

# *Vote Courts*

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MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister for Courts (M19)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Justice

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

# Details of Appropriations

## Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2007/08		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (M19)</b> Purchase of collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.	69,086	(6,334)	62,752
<b>District Court Services (M19)</b> Provision of services in regard to the work of the District Courts, including the Youth Court and Family Court.	168,344	3,889	172,233
<b>Higher Court Services (M19)</b> Provision of services in regard to the work of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.	50,069	5,002	55,071
<b>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services (M19)</b> Provision of services in regard to the work of the Environment Court, Employment Court, Māori Land Court, Māori Appellate Court, Disputes Tribunals, Tenancy Tribunal, Liquor Licensing Authority, Coroners and a range of tribunals and other authorities. This output class also includes services to Māori landowners and contracting mortuary services as part of supporting the work of Coroners.	79,223	(1,292)	77,931
<b>Waitangi Tribunal Services (M19)</b> Purchase of research and administrative services related to the management of claims through the Waitangi Tribunal.	9,942	(247)	9,695
<b>Total Departmental Output Expenses</b>	<b>376,664</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>377,682</b>
<b>Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown</b>			
<b>Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants Fees (M19)</b> Payments to certifying consultants for providing opinions under Section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977.	5,040	23	5,063
<b>Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19)</b> Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.	40	-	40
<b>Children Young Persons and Their Families Professional Services (M19)</b> Counsel and specialists providing services and reports as directed by the court in relation to care and protection orders under the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989.	8,800	450	9,250
<b>Coroner Related Fees and Expenses (M19)</b> Payments to Coroners for the performance of their judicial responsibilities.	5,130	-	5,130
<b>Coroner-Directed Post-Mortems (M19)</b> Cost of pathology services and mortuary facilities for coroner-directed post-mortems.	6,971	-	6,971
<b>Costs in Criminal Cases (M19)</b> Costs awarded to defendants by a court under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967.	300	-	300
<b>Domestic Violence Professional Services (M19)</b> Court appointed counsel and programme providers in relation to the Domestic Violence Act 1995.	7,867	-	7,867

	2007/08		
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<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<b>Family Court Professional Services (M19)</b> Services provided by Court appointed counsel and specialists in relation to custody and access matters and matrimonial disputes, including those made under provisions of the Care of Children Act 2004.	26,800	3,940	30,740
<b>Impairment of Fines Receivable (M19)</b> Allowance for the impairment of fines and enforcement fees including the assessment of future fines remittals; the discounting to present value; expected collection costs and other elements in determining fair value.	70,895	1,535	72,430
<b>Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)</b> Costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court, District Court, Employment Court and Māori Land Court incurred pursuant to s.9A Judicature Act 1908, s.6 District Courts Act 1948 and s.13 Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993.	79,666	8,455	88,121
<b>Judicial Review Costs (M19)</b> Cost of legal services (including settlement of claims) in cases involving the exercise of judicial functions or the execution of judicial process or costs of counsel to assist the court, including payments ordered to be made from the Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund.	650	348	998
<b>Justices of the Peace Association (M19)</b> Cost of administrative services from the Royal Federation of Justices to roster Justices of the Peace for court hearings.	147	-	147
<b>Medical and Other Professional Services (M19)</b> Funding for medical and other professional services as required by legislation.	2,466	1,512	3,978
<b>MVDT Adjudicator Remuneration and Assessors Costs (M19)</b> Remuneration paid to adjudicators and fees and allowances paid to assessors of the Motor Vehicle Disputes Tribunal (MVDT).	292	-	292
<b>Personal Property Protection Rights Costs (M19)</b> Payments to service providers appointed by the court under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.	1,400	300	1,700
<b>Remittals of Fines (M19)</b> Fines remitted by Judges and others exercising the appropriate authority under statute.	52,328	18,201	70,529
<b>Representations for Blood Sampling (M19)</b> Cost of representation for parties (aged under 17) appearing before the court with regard to providing blood samples in criminal investigations.	10	-	10
<b>Tribunal Members Fees and Expenses (M19)</b> Fees for the Chairs and Members of Specialist Tribunals, and expenses incurred by those Chairs and members in relation to Tribunal work.	1,665	-	1,665
<b>Visiting Justices to Prisons (M19)</b> To meet fees and expenses for Senior Counsel and Justices of the Peace appointed as Visiting Justices to prisons.	300	-	300
<b>Witness Fees and Expenses (M19)</b> Payments to ordinary and expert witnesses appearing in criminal jury trials.	2,800	-	2,800
<b>Youth Court Professional Fees (M19)</b> Payments to court appointed counsel and specialists providing reports as directed in the Youth Court.	6,800	-	6,800
<b>Total Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown</b>	280,367	34,764	315,131
<b>Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations</b>	657,031	35,782	692,813



# *Information Supporting the Supplementary Estimates*

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## Part 1 - Summary of the Vote

### Part 1.3 - Trends in the Vote

#### Summary of Financial Activity

	2007/08				
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates			Total \$000
		Departmental Transactions \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions \$000	Total Transactions \$000	
<b>Appropriations</b>					
Output Expenses	376,664	1,018	-	1,018	377,682
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	280,367	-	34,764	34,764	315,131
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>657,031</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>34,764</b>	<b>35,782</b>	<b>692,813</b>
<b>Crown Revenue and Receipts</b>					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	N/A	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	236,026	N/A	N/A	28,183	264,209
Capital Receipts	-	N/A	N/A	-	-
<b>Total Crown Revenue and Receipts</b>	<b>236,026</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>28,183</b>	<b>264,209</b>

## Part 2 - Details and Expected Performance for Output Expenses

### Part 2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

#### **Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (M19)**

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

Purchase of collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.

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

This appropriation will decrease by \$6.334 million to \$62.752 million for 2007/08. This change in funding is mainly due to:

- Fiscally neutral adjustments made to reflect forecast out-turns and changes to the original field staff remuneration allocation assumptions.
- Adjustments made to reflect allocation of overhead costs.
- Changes made to reflect adjustments to historical revenue appropriations to be in line with revenue trends.

#### **Higher Court Services (M19)**

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

Provision of services in regard to the work of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.

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

This appropriation will increase by \$5.002 million to \$55.071 million for 2007/08. This change in funding is mainly due to:

- Fiscally neutral adjustments made to reflect forecast out-turns and changes to the original field staff remuneration allocation assumptions.
- Adjustments made to reflect allocation of overhead costs.
- Changes made to reflect adjustments to historical revenue appropriations to be in line with revenue trends.
- New funding for Additional Judicial Appointments.

## Part 5 - Details and Expected Results for Other Expenses

### Part 5.2 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

#### Family Court Professional Services (M19)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

Services provided by Court appointed counsel and specialists in relation to custody and access matters and matrimonial disputes, including those made under provisions of the Care of Children Act 2004.

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

This appropriation will increase by \$3.940 million to \$30.740 million for 2007/08. This change in funding reflects the latest forecast expenditure.

#### Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

Costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court, District Court, Employment Court and Māori Land Court incurred pursuant to s.9A Judicature Act 1908, s.6 District Courts Act 1948 and s.13 Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993.

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

This appropriation will increase by \$8.455 million to \$88.121 million for 2007/08. This change in funding reflects the latest forecast expenditure and funding for Additional Judicial Appointments.

#### Judicial Review Costs (M19)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

Cost of legal services (including settlement of claims) in cases involving the exercise of judicial functions or the execution of judicial process or costs of counsel to assist the court, including payments ordered to be made from the Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund.

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

This appropriation will increase by \$348,000 to \$998,000 for 2007/08. This change in funding reflects the latest forecast expenditure.

## Medical and Other Professional Services (M19)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

Funding for medical and other professional services as required by legislation.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation will increase by \$1.512 million to \$3.978 million for 2007/08. This change in funding reflects the latest forecast expenditure.

## Personal Property Protection Rights Costs (M19)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

Payments to service providers appointed by the court under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation will increase by \$300,000 to \$1.700 million for 2007/08. This change in funding reflects the latest forecast expenditure.

## Remittals of Fines (M19)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

Fines remitted by Judges and others exercising the appropriate authority under statute.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation will increase by \$18.201 million to \$70.529 million for 2007/08. This change in funding reflects the latest forecast expenditure.