

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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Appropriations sought for Vote Courts in 2008/09 total \$720.602 million. This is intended to be spent as follows:

- \$398.659 million (55% 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
- \$233.673 million (33% of the Vote) on purchasing services from non-departmental providers. The major part of the appropriation covers costs incurred under various Acts
- \$88.270 million (12% of the Vote) on non-departmental expenditure to cover judges' salaries and allowances.

The Ministry expects to collect \$274.369 million of Crown revenue in 2008/09, 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	2007/08		2008/09
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (M19) Purchase of collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.	62,752	62,752	66,232
District Court Services (M19) Provision of services in regard to the work of the District Courts, including the Youth Court and Family Court.	172,233	172,183	178,795
Higher Court Services (M19) Provision of services in regard to the work of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.	55,071	54,771	55,275
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services (M19) 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.	77,931	75,951	87,623
Waitangi Tribunal Services (M19) Purchase of research and administrative services related to the management of claims through the Waitangi Tribunal.	9,695	9,695	10,734
Total Departmental Output Expenses	377,682	375,352	398,659
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants Fees (M19) Payments to certifying consultants for providing opinions under Section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977.	5,063	5,063	5,063
Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19) Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.	40	40	40
Children Young Persons and Their Families Professional Services (M19) 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.	9,250	9,250	9,250
Coroner Related Fees and Expenses (M19) Payments to Coroners for the performance of their judicial responsibilities.	5,130	5,130	3,831
Coroner-Directed Post-Mortems (M19) Cost of pathology services and mortuary facilities for coroner-directed post-mortems.	6,971	6,971	6,971
Costs in Criminal Cases (M19) Costs awarded to defendants by a court under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967.	300	300	300
Domestic Violence Professional Services (M19) 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.	7,867	7,867	13,089
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.	30,740	30,740	30,740

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Non-Departmental Other Expenses - cont'd			
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.	72,430	72,430	68,276
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.	88,121	88,121	88,270
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.	998	998	998
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.	147	147	147
Medical and Other Professional Services (M19) Funding for medical and other professional services as required by legislation.	3,978	3,978	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).	292	292	292
Personal Property Protection Rights Costs (M19) Payments to service providers appointed by the court under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.	1,700	1,700	1,700
Remittals of Fines (M19) Fines remitted by Judges and others exercising the appropriate authority under statute.	70,529	70,529	77,375
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.	1,665	1,665	1,713
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.	2,800	2,800	2,800
Youth Court Professional Fees (M19) Payments to court appointed counsel and specialists providing reports as directed in the Youth Court.	6,800	6,800	6,800
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	315,131	315,131	321,943
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	692,813	690,483	720,602