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OVERVIEW

Appropriations sought for Vote Courts in 1999/2000 total \$342.705 million. This is intended to be spent as follows:

- \$243.078 million (75% of the Vote) on purchasing services (mostly support for managing cases, claims and applications through the courts and tribunals, and enforcing fines and civil debts) from the Department for Courts.
- \$42.621 million (13% of the Vote) on purchasing services from non-departmental providers. The major part of the appropriation covers costs incurred under various Acts.
- \$37.406 million (12% of the Vote) on non-departmental expenditure to cover judges' salaries and allowances.
- Capital contribution of \$19.600 million to be spent on implementing the Department's Strategic Business Plan and the establishment of new courthouses at Manukau and the North Shore.

The Department expects to process \$78.425 million of Crown revenue in 1999/2000 from fines and other penalties imposed through the courts.

Details of how the appropriations are to be applied appear in Parts B1, C, D and E of this Vote. Details of Crown revenue appear in Part F.

Footnotes

Note 1	<i>Not applicable as Crown revenue is not appropriated.</i>
Note 2	<i>Appropriations are stated GST inclusive (where applicable).</i>
Note 3	<i>Expenses incurred pursuant to section 9A Judicature Act 1908, section 6 District Courts Act 1948 and section 13 Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993.</i>
Note 4	<i>Actioned means service or execution attempted and outcome advised to the applicant or returned to the applicant for further information.</i>
Note 5	<p><i>The concept of “compliance” is a new measure. It is the proportion that fines collected over the previous 12 months or under an arrangement to pay at the conclusion of the 12 months form of the total amount of fines available for collection. The amount of fines available for collection is defined as the opening balance twelve months earlier plus subsequent impositions less remissions and the fines under appeal at the end of the period. The formula for this can be expressed as:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Fines complied with” divided by “Fines ‘pool available to be complied with’ ”</i></p>
Note 6	<i>Registrars and other approved staff undertake a range of statutory functions that are either prescribed in legislation or delegated by the judiciary and would otherwise have to be undertaken by the judiciary.</i>
Note 7	<i>This quality measure is under development and will be finalised before the beginning of the new financial year.</i>
Note 8	<i>A casebook contains all the research reports and evidence needed to start a district inquiry. The initial (new) casebook needs to cover the main historical claims issues and is completed prior to the start of an inquiry or a new stage of an inquiry. It should be noted that additional research reports may be added to a casebook or later volumes of a casebook issued during the course of an inquiry. The test, as to the sufficiency of a casebook, is conducted by an historian member of the Tribunal.</i>
Note 9	<i>Generally inquiries require multiple hearings. From time to time claims granted urgency may be heard in a single hearing which will constitute all hearings for that inquiry. Urgency matters can affect the overall timetable for hearings, and are allowed for in annual planning.</i>
Note 10	<i>Servicing of the Residential Tenancy Tribunal is provided to the Housing Corporation of New Zealand and the 1999/00 SLA is under negotiation. The new agreement will follow either applications serviced or sitting days provided.</i>

Note 11	<i>The Courts Executive Council is a consultative body comprising the Chief Executive of the Department for Courts and senior members of the judiciary.</i>
Note 12	<i>Service to cease from 30 September 1999 and to be provided entirely by the Department of Internal Affairs from that date onwards.</i>

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VOTE MINISTER: MINISTER FOR COURTS

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT FOR COURTS

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

Part A - Statement of Objectives and Trends

Part A1 - Objectives for Vote Courts

Related Government Outcomes

The appropriations in Vote Courts will make an important contribution to the Government's broad social and economic outcomes which are concerned with reinforcing a successful enterprise economy, ensuring safe communities and progressing toward closing the economic gap between Māori and non-Māori.

The particular outcomes to which Vote Courts will contribute include:

- ensuring a clear, accessible body of law for fair and efficient conduct of business, which minimises compliance costs and is effectively upheld through the efficient operation of the civil courts and tribunals supported where necessary by effective enforcement of court orders
- ensuring criminal justice outcomes relating to deterrence, denunciation, retribution and rehabilitation are achieved following due process through the effective enforcement of monetary penalties
- ensuring safe communities through modernising court administration and enhancing the effectiveness of the court system for users and victims
- delivering services which impact on Māori economic opportunity and social outcomes through the efficient operation of the Waitangi Tribunal and the Māori Land Court.

Links between Government Outcomes and Output Classes

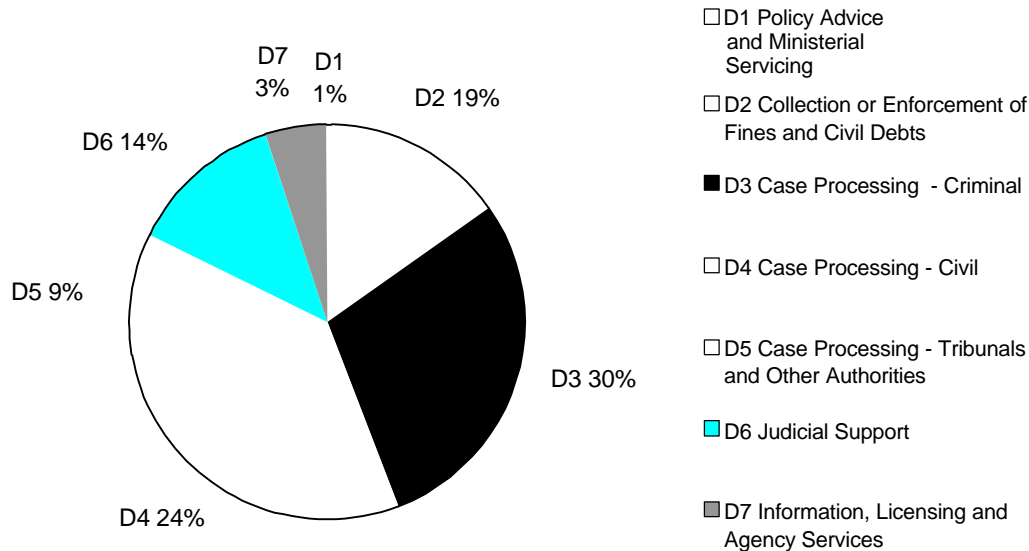
The following table links the Government's strategic objectives to the classes of outputs being purchased under Vote Courts.

Output Classes	Outcomes
D1 Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing D2 Collection or Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts D3 Case Processing – Criminal D4 Case Processing - Civil D5 Case Processing - Tribunals and Other Authorities D6 Judicial Support D7 Information, Licensing and Agency Services	Ensuring a clear, accessible body of law for fair and efficient conduct of business, which minimises compliance costs and is effectively upheld through the efficient operation of the civil courts and tribunals supported where necessary by effective enforcement of court orders; and Ensuring criminal justice outcomes relating to deterrence, denunciation, retribution and rehabilitation are achieved following due process through the effective enforcement of monetary penalties.
D1 Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing D2 Collection or Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts D3 Case Processing - Criminal D4 Case Processing - Civil D6 Judicial Support	Safe communities through modernising court administration and enhancing the effectiveness of the court system for users and victims.
D1 Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing D4 Case Processing - Civil D5 Case Processing - Tribunals and Other Authorities D6 Judicial Support	Delivery of services which impact on Māori economic opportunity and social outcomes through the efficient operation of the Waitangi Tribunal and the Māori Land Court.

Vote Structure

The chart below displays the structure of Vote Courts in terms of the proportion of each output class to the total appropriation.

Figure 1 - Vote Courts Departmental Appropriations



Source: Department for Courts

Part A2 - Trends in Vote Courts

The Department for Courts was established on 1 July 1995. Prior to 1 July 1995, the activities of the Department for Courts were part of the Department of Justice. Comparative figures are therefore only available for the 1995/96, 1996/97, and 1997/98 years. In addition, in 1996/97 the output class structure for the Department was amended to provide better quality cost information.

The major changes in Vote Courts in 1999/2000 reflect the impact of government decisions on the Department's Strategic Business Plan, and a programme of construction and upgrade of court buildings. Additional operating and capital contributions have been received as a result of these changes.

The reduction in departmental output costs reflects the reclassification of various items of expenditure as non-departmental Other Expenses. Refer to Part G - Statement of Reconciliations for details of these changes.

Trends in Vote Courts - Summary of Appropriations and Crown Revenue

Types of Appropriation	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99		1999/00 Appropriations to be Used				
	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	By the Department Administering the Vote		For Non-Departmental Transactions		Total \$000
							Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Operating Flows											
Classes of Outputs to be Supplied	-	227,689	250,321	260,309	272,349	272,349	243,078	-	-	-	243,078
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	27,790	32,457	38,593	43,147	43,147	-	-	42,621	37,406	80,027
Capital Flows											
Capital Contributions	-	311,369	-	20,000	30,000	30,000	19,600	-	-	-	19,600
Purchase or Development of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-
Repayment of Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	-	566,848	282,778	318,902	345,496	345,496	262,678	-	42,621	37,406	342,705
Total Crown Revenue and Receipts (see note 1)	-	51,755	54,883	64,908	72,715	72,715	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	78,425

Part B - Statement of Appropriations

Part B1 - Details of 1999/2000 Appropriations (see note 2)

	1998/99				1999/00		Description of 1999/00 Appropriations
	Vote		Estimated Actual		Vote		
Appropriations	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)							
D1 Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	1,750	-	1,750	-	1,788	-	- Purchase of policy advice on the relevance and effectiveness of court services and the purchase of services including draft ministerial replies, replies to parliamentary questions and replies required by legislation.
D2 Collection or Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts	43,079	-	43,079	-	46,435	-	- Purchase of administrative services for collecting or enforcing of fines and orders (including restitution and reparation orders), and civil orders of the court.
D3 Case Processing - Criminal	76,348	-	76,348	-	72,414	-	- Purchase of administrative and prescribed statutory services related to the efficient management of individual cases through the criminal courts process.
D4 Case Processing - Civil	84,073	-	84,073	-	59,433	-	- Purchase of administrative and prescribed statutory services related to the efficient management of applications through the Māori Land Court and individual cases through the Civil and Family Courts.
D5 Case Processing - Tribunals and Other Authorities	24,544	-	24,544	-	22,537	-	- Purchase of administrative services related to the efficient management of claims, applications or cases through the individual tribunals, authorities, boards and committees administered by the Department including the Environment Court.
D6 Judicial Support	33,815	-	33,815	-	33,320	-	- Purchase of services, including research, library, sentencing information, security, case information and administrative services, to support judicial officers in undertaking their judicial functions, and the Institute of Judicial Studies.

D7 Information, Licensing and Agency Services	8,740	-	8,740	-	7,151	-	Purchase of administrative activities related to the provision of Māori Land information, occupational licensing services, agency services and services to Treaty of Waitangi claimants through the Māori Land Information Office.
Total Appropriations for Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)	272,349	-	272,349	-	243,078	-	Refer to Part C1 for a full description.
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Department							
Provision for Retirement and Long Service Leave	2,200	-	2,200	-	-	-	A technical accounting adjustment to recognise the Department's liability to its employees for unvested long service leave and unvested retiring leave. This is a once-only change.
Total Appropriations for Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Department	2,200	-	2,200	-	-	-	
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown							
Abortion Supervisory Committee – Certifying Consultants Fees	-	-	-	-	2,909	-	Payments to certifying consultants for providing opinions under section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion Act 1977.
Children Young Persons and their Families Professional Costs	-	-	-	-	3,841	-	Payments to court-appointed counsel and specialists providing reports as directed by the court in relation to care and protection orders under Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989.
Fees associated with Orders under the Domestic Violence Act	-	-	-	-	7,505	-	Payments to court-appointed counsel and programme providers in relation to the Domestic Violence Act 1995.
Family Court Counselling and Professional Services	-	-	-	-	14,819	-	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.
Medical and Other Professional Services	-	-	-	-	765	-	Funding for medical and other professional services as required by legislation.

Part B1 - Details of 1999/2000 Appropriations (Continued)

	1998/99				1999/00		Description of 1999/00 Appropriations
	Vote		Estimated Actual		Vote		
Appropriations	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown							
Personal Property Protection Rights Costs	-	-	-	-	624	-	- Payments to service providers appointed by the court under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.
Witness Fees and Expenses	-	-	-	-	1,332	-	- Payments to ordinary and expert witnesses appearing in criminal jury trials.
Youth Court Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	2,396	-	- Payments to court-appointed counsel and specialists providing reports as directed in the Youth Court.
Coroner Related Fees and Expenses	-	-	-	-	1,170	-	- Payments to coroners for the performance of their judicial responsibilities.
Coroner Directed Postmortems	2,130	-	2,130	-	5,111	-	- Cost of pathology services and mortuary facilities for coroner directed postmortems.
Costs in Criminal Cases	-	-	-	-	138	-	- Costs awarded to defendants by a Court under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967.
Justices of the Peace Association	150	-	150	-	150	-	- Cost of administrative services from the Royal Federation of Justices to roster Justices of the Peace for court hearings.
Representations for Blood Sampling	61	-	61	-	61	-	- Cost of representation for parties (aged under 17) appearing before the court with regard to providing blood samples in criminal investigations.
Judicial Review Costs	400	-	400	-	400	-	- Cost of legal services in cases of judicial review.
Offenders and Civil Legal Aid	1,100	-	1,100	-	1,100	-	- Funding for civil legal aid payments (applications prior to February 1992).
Assistance to Victims of Crime	300	-	300	-	300	-	- Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.

Judges' Salaries and Allowances (see note 3)	-	36,806	-	36,806	-	37,406	Costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for judges in the Court of Appeal, High Court, District Court and Māori Land Court
Total Appropriations for Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown	4,141	36,806	4,141	36,806	42,621	37,406	
Capital Contributions to the Department							
Capital Investment	30,000	-	30,000	-	19,600	-	Capital investment to fund the Department's Strategic Business Plan and the new courthouses at Manukau and the North Shore.
Total Appropriations for Capital Contributions to the Department	30,000	-	30,000	-	19,600	-	
Total Appropriations	308,690	36,806	308,690	36,806	305,299	37,406	

Part C - Explanation of Appropriations for Output Classes

Part C1- Departmental Output Classes

Output Class D1 - Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing

Description

This output class covers the provision of advice to the Minister for Courts on the 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. Included are the provision of advice on the relevance, effectiveness and accessibility of court services, contribution to the development of advice on the wider justice sector, comment on other policy proposals which directly or indirectly affect the court system, and provision of ministerial services.

Policy advice

Quantity

Advice to be delivered in accordance with an agreed and prioritised work programme that may include projects specified by the Minister, Cabinet and Cabinet committees. The programme will contribute to the Government's strategic objectives and may be updated from time to time during the year.

Quality

The Minister for Courts will expect all reports will comply with the Department for Courts' quality standards for policy advice. Individual policy papers and projects will be of a high quality and will satisfy the product quality characteristics required for Cabinet papers. These characteristics include:

- comprehensive: reports provided on vital issues, events anticipated, and requests met
- timely: work completed in a timely way, including response to urgent requests
- purpose of papers clearly stated
- logic behind assumptions explicit, argument logical and supported by facts
- key issues addressed, information accurate and material facts included
- options presented with benefits, costs and consequences for the Government and the community
- consultation appropriate and objections identified
- practical implications, feasibility, timing and consistency with other policies included

- presentation meets Cabinet Office requirements, material concise, in plain English and error free.

Output quality for policy advice is assessed by a three-monthly measure of the Minister's satisfaction against the quality standards.

Timeliness

The Department for Courts intends meeting the Minister for Courts' expectations that:

- all reports and verbal advice will be delivered within agreed timeframes
- there will be an appropriate response to requests for attendance at Parliament during debates and at Cabinet and Select Committee meetings
- drafting instructions in the form of draft legislation will be provided to the Parliamentary Counsel Office within the timeframe agreed with the Minister and that office.

Ministerial servicing

Quantity

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Items of ministerial correspondence will be actioned	900 - 1,000	900 - 1,000
Replies to parliamentary questions will be completed within stipulated deadlines	200 - 250	200 - 250

Quality

All responses to ministerial correspondence and parliamentary questions will be delivered in accordance with the following quality standards:

- Accurate information is supplied.
- Logical structure is used.
- The style used is appropriate to the purpose.
- Conclusions are based on sound reasoning.
- Fiscal implications are considered where appropriate.

Output quality for ministerial servicing is assessed by a three-monthly measure of the Minister's satisfaction against the quality standards.

Timeliness

The Minister for Courts will expect that all responses to ministerial correspondence and parliamentary questions will be delivered within timeframes agreed with the Minister as follows:

- Draft replies to ministerial correspondence will be completed within 15 working days from receipt in the Department in 85% of cases, and within 20 working days in 95% of cases.
- All responses to parliamentary questions will be provided within stipulated deadlines.

Cost

This output class will be provided within the appropriated sum of \$1.788 million (inclusive of GST).

Year	Cost GST incl \$000	Cost GST excl \$000	Total Revenue GST excl \$000	Revenue Crown GST excl \$000	Revenue Other GST excl \$000
1999/00	1,788	1,589	1,589	1,589	-
1998/99	1,750	1,556	1,556	1,556	-

Output Class D2 - Collection or Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts

Description

This output class covers collection or enforcement of fines, reparation and restitution, and the enforcement of judgments of the courts on behalf of judgment creditors.

Quantity, quality, timeliness and cost

Quantity

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Value of amount collected from court-imposed fines	\$43 million - 45 million	\$41.7 million - 44.5 million
Value of amount collected from infringement fines	\$71 million - 75 million	\$84.7 million - 91.9 million
Number of applications for distress warrants, orders for examination and other civil enforcement applications actioned (see note 4)	42,500 applications	53 - 57,000 applications

Quality and timeliness

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Court-imposed fines will be collected within 28 days and within the year of imposition	16.3 %	18.4 - 19.6 %
Court-imposed fines will be collected within 4 months and within the year of imposition	23 %	29 - 31 %
Court-imposed fines will be collected within the year of imposition	41.7 %	42.3 - 45.1 %
Infringement fines will be collected within 28 days and within the year of imposition	6.7%	6.4 – 7 %
Infringement fines will be collected within 4 months and within the year of imposition	12%	14.4 - 15.6 %
Infringement fines will be collected within the year of imposition	25.1%	25.9 - 28.1 %
Balance of fines available for collection will be complied with throughout the year (see note 5)	New measure.	47.5 - 52.5 %

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Applications for distress warrants, orders for examination and other civil enforcement applications in 1998/99 will be actioned within 28 days of receipt by the court	92.5%	72.5 - 77.5 %
Legal challenges to fines or infringements collections procedures resulting in costs being awarded against the Department	0%	0%
Legal challenges procedures resulting in costs being awarded against the Department	0%	0%

Cost

This output class will be provided within the appropriated sum of \$46.435 million (inclusive of GST).

Year	Cost GST incl \$000	Cost GST excl \$000	Total Revenue GST excl \$000	Revenue Crown GST excl \$000	Revenue Other GST excl \$000
1999/00	46,435	41,222	41,703	13,551	28,152
1998/99	43,079	38,239	38,720	13,226	25,494

Output Class D3 - Case Processing - Criminal

Description

This output class covers the provision of operational activities related to the efficient management of individual cases through the criminal courts process. Activities include scheduling cases and rostering judges (on behalf of the Judiciary), managing case papers and exhibits, undertaking prescribed statutory functions (see note 6), servicing hearings, documenting and maintaining records, purchasing services required to assist judicial decision-making, and monitoring case-flow standards. These services are provided in the following criminal jurisdictions: the Court of Appeal, the High Court, the District Court - Jury Trial, District Court - Summary Informations, Youth Court, and Family Court.

*Quantity, quality, timeliness and cost*Quantity

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Criminal appeals disposed of by the Court of Appeal	505	480 - 505
Criminal appeals disposed of by the High Court	950	940 - 990
Criminal jury trials disposed of by the High Court	415	405 - 425
Criminal jury trials disposed of by the District Court	2,180	2,000 - 2,100
Criminal summary informations disposed of by the District Court	261,000	260,000 - 270,000
Informations disposed of by the Youth Court	13,700	13,500 - 14,200
Prosecutions for non attendance under the Domestic Violence Act	New measure.	225 - 240

Quality and timeliness

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
The first fixture for criminal appeals will be held within XX (see note 7) days of filing for appeal	New measure.	(see note 7)
High Court criminal jury trials will be disposed of within 52 weeks from date of charge	90% of cases.	80% of cases.
High Court criminal jury trials will be disposed of within 78 weeks from date of charge	99% of cases.	99% of cases.
Increase as at 1 July 1999 in the number of outstanding criminal jury trials over 12 months old	New measure.	0%

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
District Court criminal jury trials will be disposed of within 52 weeks from date of charge	80% of cases.	70% of cases.
District Court criminal jury trials will be disposed of within 78 weeks from date of charge	99% of cases.	99% of cases.
Increase as at 1 July 1999 in the number of outstanding criminal jury trials over 12 months old	New measure.	0%
Criminal summary (Police Informations) cases will be disposed of within 26 weeks from the date of charge	90% of cases.	85% of cases.
Prosecutions for non attendance under the Domestic Violence Act will be disposed of within 26 weeks of date of charge	New measure.	85% of cases.

Cost

This output class will be provided within the appropriated sum of \$72.414 million (inclusive of GST).

Year	Cost GST incl \$000	Cost GST excl \$000	Total Revenue GST excl \$000	Revenue Crown GST excl \$000	Revenue Other GST excl \$000
1999/00	72,414	64,333	64,651	44,698	19,953
1998/99	76,348	67,829	68,148	47,777	20,371

Output Class D4 - Case Processing - Civil

Description

This output class covers the provision of operational activities related to the efficient management of applications through the Māori Land Court, and individual cases through the Civil and Family Courts. Activities include scheduling cases and rostering judges (on behalf of the Judiciary), managing case papers and exhibits, undertaking prescribed statutory functions (see note 6), servicing hearings, documenting and maintaining records, purchasing services required to assist judicial decision-making, monitoring case-flow standards, and, in the case of the Māori Land Court, title and ownership searching. These services are provided in the following civil jurisdictions: the Court of Appeal, the High Court, the District Court, the Family Court, the Māori Appellate Court, the Māori Land Court and the Disputes Tribunal.

Quantity, quality, timeliness and cost

Quantity

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Civil appeals disposed of by the Court of Appeal	165	160 - 170
Civil and family appeals disposed of by the High Court	300	300 - 315
Civil cases disposed of by the High Court	1,100	1,100 - 1,150
Civil cases disposed of by the District Court: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defended • Undefended 	28,000	2,470 - 2,730 25,250 - 27,000
Applications for custody and access, whether interim or substantive, disposed of by the Family Court	7,800	7,600 - 8,000
Applications for declaration under the Children, Young Persons and their Families Act	New measure	2,565 - 2,835
Applications for protection orders will be processed under the Domestic Violence Act	7,300	7,150 - 7,300
Claims disposed of by disputes tribunals	29,750	29,000 - 30,500

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Appeals to the Māori Appellate Court concluded	16 - 20	16 - 20
Māori Land Court applications concluded	5,750	5,550 - 6,000

Quality and timeliness

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
The first fixture for civil appeals will be held within XX (see note 7) days of filing for appeal	New measure.	(see note 7)
Civil and family appeals will be disposed of within 26 weeks of filing	New measure.	85% of cases.
Defended civil proceedings in the High Court will be disposed of within 52 weeks from the date of filing of defence	65% of cases.	65% of cases.
Defended civil proceedings in the District Court will be disposed of within 52 weeks from the date of filing of defence	75% of cases.	75% of cases.
Custody and access applications will be disposed of within 33 weeks of filing	New measure.	85% of cases.
Applications for declaration will be disposed of within 60 days of date of filing	New measure.	85% of cases.
Applications for protection orders will be dealt within 24 hours of the date of filing	100% of cases.	100% of cases.
Disputes Tribunal cases will be disposed of within 90 days of filing	80% of cases.	70% of cases.

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Māori Appellate Court and Māori Land Court applications will be processed to be ready for hearing within 2 months after the date of acceptance	95% of cases.	95% of cases.
Final orders of the Māori Land Court and the Māori Appellate Court will be drawn, signed and sealed within 2 months of the order being pronounced	90% of cases.	90% of cases.

Cost

This output class will be provided within the appropriated sum of \$59.433 million (inclusive of GST).

Year	Cost GST incl \$000	Cost GST excl \$000	Total Revenue GST excl \$000	Revenue Crown GST excl \$000	Revenue Other GST excl \$000
1999/00	59,433	52,791	53,137	39,076	14,061
1998/99	84,073	74,693	75,038	61,307	13,731

Output Class D5 - Case Processing - Tribunals and Other Authorities

Description

This output class involves the provision of operational activities related to the efficient management of claims, applications or cases through the individual tribunals, authorities, boards, and committees administered by the Department for Courts. Activities include the management of papers and exhibits, scheduling and servicing hearings and sittings, documenting and maintaining records, commissioning research, report writing and other specialist services to assist members of tribunals and committees. A full listing of tribunals and other authorities administered by the Department for Courts is provided in Appendix 1 of the *Departmental Forecast Report*.

*Quantity, quality, timeliness and cost*Quantity

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Casebooks (see note 8) will be advanced to the stage set out in the Waitangi Tribunal's research programme	2 - 3	1 - 3
Inquiries involving multiple (see note 9) hearings as per the Waitangi Tribunal's hearing programme will be serviced and supported	5 - 6	5 - 7
Report writing and editorial services will be provided to enable Waitangi Tribunal reports to be delivered to timetables agreed with the relevant presiding officer	3 - 5	2 - 5
Coroner's inquests will be held	1,500	1,050 - 1,200
Inquiries into death	3,000	2,300 - 2,500
Death notifications supported	350	240 - 280
Actioned requests for search of Coroners Court records or copies	New measure.	1,000 - 1,100
Tenancy Tribunal applications serviced (see note 10)	22,500	11,570 - 22,500
Tenancy Tribunal sitting days provided (see note 10)	New measure.	1,150 - 2,800
Environment Court applications will be completed	1,500	1,425 - 1,500
Environment court sitting days provided	460	500 - 510
Liquor licensing applications will be determined	7,200	8,050 - 8,250

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Liquor Licensing Authority sitting days provided	80	80 - 85
Applications will be determined by other tribunals and authorities	2,150	1,850 - 1,950
Other tribunals and authorities sitting days provided	507	525 - 565

Quality and timeliness

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Inquiry servicing will be provided, and research commissions completed, within standards agreed with the Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal or the relevant presiding officer	100% of cases.	100% of cases.
Research commissions will be completed within timeframes and standards agreed with the Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal or the relevant presiding officer	100% of cases.	100% of cases.
Report writing and editorial assistance will be provided to timeframe and standards agreed with the Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal	100% of cases.	100% of cases.
Coroners fees and expenses will be paid at rates prescribed in the Coroners (Fees) Regulations 1992	-	-
Coroners Court files non-archived will be available for inspection between 9.30am and 4.30pm	80%	80%

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Tribunals, the Environment Court and other authorities' applications will be determined within required timeframe guidelines	80% of cases.	80% of cases.
Tribunals, the Environment Court and other authorities' fixtures/sittings will be completed as per schedule	80% of cases.	80% of cases.

Cost

This output class will be provided within the appropriated sum of \$22.537 million (inclusive of GST).

Year	Cost GST incl \$000	Cost GST excl \$000	Total Revenue GST excl \$000	Revenue Crown GST excl \$000	Revenue Other GST excl \$000
1999/00	22,537	20,033	20,033	16,639	3,394
1998/99	24,544	21,817	21,817	18,423	3,394

Output Class D6 - Judicial Support

Description

This output class involves the provision of services and activities to support judicial officers in the courts and tribunals administered by the Department. Services to be delivered include administrative support services, sentencing information, library and security services for judges, provision of research assistance and case disposal information. It includes funding to support the Institute for Judicial Studies, which provides continuing judicial education.

Quantity, quality, timeliness and cost

Quantity

- Judicial decision-making bodies for each overall support area (libraries, human resources and administration, security, systems and business processes) will be established and will meet according to schedule.
- 12 statistical reports on case volumes, disposal rates and other case-related information as agreed with the Courts Executive Council will be provided (see note 11).

Quality and timeliness

- Judicial decision-making bodies recommendations agreed and implemented.
- Judicial decision-making bodies satisfied with the quality and timeliness of support and advice.
- Statistical reports will cover case volumes, disposal rates and other case-related information as agreed with the Courts Executive Council.

Cost

This output class will be provided within the appropriated sum of \$33.320 million (inclusive of GST).

Year	Cost GST incl \$000	Cost GST excl \$000	Total Revenue GST excl \$000	Revenue Crown GST excl \$000	Revenue Other GST excl \$000
1999/00	33,320	29,618	29,618	29,618	-
1998/99	33,815	30,058	30,058	30,058	-

Output Class D7 - Information, Licensing and Agency Services*Description*

This output class covers the provision of:

- assistance to Māori through the provision of land information (Māori Land Information Office)
- Māori land information held in Māori Land Court
- processing applications for Criminal Legal Aid
- land information held by the Crown and its agencies via the Māori Land Information Office
- births, deaths and marriages services provided by Courts staff in accordance with the agreement negotiated with the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department for Courts will cease to provide births and death certificates from 30 September 1999)
- issuing of occupational licences, including private investigators and security guards, sharebrokers, massage parlours, second hand dealers, auctioneers and pawnbrokers, and the registering of securities in chattels (other than motor vehicles).

*Quantity, quality, timeliness and cost*Quantity

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Māori land information provided in response to requests	125,000 - 130,000	125,000 - 130,000
Applications for information from the Māori Land Information Office processed	10 - 20	10 - 20
Criminal legal aid applications processed	48,000	49,500 - 51,500
Birth and death certificates issued (see note 12)	15,000 - 25,000	19,150 - 21,200
Marriage licences issued	11,500	11,200 - 12,350
Occupational licensing applications processed	8,300	9,000 - 10,000
Chattels registered or renewed	12,000 - 15,000	12,000 - 15,000

Quality and timeliness

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Written requests for information from the Māori Land Court record will be responded to within 10 working days	95% of cases.	95% of cases.
Orders affecting title and ownership of Māori land will be entered in the permanent record of the Māori Land Court within the timeframes provided in the Māori Land Court internal purchase agreements	90% of cases.	90% of cases.
Licences and certificates dispatched within 2 working days of completed application	100%	100%

Performance Measure	Performance Standard 1998/99	Performance Standard 1999/00
Licences comply with the relevant regulations	100%	100%
Chattels recorded available for searching	100%	100%

Cost

This output class will be provided within the appropriated sum of \$7.151 million (inclusive of GST).

Year	Cost GST incl \$000	Cost GST excl \$000	Total Revenue GST excl \$000	Revenue Crown GST excl \$000	Revenue Other GST excl \$000
1999/00	7,151	6,356	6,356	85	6,271
1998/99	8,740	7,769	7,769	1,498	6,271

Part C2 - Non-Departmental Output Classes

There is no appropriation for Part C2.

Part D - Explanation of Appropriations for Other Operating Flows

Part D1 - Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses

There is no appropriation for Part D1.

Part D2 - Borrowing Expenses

There is no appropriation for Part D2.

Part D3 - Other Expenses

Refer to Part B1 for description.

Part E - Explanation of Appropriations for Capital Flows

Part E1 - Capital Contributions

The Department for Courts will receive a capital contribution of \$19.6 million to fund the Department's Strategic Business Plan and the new courthouses at Manukau and the North Shore.

Net Worth of Entities Owned

Statement of Estimated and Forecast Net Worth

	Balance Date	Estimated Net Worth 1999 \$ million	Forecast Net Worth 2000 \$ million
The Department for Courts	30 June	353.912	373.512

Part E2 - Purchase or Development of Capital Assets by the Crown

There is no appropriation for Part E2.

Part E3 - Repayment of Debt

There is no appropriation for Part E3.

Part F - Crown Revenue and Receipts

Part F1 - Current and Capital Revenue and Receipts

	1998/99		1999/00	Description of 1999/00 Crown Revenue
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000	
Current Revenue				
Non-Tax Revenue				
Court Fines	70,713	70,713	76,423	Estimated revenue expected to be collected on behalf of the Crown from the enforcement of monetary penalties imposed through the courts.
Money Forfeited to the Crown	2	2	2	Judicial orders made to pay money to the Crown.
Total Non-Tax Revenue	70,715	70,715	76,425	
Total Current Revenue	70,715	70,715	76,425	
Capital Receipts				
Offenders and Civil Legal Aid	2,000	2,000	2,000	Contributions towards legal aid approved prior to February 1992 as prescribed by court officials.
Total Capital Receipts	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Total Crown Revenue and Receipts	72,715	72,715	78,425	

Part G - Statement of Reconciliations

Part G1 - Changes in Appropriations

In 1999/2000 certain appropriation types have been re-organised. The following table illustrates this for 1998/99 voted annual appropriations.

1998/99 Cumulative Vote in Old (1998/99) Structure	\$000	Structure Changes	\$000	1998/99 Cumulative Vote in New (1999/2000) Structure	\$000
Departmental Output Classes					
D3 Case Processing – Criminal	76,348	To Non-Departmental Other Expenses:			71,880
		Witness Fees and Expenses	(1,332)		
		Youth Court Professional Fees	(2,396)		
		Medical and other Professional Services	(602)		
		Costs in Criminal Cases	(138)		
D4 Case Processing – Civil	84,073	To Non-Departmental Other Expenses:			57,121
		CYPF Professional Costs	(3,841)		
		Fees associated with Orders under the Domestic Violence Act	(7,505)		
		Family Court Counselling	(14,819)		
		Personal Property Protection Rights Act Costs	(624)		
		Medical and other Professional Services	(163)		

D5 Case Processing – Tribunals and Other Authorities	24,544	To non-departmental other expenses:			
		Abortion Supervisory Committee	(2,909)		21,635
D6 Judicial Support	33,815	To non-departmental Other Expenses:			32,645
		Coroner Related Fees and Expenses	(1,170)		
Other Departmental Output Classes	53,569				53,569
Total Departmental Output Classes (GST incl)	272,349		(35,499)		236,850
Non-Departmental Other Expenses					
		From D5 Case Processing - Tribunals and other authorities	2,909	Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants' Fees	2,909
		From D4 Case Processing - Civil	3,841	CYPF Professional Costs	3,841
		From D3 Case Processing - Criminal	138	Costs in Criminal Cases	138
		From D4 Case Processing - Civil	7,505	Fees associated with Orders under the Domestic Violence Act	7,505
		From D4 Case Processing - Civil	14,819	Family Court Counselling and Professional Services	14,819
		From D4 Case Processing – Civil	163		
		From D3 Case Processing - Criminal	602	Medical and Other Professional Services	765
		From D4 Case Processing - Civil	624	Personal Property Protection Rights Costs	624
		From D3 Case Processing - Criminal	1,332	Witness Fees and Expenses	1,332
		From D3 Case Processing - Criminal	2,396	Youth Court Professional Fees	2,396

Part G1 - Changes in Appropriations (Continued)

1998/99 Cumulative Vote in Old (1998/99) Structure	\$000	Structure Changes	\$000	1998/99 Cumulative Vote in New (1999/2000) Structure	\$000
		From D6 Judicial Support	1,170	Coroner Related Fees and Expenses	1,170
Coroner Directed Postmortems	2,130	From Vote: Health for mortuary services	2,981		5,111
Other Non-Departmental Other Expenses	38,817				38,817
Total non-departmental other expenses (GST incl)	40,947		38,480		79,427
Total Vote Courts	313,296		2,981		316,277