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Part B - Statement of Appropriations

Summary Appropriations

	Appropriations to be Used				Total Appropriations \$000
	By the Department Administering the Vote		For Non-Departmental Transactions		
Types of Appropriation	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Operating Flows					
Classes of Outputs to be Supplied	252,469	-	-	-	252,469
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	53,953	44,280	98,233
Capital Flows					
Capital Contributions	1,345	-	-	-	1,345
Purchase or Development of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment of Debt	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations for 2001/02	253,814	-	53,953	44,280	352,047
Total 2001/02 Main Estimates Appropriations	244,726	-	48,404	43,189	336,319

Part B1 - Details of Appropriations

Appropriations	2001/02						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 2001/02 Appropriations
	Main Estimates		Supplementary Estimates		Cumulative Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)							
D1 Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	1,643	-	208	-	1,851	-	Purchase of advice on the effective operation of administrative and judicial services delivered to the community through the court system and on the collection or enforcement of fines and civil debt. It also covers the provision of services including draft ministerial replies and replies to parliamentary questions. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for an increase associated with a fiscally neutral adjustment across departmental output classes to reflect the latest output class costings and demand forecasts (\$169,000); and an increase for the Department for Courts revised remuneration and training and development structure (\$39,000).
D2 Collection or Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts	45,079	-	7,471	-	52,550	-	Purchase of the collection and enforcement of fines, reparation and restitution, and the enforcement of judgements of the Courts on behalf of judgement creditors. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a forecast increase in fines debtors provisioning and remission costs (\$4,688,000); an increase associated with a fiscally neutral adjustment across departmental output classes to reflect the latest output class costings and demand forecasts (\$1,493,000); an increase for the Department for Courts revised remuneration and training and development structure (\$645,000); an increase to reflect a forecast increase in workload provided to assist Civil Judgement creditors to recover debts (\$410,000); an increase to implement the accelerated infringement notice provisions under the Biosecurity Act 1993 (\$200,000); an increase in capital charge associated with the 2000/01 increase in the asset revaluation reserve (\$71,000); an increase to implement the infringement notice provisions of the Fisheries Act 1996 (\$35,000); and a decrease for an expense transfer of Courts Modernisation funding from 2001/02 to 2002/03 (-\$71,000).

Part B1 - Details of Appropriations (continued)

Appropriations	2001/02						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 2001/02 Appropriations
	Main Estimates		Supplementary Estimates		Cumulative Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross) – cont'd							
D3 Case Management, Criminal Jurisdiction	94,505	-	3,183	-	97,688	-	Purchase of operational activities and prescribed statutory services related to the efficient management of cases through the criminal courts process. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for an increase associated with a fiscally neutral adjustment across departmental output classes to reflect the latest output class costings and demand forecasts (\$2,393,000); an increase for the Department for Courts revised remuneration and training and development structure (\$1,050,000); an increase in capital charge reflecting the timing of sale of the Supreme Court building and associated deferral of capital repayment (\$424,000); an increase in capital charge associated with the 2000/01 increase in the asset revaluation reserve (\$127,000); an increase to implement the accelerated infringement notice provisions under the Biosecurity Act 1993 (\$58,000); an increase to implement the infringement notice provisions of the Fisheries Act 1996 (\$10,000); a decrease for an expense transfer of Courts Modernisation funding from 2001/02 to 2002/03 (-\$772,000); and a decrease for a fiscally neutral transfer to Vote Justice Non-Departmental Output Class O3: Administration of Legal Services (-\$107,000).

D4 Case Management, Civil Jurisdiction	67,498	-	(2,510)	-	64,988	- Purchase of operational activities and prescribed statutory services related to the efficient management of cases through the civil courts process. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a decrease associated with a fiscally neutral adjustment across departmental output classes to reflect the latest output class costings and demand forecasts (-\$3,199,000); a decrease for an expense transfer of Courts Modernisation funding from 2001/02 to 2002/03 (-\$551,000); an increase for the Department for Courts revised remuneration and training and development structure (\$869,000); an increase in capital charge reflecting the timing of sale of the Supreme Court building and associated deferral of capital repayment (\$284,000); and an increase in capital charge associated with the 2000/01 increase in the asset revaluation reserve (\$87,000).
D5 Tribunals and Other Authorities	17,082	-	(41)	-	17,041	- Purchase of operational activities related to the efficient management of applications or cases through the individual tribunals, authorities, boards and committees administered by the Department for Courts. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a decrease associated with a fiscally neutral adjustment across departmental output classes to reflect the latest output class costings and demand forecasts (-\$700,000); a decrease for an expense transfer of Courts Modernisation funding from 2001/02 to 2002/03 (-\$30,000); an increase to provide additional resources for the Environment Court (\$511,000); an increase for the Department for Courts revised remuneration and training and development structure (\$163,000); and an increase in capital charge associated with the 2000/01 increase in the asset revaluation reserve (\$15,000).
D6 Māori Land, Information and Case Management	12,122	-	63	-	12,185	- Purchase of administrative activities related to the provision of Māori Land information and the operational activities and prescribed statutory services related to the efficient management of cases through the Māori Land Courts. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a an increase for the Department for Courts revised remuneration and training and development structure (\$220,000); an increase in capital charge associated with the 2000/01 increase in the asset revaluation reserve (\$3,000); and a decrease associated with a fiscally neutral adjustment across departmental output classes to reflect the latest output class costings and demand forecasts (-\$160,000).

Part B1 - Details of Appropriations (continued)

	2001/02						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 2001/02 Appropriations
	Main Estimates		Supplementary Estimates		Cumulative Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross) – cont'd							
D7 Waitangi Tribunal	6,067	-	99	-	6,166	-	Purchase of research and administrative services related to the efficient management of claims through the Waitangi Tribunal. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for an increase for the Department for Courts revised remuneration and training and development structure (\$95,000); an increase associated with a fiscally neutral adjustment across departmental output classes to reflect the latest output class costings and demand forecasts (\$3,000); and an increase in capital charge associated with the 2000/01 increase in the asset revaluation reserve (\$1,000).
Total Appropriations for Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)	243,996	-	8,473	-	252,469	-	
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown							
Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants Fees	3,236	-	264	-	3,500	-	Payments to Certifying Consultants for providing opinions under Section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion Act 1977. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the revised forecasts for this expenditure.
Children Young Persons and Their Families Professional Costs	5,557	-	1,195	-	6,752	-	Payments to court appointed counsel and specialists providing reports as directed by the court in relation to care and protection orders under the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the revised forecasts for this expenditure.

Fees Associated with Orders Under the Domestic Violence Act 1995	5,917	-	(917)	-	5,000	-	Payments to court appointed counsel and programme providers in relation to the Domestic Violence Act 1995. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the revised forecasts for this expenditure.
Family Court Counselling and Professional Services	17,972	-	4,028	-	22,000	-	Payments to court appointed counsel and specialists providing reports and counselling as directed by the court in relation to custody and access matters and matrimonial disputes. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the revised forecasts for this expenditure.
Medical and Other Professional Services	1,614	-	186	-	1,800	-	Funding for medical and other professional services as required by legislation. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the revised forecasts for this expenditure.
Personal Property Protection Rights Costs	1,318	-	(218)	-	1,100	-	Payments to service providers appointed by the court under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the revised forecasts for this expenditure.
Witness Fees and Expenses	1,952	-	48	-	2,000	-	Payments to ordinary and expert witnesses appearing in criminal jury trials. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the revised forecasts for this expenditure.
Youth Court Professional Fees	3,956	-	344	-	4,300	-	Payments to court appointed counsel and specialists providing reports as directed in the Youth Court. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the revised forecasts for this expenditure.
Coroner Related Fees and Expenses	1,070	-	130	-	1,200	-	Payments to coroners for the performance of their judicial responsibilities. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the revised forecasts for this expenditure.
Coroner-Directed Post-Mortems	5,211	-	89	-	5,300	-	Cost of pathology services and mortuary facilities for coroner-directed post-mortems. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the revised forecasts for this expenditure.
Costs in Criminal Cases	90	-	-	-	90	-	Costs awarded to defendants by a Court under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967.
Justices of the Peace Association	150	-	5	-	155	-	Cost of administrative services from the Royal Federation of Justices to roster Justices of the Peace for court hearings. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a fiscally neutral transfer from Non-Departmental Other Expense, Assistance to Victims of Crime.

Part B1 - Details of Appropriations (continued)

	2001/02						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 2001/02 Appropriations
	Main Estimates		Supplementary Estimates		Cumulative Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Appropriations							
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown - cont'd							
Representations for Blood Sampling	11	-	-	-	11	-	Cost of representation for parties (aged under seventeen) appearing before the court with regard to providing blood samples in criminal investigations.
Judicial Review Costs	200	-	400	-	600	-	Cost of legal services in cases of Judicial Review. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the revised forecasts for this expenditure.
Offenders and Civil Legal Aid	100	-	-	-	100	-	Funding for civil legal aid payments (applications prior to February 1992).
Assistance to Victims of Crime	50	-	(5)	-	45	-	Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a fiscally neutral transfer to Non-Departmental Other Expense, Justices of the Peace Association.
Judges' Salaries and Allowances	-	43,189	-	1,091	-	44,280	Costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for judges in the Court of Appeal, High Court, District 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. The Supplementary Estimates increase reflects the appointment of an additional Environment Court Judge and the December 2001 determination of the Higher Salaries Commission.
Total Appropriations for Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown	48,404	43,189	5,549	1,091	53,953	44,280	
Capital Contributions to the Department							

Capital Investment	730	-	615	-	1,345	-	Purchase assets associated with the implementation of sentencing reform (\$230,000) and implementation of the Property (Relationships) Amendment Act 2001 (\$500,000), and a capital contribution for the 2000/01 realised gains on sales of fixed assets (\$615,000).
Total Appropriations for Capital Contributions to the Department	730	-	615	-	1,345	-	
Total Appropriations	293,130	43,189	14,637	1,091	307,767	44,280	

Part F - Crown Revenue and Receipts

Part F1 - Current and Capital Revenue and Receipts

	2001/02			Explanation of 2001/02 Crown Revenue
	Main Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total Budgeted \$000	
Current Revenue				
Non-Tax Revenue				
Court Fines	92,976	85,954	178,930	Estimated revenue expected to be collected on behalf of the Crown from the enforcement of monetary penalties imposed through the Courts. During the 2001/02 year there has been an accounting treatment change. Fines are now reported gross with remissions and provision costs reported separately. The impact of this accounting treatment change is the recognition of the annual write-offs and provisioning movements of \$30,536,000 and a one-off increase in revenue of \$61,000,000 in the current year to reflect the provision created in previous years. The remaining change in revenue is primarily due to a forecasting change.
Money Forfeited to the Crown	2	-	2	Judicial orders made to pay money to the Crown.
Total Non-Tax Revenue	92,978	85,954	178,932	
Total Current Revenue	92,978	85,954	178,932	
Capital Receipts				
Offenders and Civil Legal Aid	1,000	(1,000)	-	Contributions towards legal aid approved prior to February 1992 as prescribed by Court officials. No capital receipts are expected during 2001/02.
Total Capital Receipts	1,000	(1,000)	-	
Total Crown Revenue and Receipts	93,978	84,954	178,932	