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The Minister for Courts is the Responsible Minister for the Department for Courts

Part B - Statement of Appropriations

Summary of 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	278,586	-	-	-	278,586
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	56,919	48,400	105,319
Capital Flows					
Capital Contributions	23,841	-	-	-	23,841
Purchase or Development of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment of Debt	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations for 2002/03	302,427	-	56,919	48,400	407,746
Total 2002/03 Main Estimates Appropriations	269,599	-	54,398	46,548	370,545

Part B1 - Details of Appropriations

Appropriations	2002/03						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 2002/03 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	1,960	-	268	-	2,228	-	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.
D2 Collection or Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts	58,947	-	7,234	-	66,181	-	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 (\$9,825,000); a decrease associated with a fiscally neutral adjustment across departmental output classes to reflect the latest output class costings and demand forecasts (-\$1,472,000); and a decrease for expense transfer of Collections Call Centre funding to 2003/04 (-\$1,119,000).
D3 Case Management, Criminal Jurisdiction	97,685	-	8,096	-	105,781	-	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 (\$2,616,000); a forecast increase in fines debtors provisioning and remission costs (\$4,217,000); an increase for the Case Management System (CMS) technology project (\$1,018,000); an increase to meet support costs for two additional District Court Judges (\$362,000); and a decrease for expense transfer of Child Victims and Child Witnesses Education Programme funding to 2003/04 (-\$117,000).

Part B1 - Details of Appropriations (continued)

Appropriations	2002/03						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 2002/03 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							
D4 Case Management, Civil Jurisdiction	68,500	-	(3,325)	-	65,175	-	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 (-\$3,943,000); an increase for the Case Management System (CMS) technology project (\$679,000); and a decrease for expense transfer of Land Valuation Tribunal funding to 2003/04 (-\$61,000).
D5 Tribunals and Other Authorities	18,225	-	675	-	18,900	-	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 an increase associated with a fiscally neutral adjustment across departmental output classes to reflect the latest output class costings and demand forecasts (\$909,000); and a decrease for delay in enactment of the Motor Vehicle Sales Bill (-\$234,000).
D6 Māori Land, Information and Case Management	11,986	-	714	-	12,700	-	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 an increase associated with a fiscally neutral adjustment across departmental output classes to reflect the latest output class costings and demand forecasts (\$796,000); and a decrease for expense transfer of Māori Land Court enhanced advisory services new initiative funding to 2003/04 (-\$82,000).

D7 Waitangi Tribunal	6,296	-	1,325	-	7,621	-	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 associated with a fiscally neutral adjustment across departmental output classes to reflect the latest output class costings and demand forecasts (\$825,000); and an increase to cover costs associated with a new inquiry process for historical claims (\$500,000).
Total Appropriations for Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)	263,599	-	14,987	-	278,586	-	
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown							
Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants Fees	3,500	-	-	-	3,500	-	Payments to Certifying Consultants for providing opinions under Section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion Act 1977.
Assistance to Victims of Crime	45	-	-	-	45	-	Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.
Children Young Persons and Their Families Professional Costs	6,752	-	460	-	7,212	-	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.
Coroner-Directed Post-Mortems	5,300	-	475	-	5,775	-	Cost of pathology services and mortuary facilities for coroner-directed post-mortems. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for an increase in fees payable to pathologists under the Coroners (Fees) Regulations 1992.
Coroner Related Fees and Expenses	1,200	-	-	-	1,200	-	Payments to coroners for the performance of their judicial responsibilities.
Costs in Criminal Cases	90	-	60	-	150	-	Costs awarded to defendants by a Court under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the revised forecasts for this expenditure.
Family Court Counselling and Professional Services	22,000	-	1,380	-	23,380	-	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.

Part B1 - Details of Appropriations (continued)

	2002/03						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 2002/03 Appropriations
	Main Estimates		Supplementary Estimates		Cumulative Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown – cont'd							
Fees Associated with Orders Under the Domestic Violence Act 1995	5,000	-	(190)	-	4,810	-	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.
Judicial Review Costs	600	-	-	-	600	-	Cost of legal services in cases of Judicial Review.
Justices of the Peace Association	155	-	-	-	155	-	Cost of administrative services from the Royal Federation of Justices to roster Justices of the Peace for court hearings.
Medical and Other Professional Services	1,800	-	-	-	1,800	-	Funding for medical and other professional services as required by legislation.
MVDT Adjudicator Remuneration and Assessors Costs	445	-	(164)	-	281	-	Remuneration paid to Adjudicators and fees and allowances paid to Assessors of the Motor Vehicle Disputes Tribunal (MVDT). The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a decrease for delay in enactment of the Motor Vehicle Sales Bill.
Offenders and Civil Legal Aid	100	-	-	-	100	-	Funding for civil legal aid payments (applications prior to February 1992).
Personal Property Protection Rights Costs	1,100	-	-	-	1,100	-	Payments to service providers appointed by the court under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.
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.
Witness Fees and Expenses	2,000	-	500	-	2,500	-	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	4,300	-	-	-	4,300	-	Payments to court appointed counsel and specialists providing reports as directed in the Youth Court.
Judges' Salaries and Allowances	-	46,548	-	1,852	-	48,400	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 two additional District Court Judges and the October 2002 determination of the Higher Salaries Commission.
Total Appropriations for Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown	54,398	46,548	2,521	1,852	56,919	48,400	
Capital Contributions to the Department							
Capital Investment	6,000	-	17,841	-	23,841	-	To improve and sustain the effectiveness of the Environment Court; to implement an enhanced fines Collections Call Centre; and to fund working capital pressures and to address the highest priority property-related risks facing the Department. The Supplementary Estimates increase provides for the purchase of assets associated with the appointment of two additional District Court Judges (\$103,000); a capital contribution to complete the development of the Case Management System (CMS) (\$6,000,000); a capital contribution for the Fines Collection at International Airports new initiative (\$525,000); a working capital injection to support higher fines debtors (\$10,000,000); and a capital contribution for the establishment of a New Zealand Supreme Court (\$1,213,000).
Total Appropriations for Capital Contributions to the Department	6,000	-	17,841	-	23,841	-	
Total Appropriations	323,997	46,548	35,349	1,852	359,346	48,400	

Part F - Crown Revenue and Receipts

Part F1 - Current and Capital Revenue and Receipts

	2002/03			Explanation of 2002/03 Crown Revenue
	Main Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total Budgeted \$000	
Current Revenue				
Non-Tax Revenue				
Court Fines	120,222	38,766	158,988	Estimated revenue expected to be collected on behalf of the Crown from the enforcement of monetary penalties imposed through the Courts. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment reflects the latest forecast information received from Police.
Money Forfeited to the Crown	2	-	2	Judicial orders made to pay money to the Crown.
Total Non-Tax Revenue	120,224	38,766	158,990	
Total Current Revenue	120,224	38,766	158,990	
Total Crown Revenue and Receipts	120,224	38,766	158,990	