

Vote Courts

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

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Justice

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

Overview of the Vote

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The Minister for Courts is responsible for appropriations in Vote Courts for the 2009/10 financial year covering the following:

- a total of \$420.267 million (60% of the Vote) on purchasing services (mostly support for managing cases, claims and applications through the courts and tribunals, and the collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts) from the Ministry of Justice
- a total of \$187.086 million (27% of the Vote) on purchasing services from non-departmental providers. The major part of the appropriation covers costs incurred under various Acts
- a total of \$94.530 million (13% of the Vote) on non-departmental expenditure to cover judges' salaries and allowances.

The Ministry expects to collect \$296.412 million of Crown revenue in 2009/10, largely from fines and other penalties imposed through the Courts.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Courts in the Information Supporting the Estimates of Appropriations.

Details of Appropriations

Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2008/09		2009/10
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (M19)	65,137	65,137	69,392
Purchase of collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.			
District Court Services (M19)	186,498	185,418	195,627
Provision of services in regard to the work of the District Courts, including the Youth Court and Family Court.			
Higher Court Services (M19)	58,338	57,588	63,015
Provision of services in regard to the work of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.			
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services (M19)	82,019	79,682	82,283
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.			
Waitangi Tribunal Services (M19)	10,043	9,593	9,950
Purchase of research and administrative services related to the management of claims through the Waitangi Tribunal.			
Total Departmental Output Expenses	402,035	397,418	420,267
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants Fees (M19)	5,003	5,003	5,063
Payments to certifying consultants for providing opinions under Section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977.			
Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19)	40	40	40
Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.			
Children Young Persons and Their Families Professional Services (M19)	9,250	9,250	9,250
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.			
Coroner Related Fees and Expenses (M19)	503	503	185
Payments to Coroners for the performance of their judicial responsibilities.			
Coroner-Directed Post-Mortems (M19)	7,771	7,771	6,971
Cost of pathology services and mortuary facilities for coroner-directed post-mortems.			
Coroners Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)	4,316	4,316	4,313
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.			
Costs in Criminal Cases (M19)	1,050	1,050	300
Costs awarded to defendants by a court under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967.			
Domestic Violence Professional Services (M19)	12,176	12,176	12,926
Court appointed counsel and programme providers in relation to the Domestic Violence Act 1995 or referrals for programmes from criminal courts dealing with domestic violence cases.			

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Non-Departmental Other Expenses - cont'd			
Family Court Professional Services (M19) 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.	36,416	36,416	36,416
Impairment of Fines Receivable (M19) 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.	1,333	1,333	92,478
Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) 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.	91,706	92,438	94,530
Judicial Review Costs (M19) Cost of legal services (including settlement of claims) in cases involving the exercise of judicial functions or the execution of judicial process or costs of counsel to assist the court, including payments ordered to be made from the Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund.	1,274	1,274	698
Justices of the Peace Association (M19) Cost of administrative services from the Royal Federation of Justices to roster Justices of the Peace for court hearings.	310	310	310
Medical and Other Professional Services (M19) Funding for medical and other professional services as required by legislation.	4,009	4,009	3,978
MVDT Adjudicator Remuneration and Assessors Costs (M19) Remuneration paid to adjudicators and fees and allowances paid to assessors of the Motor Vehicle Disputes Tribunal (MVDT).	305	305	305
Personal Property Protection Rights Costs (M19) Payments to service providers appointed by the court under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.	1,850	1,850	1,700
Representations for Blood Sampling (M19) Cost of representation for parties (aged under 17) appearing before the court with regard to providing blood samples in criminal investigations.	10	10	10
Tribunal Members Fees and Expenses (M19) Fees for the Chairs and Members of Specialist Tribunals, and expenses incurred by those Chairs and members in relation to Tribunal work.	1,113	1,113	1,979
Visiting Justices to Prisons (M19) To meet fees and expenses for Senior Counsel and Justices of the Peace appointed as Visiting Justices to prisons.	300	300	300
Witness Fees and Expenses (M19) Payments to ordinary and expert witnesses appearing in criminal jury trials.	3,150	3,150	2,864
Youth Court Professional Fees (M19) Payments to court appointed counsel and specialists providing reports as directed in the Youth Court.	7,100	7,100	7,000
Remittals of Fines (M19) Fines remitted by Judges and others exercising the appropriate authority under statute.	86,783	86,783	-
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	275,768	276,500	281,616
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	677,803	673,918	701,883