

Vote Courts

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

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Ministry of Justice (A23)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

Overview of the Vote

The Minister for Courts is responsible for appropriations in Vote Courts totalling over \$1,046 million for the 2023/24 financial year covering the following:

- a total of over \$635 million on services from the Ministry of Justice that support the work of courts, tribunals and other authorities
- a total of nearly \$175 million on salaries and allowances for Judges', Coroners' and Community Magistrates' as set under legislation
- a total of nearly \$155 million on professional and administrative services provided to or directed by courts and coroners, including costs that are required by legislation
- a total of nearly \$62 million on the collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services by the Ministry of Justice
- a total of nearly \$19 million on tribunal related fees and expenses, and
- a total of \$490,000 to support associated activities, including the Justice of the Peace Association.

Over \$116 million of court-imposed fines, offender levies, contributions towards lawyer for child costs, and penalties is expected to be received for the 2023/24 financial year.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-4.

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

| Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19) (A23) Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme. | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Community Magistrates Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23) 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 | 1,449 |
| Coroners Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23) 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. | 12,067 | 12,067 | 15,006 |
| Court and Coroner Related Costs (M19) (A23) 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. | 148,701 | 148,701 | 154,753 |
| Disputes Tribunal Referees' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23) 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. | 1,850 | 1,850 | 3,700 |
| District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23) 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. | 100,768 | 100,768 | 100,279 |
| Employment Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23) 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. | 4,367 | 4,367 | 4,379 |
| Environment Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23) 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. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 3,600 |
| Human Rights Review Tribunal Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23) 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. | 380 | 380 | 760 |
| Immigration and Protection Tribunal Deputy Chair and Other Members' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23) 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. | 1,500 | 1,500 | 3,000 |

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type | | | |
| Justices of the Peace Association (M19) (A23) 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 | 450 |
| Māori Land Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23) 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. | 7,950 | 7,950 | 7,988 |
| Senior Courts Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23) 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. | 46,507 | 46,507 | 45,870 |
| Tenancy Tribunal Adjudicators' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) (A23) 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. | 1,080 | 1,080 | 2,160 |
| Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses (M19) (A23) 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. | 13,313 | 13,313 | 5,425 |
| Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses | 342,222 | 342,222 | 348,859 |
| 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) (A23) 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. | 647,920 | 646,420 | 697,175 |
| <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. | 58,335 | 58,335 | 61,795 |
| <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. | 354,399 | 352,899 | 398,171 |
| <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. | 3,398 | 3,398 | 2,690 |
| <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. | 100,367 | 100,367 | 101,936 |
| <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. | 131,421 | 131,421 | 132,583 |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure | 647,920 | 646,420 | 697,175 |
| Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations | 990,142 | 988,642 | 1,046,034 |

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.1 - New Policy Initiatives

| Policy Initiative | Appropriation | 2022/23 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2023/24 Budget \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated \$000 | 2025/26 Estimated \$000 | 2026/27 Estimated \$000 |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Continuing to Pay Employees to Maintain Core Justice Services for New Zealanders' | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA) | | | | | |
| | District Court Services | 8,863 | 19,023 | 17,908 | 23,271 | 24,801 |
| | Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 5,033 | 8,980 | 8,743 | 10,033 | 10,659 |
| | Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | 3,152 | 6,244 | 6,822 | 7,517 | 7,853 |
| | Senior Courts Services | 2,578 | 4,805 | 4,400 | 5,167 | 5,538 |
| | New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions | 84 | 190 | 207 | 229 | 239 |
| | Departmental Output Expenses | | | | | |
| Te Au Reka - Digital case management solution for courts and tribunals | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA) | | | | | |
| | District Court Services | 15,001 | - | - | - | - |
| | Departmental Output Expenses | | | | | |
| Support for the Integrity of the Coronial Inquiry into the Christchurch Masjidain Attack and Associated Judicial Review | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA) | | | | | |
| | Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 2,418 | - | - | - | - |
| | Senior Courts Services | 436 | - | - | - | - |
| | Departmental Output Expenses | | | | | |
| | Court and Coroner Related Costs | 863 | - | - | - | - |
| | Non-Departmental Other Expense | | | | | |
| Te Ao Mārama - Partnering with Iwi to Design New Solutions for People Going Through the District Court | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA) | | | | | |
| | District Court Services | 1,235 | 11,679 | 17,049 | 17,477 | 16,084 |
| | Departmental Output Expenses | | | | | |

| Policy Initiative | Appropriation | 2022/23 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2023/24 Budget \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated \$000 | 2025/26 Estimated \$000 | 2026/27 Estimated \$000 |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Innovative Tauranga Courthouse | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA) | | | | | |
| | District Court Services | 1,200 | - | - | - | - |
| | Departmental Output Expenses | | | | | |
| Maintaining Momentum Across Te Aorerekura - Improved Access to Family Violence Programmes in Court and the Community | Court and Coroner Related Costs | - | 2,016 | 3,380 | 6,194 | 8,369 |
| | Non-Departmental Other Expense | | | | | |
| | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA) | | | | | |
| | District Court Services | - | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 |
| | Departmental Output Expenses | | | | | |
| Settlement of Pay Equity Claim for Social Work Related Roles | Court and Coroner Related Costs | - | 270 | 295 | 320 | 336 |
| | Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | | | |
| Total Initiatives | | 40,863 | 53,337 | 58,934 | 70,338 | 74,009 |

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

| | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 | | | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Actual \$000 | Actual \$000 | Actual \$000 | Actual \$000 | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Departmental Transactions Budget \$000 | Non- Departmental Transactions Budget \$000 | Total Budget \$000 | Estimated \$000 | Estimated \$000 | Estimated \$000 |
| Appropriations | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Output Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Benefits or Related Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - | - |
| Borrowing Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Expenses | 270,527 | 273,001 | 303,959 | 303,408 | 342,222 | 342,222 | - | 348,859 | 348,859 | 350,859 | 347,005 | 348,979 |
| Capital Expenditure | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - |
| Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Output Expenses</i> | 473,489 | 518,093 | 553,745 | 575,509 | 647,920 | 646,420 | 697,175 | - | 697,175 | 684,862 | 689,017 | 688,346 |
| <i>Other Expenses</i> | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Capital Expenditure</i> | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Appropriations | 744,016 | 791,094 | 857,704 | 878,917 | 990,142 | 988,642 | 697,175 | 348,859 | 1,046,034 | 1,035,721 | 1,036,022 | 1,037,325 |
| Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tax Revenue | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-Tax Revenue | 125,691 | 135,264 | 138,193 | 100,883 | 116,636 | 116,636 | N/A | 116,636 | 116,636 | 116,636 | 116,636 | 116,636 |
| Capital Receipts | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts | 125,691 | 135,264 | 138,193 | 100,883 | 116,636 | 116,636 | N/A | 116,636 | 116,636 | 116,636 | 116,636 | 116,636 |

Note - where restructuring of the vote has occurred then, to the extent practicable, prior years information has been restated as if the restructuring had occurred before the beginning of the period covered. In this instance Total Appropriations for the Budgeted and Estimated Actual year may not equal Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations in the Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections.

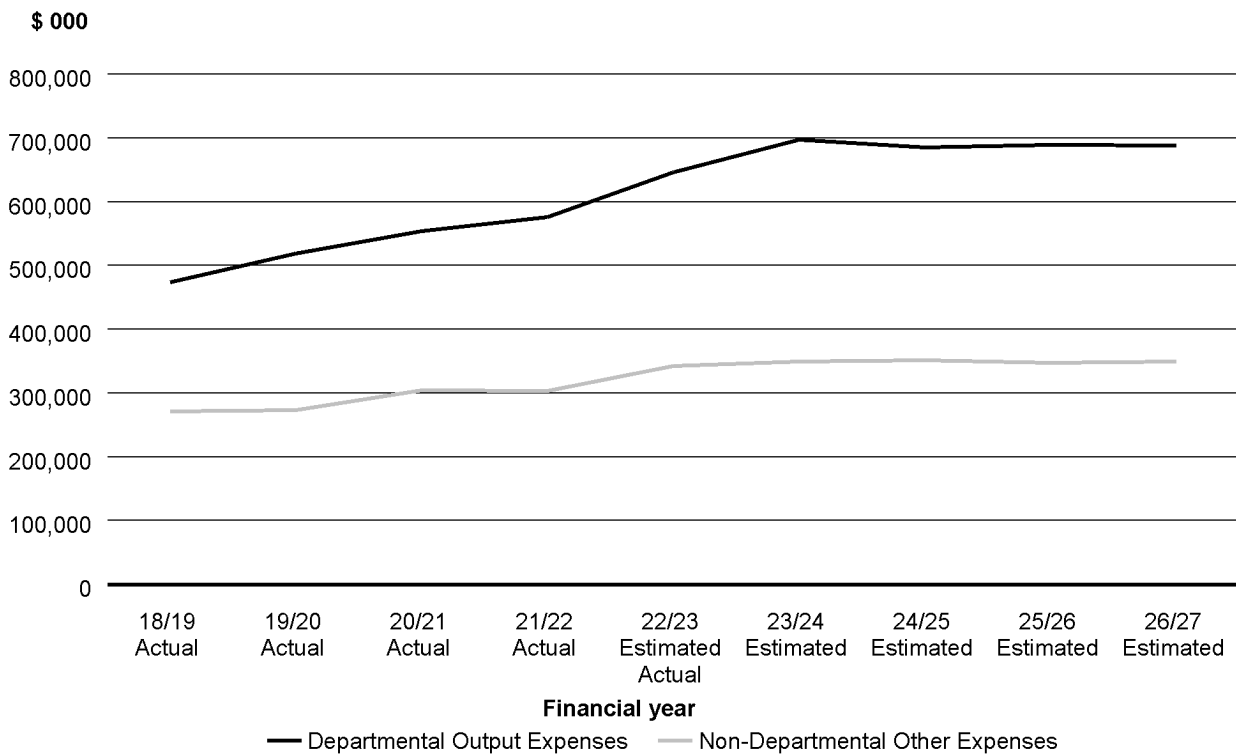
Adjustments to the Summary of Financial Activity Table Due to Vote Restructuring

There have been no restructuring adjustments to prior year information in the Summary of Financial Activity table.

1.3 - Analysis of Significant Trends

Total Vote: All Appropriations

Figure 1 - Vote trends in actual and budgeted expenditure by appropriation type



Source: Ministry of Justice

Output Expenses

The overall trend of increased output expenses reflects increased demand for Court services and Judicial Reviews, investment in infrastructure, increased remuneration and ongoing asset maintenance costs and depreciation. As part of the transformation of the justice system additional funding has provided for a new digital case management solution for courts and tribunals, and Te Ao Mārama, the new model for the District Court to deliver services. Work continued in 2022/23 to establish an innovative courthouse in Tauranga, along with review of health and safety remediation work required on priority courthouses.

Other Expenses

Other expenses have gradually increased from 2018/19 and reflect the additional investment in the court system to meet increasing demand. In 2022/23, additional funding was received for costs associated with NGO family violence providers. In 2023/24 additional funding was provided to assist with retaining a stable and resilient workforce to support the court and help prevent delays with people accessing justice.

Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts

Over 90% of the non-tax revenue is collected through Court fines, that are subject to judicial decisions.

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19) (A23)

Scope of Appropriation

Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.

Expenses

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 40 | 40 | 40 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve effective support and services for victims, to reduce the impact of crime.

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)(iii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental output expense is less than \$5 million.

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.

Expenses

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 1,449 | 1,449 | 1,449 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the courts system by providing payment of salaries and allowances to Community Magistrates.

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 District Court Act 2016.

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

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 12,067 | 12,067 | 15,006 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the coronial system of New Zealand by providing payment of salaries and allowances to 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.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2022/23 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2023/24 Budget \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated \$000 | 2025/26 Estimated \$000 | 2026/27 Estimated \$000 |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Coronial Services - Improving the Coronial System for Bereaved Families and Whānau | 2022/23 | 1,025 | 3,806 | 3,806 | 3,806 | 3,806 |

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation for 2023/24 is mainly due to an increase of \$2.781 million to improve the coronial system for bereaved families and whānau.

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.

Expenses

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 148,701 | 148,701 | 154,753 |

Components of the Appropriation

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Family Court Professional Services | 56,017 | 56,017 | 57,601 |
| Coroner-Directed Post-Mortems | 21,151 | 21,151 | 21,603 |
| Domestic Violence Professional Services | 16,619 | 16,619 | 19,119 |
| Youth Court Professional Fees | 16,792 | 16,792 | 16,792 |
| Children Young Persons and Their Families Professional Services | 11,576 | 11,576 | 11,576 |
| Interpreter costs | 5,270 | 5,270 | 6,649 |
| Juror Fees and Expenses | 6,028 | 6,028 | 7,028 |
| Medical and Other Professional Services | 6,726 | 6,726 | 5,863 |
| Personal Property Protection Rights Costs | 3,148 | 3,148 | 3,148 |
| Witness Fees and Expenses | 2,742 | 2,742 | 2,742 |
| Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund | 1,847 | 1,847 | 1,847 |
| Visiting Justices to Prisons | 355 | 355 | 355 |
| Judicial Review Costs | 222 | 222 | 222 |
| Costs in Criminal Cases | 157 | 157 | 157 |
| Representations for Blood Sampling | 51 | 51 | 51 |
| Total | 148,701 | 148,701 | 154,753 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve effective professional and administrative services to ensure that court users receive appropriate support and representation, and the judiciary have sufficient information to proceed with cases.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Assessment of Performance | | | |
| Number of external professional services appointed in the Family Court (see Note 1) | >13,000 | At least >13,000 | >13,000 |
| Percentage of people who started a non-violence programme who completed the programme | 65% | At least 65% | 65% |
| Percentage of people who completed a safety programme and met the objectives of the programme | 70% | At least 70% | 70% |

Note 1 - The services include court appointed counsel, such as lawyer for child, lawyer to assist the court and specialist report writers. These services are demand driven and professional service providers are engaged when the judge determines there is a need. An application can have more than one type of service provision appointment.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister for Courts in a report appended to the Ministry of Justice's Annual Report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2022/23 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2023/24 Budget \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated \$000 | 2025/26 Estimated \$000 | 2026/27 Estimated \$000 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Maintaining Momentum Across Te Aorerekura - Improved Access to Family Violence Programmes in Court and the Community | 2023/24 | - | 2,016 | 3,380 | 6,194 | 8,369 |
| Settlement of Pay Equity Claim for Social Work Related Roles | 2023/24 | - | 270 | 295 | 320 | 336 |
| Support for the Integrity of the Coronial Inquiry into the Christchurch Masjidain Attack and Associated Judicial Review | 2022/23 | 863 | - | - | - | - |
| Meeting Demand for Critical Court and Justice Services | 2022/23 | 7,407 | 9,741 | 13,607 | 13,607 | 13,607 |
| Justice Sector Resourcing - Addressing the Impacts of the Delta COVID-19 Restrictions | 2022/23 | - | 1,862 | 1,862 | - | - |
| Justice Sector Resourcing to Address COVID-19 Related Backlogs | 2020/21 | 1,857 | - | - | - | - |
| Ensuring Ongoing Access to the Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund | 2020/21 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Youth Justice - Including 17 Year Olds in the Youth Justice System and Managing Remand Pressures | 2019/20 | 4,337 | 4,337 | 4,337 | 4,337 | 4,337 |
| Ensuring the Sustainability of the District Court by Appointing Additional District Court Judges | 2019/20 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Improving the Justice Response to Sexual Violence Victims | 2019/20 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation for 2023/24 is mainly due to:

- an increase of \$2.334 million to support the court and to prevent delays with people accessing justice services
- an increase of \$2.016 million to reflect improved access to the family violence programmes in court and the community
- a net increase of \$1 million for an expense transfer from 2022/23 to 2023/24 to reflect the disruption to court and coroner proceedings by North Island weather events, and
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$950,000 for costs related to the appointment of lawyers for children.

This is partially offset by a time-limited funding received in 2022/23 of \$863,000 for legal and expert advice for the Coroner for the masjidain coronial inquiry.

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.

Expenses

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 1,850 | 1,850 | 3,700 |

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

| Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Vote Courts: Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses | 1,850 | 1,850 | - |
| Total | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,700 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of tribunals by providing payment of salaries and allowances for the Principal Disputes Referee and Referees'.

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 Disputes Tribunal Act 1988.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation was established by the Remuneration Authority Legislation Act 2022, effective from 1 December 2022. The increase in this appropriation for 2023/24 is due to the full year forecast salaries, allowances or fees.

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.

Expenses

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 100,768 | 100,768 | 100,279 |

Components of the Appropriation

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| District Court Judges | 95,687 | 95,687 | 95,198 |
| Environment Court Judges | 5,081 | 5,081 | 5,081 |
| Total | 100,768 | 100,768 | 100,279 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the court system by providing payment of salaries and allowances to the District Court and Environment Court judiciary.

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)(iii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under remuneration provisions of the District Court Act 2016.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2022/23 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2023/24 Budget \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated \$000 | 2025/26 Estimated \$000 | 2026/27 Estimated \$000 |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Supporting the Elimination of Indefinite Compulsory Treatment Orders under the Mental Health Act 1992 | 2023/24 | - | 602 | 602 | 602 | 602 |
| Justice Sector Resourcing - Addressing the Impacts of the Delta COVID-19 Restrictions | 2022/23 | - | 2,584 | 2,577 | - | - |
| Justice Sector Resourcing to Address COVID-19 Related Backlogs | 2020/21 | 3,669 | - | - | - | - |
| Ensuring the Sustainability of the District Court by Appointing Additional District Court Judges | 2019/20 | 4,710 | 4,710 | 4,710 | 4,710 | 4,710 |

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.

Expenses

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 4,367 | 4,367 | 4,379 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the courts system by providing payment of salaries and allowances to the Employment Court judiciary.

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 information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under s206 Employment Relations Act 2000.

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

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 1,800 | 1,800 | 3,600 |

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

| Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Vote Courts: Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses | 1,800 | 1,800 | - |
| Total | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the Environment Court by providing payment of salaries and allowances for the Environment Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.

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 Resource Management Act 1991.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation was established by the Remuneration Authority Legislation Act 2022, effective from 1 December 2022. The increase in this appropriation for 2023/24 is due to the full year forecast salaries, allowances or fees.

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.

Expenses

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 380 | 380 | 760 |

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

| Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Vote Courts: Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses | 380 | 380 | - |
| Total | 760 | 760 | 760 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of tribunals by providing payment of salaries and allowances for the Human Rights Review Tribunal Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons'.

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 Human Rights Act 1993.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation was established by the Remuneration Authority Legislation Act 2022, effective from 1 December 2022. The increase in this appropriation for 2023/24 reflects the full year forecasted salaries, allowances or fees.

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.

Expenses

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 1,500 | 1,500 | 3,000 |

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

| Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Vote Courts: Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses | 1,500 | 1,500 | - |
| Total | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of tribunals by providing payment of salaries and allowances for the Immigration and Protection Tribunal Deputy Chairpersons' and Members.

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 Immigration Act 2009.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation was established by the Remuneration Authority Legislation Act 2022, effective from 1 December 2022. The increase in this appropriation for 2023/24 is due to the full year forecast salaries, allowances or fees.

Justices of the Peace Association (M19) (A23)

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.

Expenses

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 450 | 450 | 450 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient provision of Justices of the Peace services by providing funding for the work performed by the Royal Federation of New Zealand Justices' Associations.

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)(iii) of the Public Finance Act 1989, as the amount of this annual appropriation for a Non-Departmental other expense is less than \$5 million.

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.

Expenses

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 7,950 | 7,950 | 7,988 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the courts system by providing payment of salaries and allowances to the Māori Land Court judiciary.

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 information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under s13 Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993.

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.

Expenses

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 46,507 | 46,507 | 45,870 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the courts system by providing payment of salaries and allowances to Judges in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High 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 Senior Courts Act 2016.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2022/23 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2023/24 Budget \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated \$000 | 2025/26 Estimated \$000 | 2026/27 Estimated \$000 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Justice Sector Resourcing - Addressing the Impacts of the Delta COVID-19 Restrictions | 2022/23 | 2,073 | 3,434 | 2,071 | - | - |
| Justice Sector Resourcing to Address COVID-19 Related Backlogs | 2020/21 | 1,315 | - | - | - | - |

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.

Expenses

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 1,080 | 1,080 | 2,160 |

Comparators for Restructured Appropriation

| Vote, Type and Title of Appropriation | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Vote Courts: Non-Departmental Other Expenses | | | |
| Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses | 1,080 | 1,080 | - |
| Total | 2,160 | 2,160 | 2,160 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of tribunals by providing payment of salaries and allowances for Tenancy Tribunal Adjudicators'.

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 Residential Tenancies Act 1986.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This Permanent Legislative Authority appropriation was established by the Remuneration Authority Legislation Act 2022, effective from 1 December 2022. The increase in this appropriation for 2023/24 is due to the full year forecast salaries, allowances or fees.

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

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 13,313 | 13,313 | 5,425 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the tribunals administered by the Ministry of Justice through the payment of remuneration, allowances, fees and expenses for Chairs, Members, Adjudicators, and Assessors of Specialist Tribunals.

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 funding remuneration, allowances or fees, and expenses.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2022/23 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2023/24 Budget \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated \$000 | 2025/26 Estimated \$000 | 2026/27 Estimated \$000 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal - Continuing Operational Funding | 2023/24 | - | 460 | - | - | - |
| Charities Act 2005 - Implementation of Changes | 2023/24 | - | 55 | 110 | 110 | 110 |
| Increasing fees paid to Judicial Officers | 2022/23 | 422 | 855 | 1,299 | 1,299 | 1,299 |
| Supporting the Tenancy Tribunal to Manage Pressures Arising from Rental Law Reforms, to Better Support New Zealanders | 2021/22 | 238 | 238 | 238 | 238 | 238 |
| Ongoing Funding for the Operation of the Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal | 2019/20 | 2,226 | - | - | - | - |
| Human Rights Review Tribunal - Increasing Access to Justice for People Whose Human Rights May Have Been Breached | 2019/20 | 1,002 | 1,002 | 1,002 | 245 | 245 |

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in this appropriation for 2023/24 is mainly due to:

- a technical adjustment of \$6.610 million to reflect the changes in the Remuneration Authority Legislation Act 2022. The impacted judicial and statutory officers roles are now funded by the new Permanent Legislation Appropriations in Vote Courts, and
- a net decrease in funding of \$1.766 million for operational costs of the Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance 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

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 647,920 | 646,420 | 697,175 |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | 58,335 | 58,335 | 61,795 |
| District Court Services | 354,399 | 352,899 | 398,171 |
| New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions | 3,398 | 3,398 | 2,690 |
| Senior Courts Services | 100,367 | 100,367 | 101,936 |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 131,421 | 131,421 | 132,583 |

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Funding for Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Revenue from the Crown | 593,663 | 593,663 | 643,636 |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | 53,305 | 53,305 | 56,765 |
| District Court Services | 334,840 | 334,840 | 378,612 |
| New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions | 84 | 84 | 190 |
| Senior Courts Services | 89,466 | 89,466 | 91,035 |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 115,968 | 115,968 | 117,034 |
| Revenue from Others | 53,929 | 53,929 | 52,981 |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | 5,030 | 5,030 | 5,030 |
| District Court Services | 19,559 | 19,559 | 19,559 |
| New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions | 3,314 | 3,314 | 2,500 |
| Senior Courts Services | 10,901 | 10,901 | 10,901 |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 15,125 | 15,125 | 14,991 |

Components of the Appropriation

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Departmental | | | |
| <i>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</i> | | | |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines | 48,104 | 48,104 | 50,838 |
| Collection and Enforcement of Civil Debt | 10,231 | 10,231 | 10,957 |
| Total | 58,335 | 58,335 | 61,795 |
| <i>District Court Services</i> | | | |
| Criminal Court | 235,789 | 234,784 | 267,413 |
| Family Court | 95,085 | 94,687 | 105,346 |
| Civil Court | 23,525 | 23,428 | 25,413 |
| Total | 354,399 | 352,899 | 398,171 |
| <i>New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions</i> | | | |
| Pacific Regional Justice Sector Programme | 3,398 | 3,398 | 2,690 |
| <i>Senior Court Services</i> | | | |
| High Court - Criminal | 44,983 | 44,983 | 45,591 |
| High Court - Civil | 30,041 | 30,041 | 30,562 |
| Supreme Court - Criminal | 8,884 | 8,884 | 9,038 |
| Supreme Court - Civil | 8,771 | 8,771 | 8,924 |
| Court of Appeal - Criminal | 4,003 | 4,003 | 4,073 |
| Court of Appeal - Civil | 3,685 | 3,685 | 3,748 |
| Total | 100,367 | 100,367 | 101,936 |

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| <i>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</i> | | | |
| Māori Land Court and Māori Land Information | 40,361 | 40,361 | 40,937 |
| Other Tribunals and Authorities | 27,302 | 27,302 | 26,502 |
| Coroner Services | 17,224 | 17,224 | 17,358 |
| Waitangi Tribunal Services | 14,102 | 14,102 | 14,039 |
| Disputes Tribunal | 12,672 | 12,672 | 11,586 |
| Tenancy Tribunal | 8,360 | 8,360 | 10,249 |
| Environment Court | 8,710 | 8,710 | 9,070 |
| Employment Court | 2,690 | 2,690 | 2,842 |
| Total | 131,420 | 131,420 | 132,583 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve an efficient and accessible system of courts, tribunals and other authorities, which is trusted by New Zealanders.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Assessment of Performance | | | |
| Satisfaction of court users with court services and facilities | 80% | At least 80% | 80% |
| Percentage of juror survey responses that rate overall juror satisfaction as "satisfied" or better | 90% | At least 90% | 90% |
| Percentage of category 3 and 4 criminal cases disposed within 12 months | 90% | At least 90% | 90% |

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

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| Assessment of Performance | | | |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve efficient, accessible and responsive collections of fines, reparations and civil debt services that are trusted by the public. | | | |
| Total amount of fines collected | >\$180 million | >\$180 million | >\$180 million |
| Civil enforcement applications processed in three days | 90% | 90% | 90% |
| Percentage of Offender Levy collected or placed under arrangement within four months | 75% | 75% | 75% |
| Percentage of debt that is under arrangement | 45% | 45% | 45% |
| Average time to answer calls to the Collections Contact Centre (mm:ss) | 01:30 | 01:30 | 01:30 |

| Assessment of Performance | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| District Court Services | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve efficient, accessible and responsive District Courts services that are trusted by the public. | | | |
| Percentage of Care of Children Act cases disposed within 12 months in the Family Court | 75% | 70% | 75% |
| Percentage of category 2 criminal cases disposed within three months | 70% | At least 70% | 70% |
| Number of District Court criminal cases (including youth) disposed | >110,000 | At least >110,000 | >110,000 |
| Number of civil cases disposed | >16,000 | At least >16,000 | >16,000 |
| Number of Family Court substantive applications disposed (see Note 1) | >55,000 | At least >55,000 | >55,000 |
| Number of calls received by the 0800 victims of crime information line | 17,000-19,000 | At least 17,000 | 17,000-19,000 |
| Percentage of calls answered by the 0800 victims of crime information line answered within 30 seconds | 80% | At least 80% | 80% |
| Average time to answer calls to the Registry Contact Centre (mm:ss) | 01:30 | 01:30 | 01:30 |
| Dissolution of marriage applications processed within six days | 90% | At least 90% | 90% |
| Applications to commence civil proceedings processed within six days | 90% | At least 90% | 90% |
| New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve a stable, prosperous and resilient Pacific through support for the development of accessible, fair, responsive and efficient justice systems. | | | |
| Milestones delivered as agreed in the Pacific Justice Sector Programme memorandum of understanding between the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade | 90% | 92% | 90% |
| Senior Courts Services | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve efficient, accessible and responsive Senior Courts services that are trusted by the public. | | | |
| Number of Supreme Court civil and criminal applications for leave to appeal and appeals disposed | 100-200 | 100 | 100-200 |
| Number of Court of Appeal civil and criminal appeals disposed | 570-730 | At least 570 | 570-730 |
| Number of High Court civil and criminal appeals disposed | 1,500-1,750 | At least 1,500 | 1,500-1,750 |
| Number of High Court civil and criminal cases disposed | 2,100-2,700 | At least 2,100 | 2,100-2,700 |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve efficient, accessible and responsive specialist courts, tribunals and other authorities' services that are trusted by the public. | | | |
| <i>Accident Compensation Appeals District Court Registry</i> | | | |
| Percentage of Accident Compensation Appeals District Court Registry cases disposed | 85% | At least 85% | 85% |
| <i>Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority</i> | | | |
| Percentage of Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority appeals and enforcements disposed within 6 months | 75% | At least 75% | 75% |

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | Final Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual | Budget Standard |
| <i>Assessment of Performance</i> | | | |
| <i>Coronial Services Unit</i> | | | |
| Number of coronial cases closed | >3,100 | At least >3,100 | >3,100 |
| Percentage of coronial cases on hand aged under 12 months | 60% | At least 60% | 60% |
| <i>Disputes Tribunal</i> | | | |
| Number of Disputes Tribunal claims disposed | >12,000 | At least >12,000 | >12,000 |
| Percentage of Disputes Tribunal claims disposed within 3 months | 70% | 65-70% | 70% |
| Disputes Tribunal applications processed within 6 days | 85% | At least 85% | 85% |
| <i>Employment Court</i> | | | |
| Number of Employment Court cases disposed | >150 | At least >150 | >150 |
| Percentage of Employment Court cases on hand aged under 12 months | 75% | At least 75% | 75% |
| <i>Environment Court</i> | | | |
| Number of Environment Court cases disposed | >350 | At least >350 | >350 |
| Percentage of Environment Court cases on hand aged under 18 months | 75% | At least 75% | 75% |
| <i>Human Rights Review Tribunal</i> | | | |
| Percentage of Human Rights Review Tribunal cases disposed | 80% | At least 80% | 80% |
| <i>Immigration and Protection Tribunal</i> | | | |
| Percentage of Immigration and Protection Tribunal cases disposed | 90% | At least 90% | 90% |
| <i>Māori Land Court</i> | | | |
| Number of Māori Land Court and Māori Appellate Court applications disposed | >5,000 | At least >5,000 | >5,000 |
| Percentage of Māori Land Court and Māori Appellate Court applications disposed within 12 months | 80% | At least 80% | 80% |
| <i>Tenancy Tribunal</i> | | | |
| Number of Tenancy Tribunal applications disposed | >18,300 | At least >18,300 | >18,300 |
| <i>Waitangi Tribunal</i> | | | |
| Percentage of Waitangi Tribunal claims processed within 30 days | 90% | At least 90% | 90% |

Note 1 - A substantive application is an application that initiates the proceedings and identifies the issue that the court is asked to determine.

End of Year Performance Reporting

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

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2022/23 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2023/24 Budget \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated \$000 | 2025/26 Estimated \$000 | 2026/27 Estimated \$000 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | | | | | | |
| Continuing to Pay Employees to Maintain Core Justice Services for New Zealanders | 2022/23 | 3,152 | 6,244 | 6,822 | 7,517 | 7,853 |
| Investment in Infrastructure - Maintaining Critical Technology for Courts and Justice Services | 2022/23 | 937 | 1,299 | 1,218 | 1,161 | 1,161 |
| Investment in Infrastructure - Ensuring a Secure Technology Environment for Courts and Justice Services | 2022/23 | 272 | 272 | 272 | 272 | 272 |
| Justice Sector Resourcing - Addressing the Impacts of the Delta COVID-19 Restrictions | 2022/23 | - | 8 | 8 | - | - |
| Addressing Remuneration Cost Pressures at the Ministry of Justice | 2020/21 | 1,956 | 1,956 | 1,956 | 1,956 | 1,956 |
| Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services | 2020/21 | 307 | 313 | 313 | 313 | 313 |
| Justice Sector Resourcing to Address COVID-19 Related Backlogs | 2020/21 | 8 | - | - | - | - |
| Enhancing Court Security | 2019/20 | 162 | 162 | 162 | 162 | 162 |
| District Court Services | | | | | | |
| Wellington District Courthouse Remediation Project | 2024/25 | - | - | 961 | 2,978 | - |
| Cultural Capability - Ministry of Justice | 2023/24 | - | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | - |
| Supporting the Elimination of Indefinite Compulsory Treatment Orders under the Mental Health Act 1992 | 2023/24 | - | 2,027 | 1,617 | 593 | 593 |
| Maintaining Momentum Across Te Aorere Kura - Improved Access to Family Violence Programmes in Court and the Community | 2023/24 | - | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 |
| Continuing to Pay Employees to Maintain Core Justice Services for New Zealanders | 2022/23 | 8,863 | 19,023 | 17,908 | 23,271 | 24,801 |
| Court Security - Strengthening Health, Safety, and Security at the Courts of New Zealand | 2022/23 | 5,101 | 5,899 | 5,899 | 5,899 | 5,899 |
| Investment in Infrastructure - Maintaining Critical Technology for Courts and Justice Services | 2022/23 | 4,121 | 5,715 | 5,359 | 5,105 | 5,105 |
| Whakaari/White Island Criminal Prosecution - Ensuring Access to Justice | 2022/23 | 3,500 | 5,800 | - | - | - |
| Criminal Process Improvement Programme - Make Every Event in the Criminal District Court System Meaningful | 2022/23 | 1,875 | 1,211 | 1,111 | 1,111 | 1,111 |
| Continuing the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Courts: Waikato, Auckland and Waitakere | 2022/23 | 1,284 | 1,912 | 1,661 | 1,657 | 1,657 |
| Te Ao Mārama - Partnering with Iwi to Design New Solutions for People Going Through the District Court | 2022/23 | 1,235 | 11,679 | 17,049 | 17,477 | 16,084 |
| Investment in Infrastructure - Ensuring a Secure Technology Environment for Courts and Justice Services | 2022/23 | 1,195 | 1,195 | 1,195 | 1,195 | 1,195 |
| Preventing Family Violence and Sexual Violence: Foundational FVSV Training for Ministry of Justice Workforce | 2022/23 | 856 | 1,171 | 1,330 | 1,211 | 1,211 |

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2022/23 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2023/24 Budget \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated \$000 | 2025/26 Estimated \$000 | 2026/27 Estimated \$000 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Justice Sector Resourcing - Addressing the Impacts of the Delta COVID-19 Restrictions | 2022/23 | 304 | 3,969 | 3,745 | 200 | 200 |
| Safeguarding Child Wellbeing and Building a Strong Foundation for Change in the Family Justice System | 2021/22 | 2,662 | 4,843 | 6,968 | 6,968 | 6,968 |
| Justice Property Health and Safety Remediation of priority Courthouses | 2021/22 | 2,570 | 700 | - | - | - |
| Whakaoranga te Mana Tangata - Uplifting the Mana of Offenders, Victims and Whānau | 2021/22 | 1,779 | 1,456 | 1,346 | 1,346 | 1,346 |
| Continuing the Interpreter and Communication Assistance Services to Maintain Access to Justice | 2021/22 | 1,485 | 1,611 | 1,718 | 1,718 | 1,718 |
| Consistent Access to Justice through Effective Scheduling across the District Court and Tribunals | 2021/22 | 1,437 | 1,437 | 1,437 | 1,437 | 1,437 |
| Strengthening the Family Court - Initiatives to Enhance Child and Whānau Wellbeing under COVID-19 | 2020/21 | 9,982 | 10,892 | 10,892 | 10,892 | 10,892 |
| Addressing Remuneration Cost Pressures at the Ministry of Justice | 2020/21 | 7,186 | 7,186 | 7,186 | 7,186 | 7,186 |
| Justice Sector Resourcing to Address COVID-19 Related Backlogs | 2020/21 | 4,187 | 439 | 439 | 439 | 439 |
| Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services | 2020/21 | 1,578 | 1,606 | 1,606 | 1,606 | 1,606 |
| Wellington District Court Upgrade | 2020/21 | 593 | 593 | 593 | 593 | 593 |
| Enhancing Court Security | 2019/20 | 6,723 | 6,723 | 6,723 | 6,723 | 6,723 |
| Ensuring the Sustainability of the District Court by Appointing Additional District Court Judges | 2019/20 | 3,483 | 3,483 | 3,483 | 3,483 | 3,483 |
| Improving the Justice Response to Sexual Violence Victims | 2019/20 | 1,807 | 2,057 | 2,407 | 3,307 | 3,307 |
| New Zealand Support of International Jurisdictions | | | | | | |
| Continuing to Pay Employees to Maintain Core Justice Services for New Zealanders | 2022/23 | 84 | 190 | 207 | 229 | 239 |
| Senior Courts Services | | | | | | |
| Continuing to Pay Employees to Maintain Core Justice Services for New Zealanders | 2022/23 | 2,578 | 4,805 | 4,400 | 5,167 | 5,538 |
| Justice Sector Resourcing - Addressing the Impacts of the Delta COVID-19 Restrictions | 2022/23 | 1,423 | 2,270 | 1,670 | - | - |
| Investment in Infrastructure - Maintaining Critical Technology for Courts and Justice Services | 2022/23 | 1,092 | 1,515 | 1,420 | 1,353 | 1,353 |
| Support for Judicial Branch of Government - Sustainably Expanding Te Kura Kaiwhakawā (Institute of Judicial Studies) | 2022/23 | 1,073 | 1,073 | 1,073 | 1,073 | 1,073 |
| Support for the Integrity of the Coronial Inquiry into the Christchurch Masjidain Attack and Associated Judicial Review | 2022/23 | 436 | - | - | - | - |
| Investment in Infrastructure - Ensuring a Secure Technology Environment for Courts and Justice Services | 2022/23 | 317 | 317 | 317 | 317 | 317 |
| Justice Property Health and Safety Remediation of priority Courthouses | 2021/22 | 660 | 210 | - | - | - |

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2022/23 Final Budgeted \$000 | 2023/24 Budget \$000 | 2024/25 Estimated \$000 | 2025/26 Estimated \$000 | 2026/27 Estimated \$000 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Addressing Remuneration Cost Pressures at the Ministry of Justice | 2020/21 | 1,671 | 1,671 | 1,671 | 1,671 | 1,671 |
| Justice Sector Resourcing to Address COVID-19 Related Backlogs | 2020/21 | 984 | - | - | - | - |
| Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services | 2020/21 | 450 | 458 | 458 | 458 | 458 |
| Enhancing Court Security | 2019/20 | 567 | 567 | 567 | 567 | 567 |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | | | | | | |
| Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal - Continuing Operational Funding | 2023/24 | - | 688 | - | - | - |
| Charities Act 2005 - Implementation of Changes | 2023/24 | - | 200 | 125 | 125 | 125 |
| Continuing to Pay Employees to Maintain Core Justice Services for New Zealanders | 2022/23 | 5,033 | 8,980 | 8,743 | 10,033 | 10,659 |
| Coronial Services - Improving the Coronial System for Bereaved Families and Whānau | 2022/23 | 3,324 | 4,462 | 4,263 | 3,963 | 3,963 |
| Support for the Integrity of the Coronial Inquiry into the Christchurch Masjidain Attack and Associated Judicial Review | 2022/23 | 2,418 | - | - | - | - |
| Investment in Infrastructure - Maintaining Critical Technology for Courts and Justice Services | 2022/23 | 1,743 | 2,416 | 2,266 | 2,158 | 2,158 |
| Investment in Infrastructure - Ensuring a Secure Technology Environment for Courts and Justice Services | 2022/23 | 504 | 504 | 504 | 504 | 504 |
| Supporting the Tenancy Tribunal to Manage Pressures Arising from Rental Law Reforms, to Better Support New Zealanders | 2021/22 | 1,138 | 1,133 | 1,133 | 1,133 | 1,133 |
| Addressing Remuneration Cost Pressures at the Ministry of Justice | 2020/21 | 3,324 | 3,324 | 3,324 | 3,324 | 3,324 |
| Maintaining Critical Technology to Ensure the Delivery of Justice Services | 2020/21 | 504 | 513 | 513 | 513 | 513 |
| Oranga Pāpori, Oranga Ōhanga mā te Whenua Māori Social and Economic Development Through Whenua Māori | 2019/20 | 6,815 | 6,815 | 6,815 | 6,815 | 6,815 |
| Ongoing Funding for the Operation of the Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal | 2019/20 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Enhancing Court Security | 2019/20 | 648 | 648 | 648 | 648 | 648 |
| Human Rights Review Tribunal - Increasing Access to Justice for People Whose Human Rights May Have Been Breached | 2019/20 | 519 | 515 | 515 | 327 | 327 |

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation for 2023/24 is mainly due to:

- an increase of \$19.532 million to ensure core justice services are maintained by improving remuneration for Ministry of Justice employees
- an increase of \$10.444 million to design and deliver Te Ao Mārama, the new model for the District Court to deliver services that reflect the diversity, strengths and needs of each community
- an increase of \$10 million to fund increased depreciation expense as a result of property revaluations
- a net increase of \$5 million for an expense transfer from 2022/23 to 2023/24 to reflect the disruption to court proceedings by North Island weather events
- a net increase of \$4.368 million to support access to justice for those involved in the Whakaari/White Island criminal prosecution
- an increase of \$3.052 million to replace ageing infrastructure and continue upgrading critical technology to ensure the delivery of Justice services
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$2.660 million to reflect the allocation of Ministry overhead costs in 2022/23
- an increase of \$2.500 million to lift the cultural capability across the Ministry of Justice to meet its commitments and obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- an increase of \$2.146 million to reflect improved access to the family violence programmes in court and the community
- an increase of \$2.027 million to reflect the increased independent Mental Health review hearings due to the elimination of indefinite compulsory treatment orders under the Mental Health Act 1992
- a net increase of \$1.723 million for the Family Court Associate role to enable faster resolution of disputes, and
- an increase of \$1.138 million to improve the coronial system for bereaved families and whānau.

This was partially offset by:

- a decrease of \$4.820 million for detailed project investigations and the development of business cases on priority courthouses
- a decrease of \$2.854 million for time-limited funding in 2022/23 to support the coronial inquiry into the Christchurch masjidain attack and associated judicial review
- an expense transfer of \$1.662 million in 2022/23 to fund the Whenua Māori Programme to replace ageing technologies of the Māori Land Court, and
- a net decrease of \$1.001 million for time-limited funding in 2022/23 to fund the procurement phase of the digital case management system.

Memorandum Accounts

| | 2022/23 | | 2023/24 |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Second Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers | | | |
| Opening Balance at 1 July | 526 | 526 | 474 |
| Revenue | 195 | 195 | 144 |
| Expenses | (247) | (247) | (247) |
| Transfers and Adjustments | - | - | - |
| Closing Balance at 30 June | 474 | 474 | 371 |
| Legal Complaints Review Officers | | | |
| Opening Balance at 1 July | 735 | 735 | 459 |
| Revenue | 1,645 | 1,645 | 1,562 |
| Expenses | (1,921) | (1,921) | (2,017) |
| Transfers and Adjustments | - | - | - |
| Closing Balance at 30 June | 459 | 459 | 4 |