 2025/26, this performance indicator was replaced to align with the Law Commission's Statement of Performance Expectations, updating the standard from "Agreed" to "At least 4/5." As a result, the previous and current performance indicators are not directly comparable.

Note 2 - The standard for this performance indicator was reduced by 2 in 2025/26 to align with the Law Commission's Statement of Performance Expectations.

# Part 4 - Details of Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

## 4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

### Community Justice Support and Assistance (M42) (A23)

#### *Overarching Purpose Statement*

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support community-based justice services.

#### *Scope of Appropriation*

##### **Non-Departmental Output Expenses**

###### *Community Harm Reduction*

This category is limited to services to prevent or reduce crime and services that reduce harm and victimisation as a result of crime.

###### *Community Legal Assistance*

This category is limited to community legal services-related programmes and organisations that deliver, or that support, community-based legal advice, assistance and representation services.

###### *Community Resolution*

This category is limited to mediation, restorative practices and resolution services.

##### **Non-Departmental Other Expenses**

###### *Victim Entitlements*

This category is limited to entitlements, including counselling and financial assistance, for victims of crime.

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

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>73,918</b>	<b>50,728</b>	<b>124,646</b>
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Community Harm Reduction	29,215	500	29,715
Community Legal Assistance	16,186	50,228	66,414
Community Resolution	9,901	-	9,901
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
Victim Entitlements	18,616	-	18,616

*Components of the Appropriation*

	2025/26		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Non-Departmental</b>			
<i>Community Harm Reduction</i>			
Victim Support	12,743	-	12,743
Restorative Justice	10,624	-	10,624
Harmful Digital Communications Agency	3,900	500	4,400
Other Provisions	1,948	-	1,948
Total	29,215	500	29,715
<i>Community Legal Assistance</i>			
Community Legal Services	16,186	50,228	66,414
<i>Community Resolution</i>			
Family Resolution Services	9,016	-	9,016
Parenting Through Separation Services	885	-	885
Total	9,901	-	9,901
<i>Victim Entitlements</i>			
Assistance to Victims	14,852	-	14,852
Whanau Protect	3,764	-	3,764
Total	18,616	-	18,616

*Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation increased by \$50.728 million to \$124.646 million for 2025/26 due to:

- an expense transfer of \$33.896 million from 2024/25 to 2025/26 to support future funding for Community Law Centres, including the Pay Equity and Equity Funding initiatives
- an increase of \$16.332 million for community law centres due to surplus interest from the lawyers and conveyancers' special fund, and
- an increase of \$500,000 to address forecast demand and cost pressures for Community Harm Reduction services.