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

Part B - Statement of Appropriations

Summary of 1999/2000 Appropriations

Types of Appropriation	Appropriations to be Used				Total Appropriations \$000
	By the Department Administering the Vote		For Non-Departmental Transactions		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Operating Flows					
Classes of Outputs to be Supplied	238,561	-	-	-	238,561
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	48,012	39,306	87,318
Capital Flows					
Capital Contributions	19,600	-	-	-	19,600
Purchase or Development of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment of Debt	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriations for 1999/2000	258,161	-	48,012	39,306	345,479
Total 1999/2000 Main Estimates Appropriations	262,678	-	42,621	37,406	342,705

Part B1 - Details of 1999/2000 Appropriations

Appropriations	1999/2000						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 1999/2000 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	1,788	-	(67)	-	1,721	-	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. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a fiscally neutral adjustment relating to the latest costing information and volume demands (-\$67,000).
D2 Collection or Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts	46,435	-	844	-	47,279	-	Purchase of administrative services for collecting and enforcing fines and restitution, reparation orders and civil orders of the Courts. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a reduction in fines provisioning costs (-\$668,000) and an increase for a fiscally neutral adjustment relating to the latest costing information and volume demands (\$1,512,000).
D3 Case Processing - Criminal	72,414	-	(2,305)	-	70,109	-	Purchase of administrative and prescribed statutory services related to the efficient management of individual cases through the criminal courts process. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a fiscally neutral adjustment for the latest costing information and volume demands (-\$895,000) and a transfer of expenses into 2000/01 due to the delay in implementing the Courts Modernisation Programme (-\$1,410,000).
D4 Case Processing - Civil	59,433	-	(2,304)	-	57,129	-	Purchase of administrative and prescribed statutory services related to the efficient management of individual cases through the Civil and Family Courts and the Māori Land Court. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a fiscally neutral adjustment for the latest costing information and volume demands (-\$1,011,000) and a transfer of expenses into 2000/01 due to the delay in implementing the Courts Modernisation Programme (-\$1,293,000).

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

Appropriations	1999/2000						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 1999/2000 Appropriations
	Main Estimates		Supplementary Estimates		Cumulative Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
D5 Case Processing - Tribunals and Other Authorities	22,537	-	(839)	-	21,698	-	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 for Courts. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a fiscally neutral adjustment for the latest costing information and volume demands (-\$243,000) and a transfer of expenses into 2000/01 due to the delay in implementing the Courts Modernisation Programme (-\$666,000) and the transfer of mortuary administration services formally provided from Vote Health (\$70,000).
D6 Judicial Support	33,320	-	600	-	33,920	-	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. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a fiscally neutral adjustment for the latest costing information and volume demands (\$1,031,000) and a transfer of expenses into 2000/01 due to the delay in implementing the Courts Modernisation Programme (-\$431,000).
D7 Information, Licensing and Agency Services	7,151	-	(446)	-	6,705	-	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. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a fiscally neutral adjustment for the latest costing information and volume demands (-\$328,000) and a transfer of expenses into 2000/01 due to the delay in implementing the Courts Modernisation Programme (-\$118,000).
Total Appropriations for Departmental Output Classes (Mode B Gross)	243,078	-	(4,517)	-	238,561	-	

Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown						
Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants Fees	2,909	-	291	-	3,200	- Payments to certifying consultants for providing opinions under Section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion Act 1977. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for an increase in demand for services.
Children Young Persons and their Families Professional Costs	3,841	-	1,759	-	5,600	- 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. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for an increase in demand for services (\$1,351,000) and additional costs incurred as a result of the delay in implementing the Courts Modernisation Programme (\$408,000).
Fees associated with Orders under the Domestic Violence Act	7,505	-	(2,505)	-	5,000	- Payments to court-appointed counsel and programme providers in relation to the Domestic Violence Act 1995. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a decrease in demand for services.
Family Court Counselling and Professional Services	14,819	-	3,381	-	18,200	- 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 provides for an increase in demand for services (\$1,807,000) and additional costs incurred as a result of the delay in implementing the Courts Modernisation Programme (\$1,574,000).
Medical and Other Professional Services	765	-	635	-	1,400	- Funding for medical and other professional services as required by legislation. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides an increase in demand for services (\$554,000) and additional costs incurred as a result of the delay in implementing the Courts Modernisation Programme (\$81,000)
Personal Property Protection Rights Costs	624	-	476	-	1,100	- Payments to service providers appointed by the Court under the Protection of Personal & Property Rights Act 1988. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for an increase in demand for services.
Witness Fees and Expenses	1,332	-	568	-	1,900	- Payments to ordinary and expert witnesses appearing in criminal jury trials. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for an increase in demand for services.
Youth Court Professional Fees	2,396	-	1,804	-	4,200	- Payments to court-appointed counsel and specialists providing reports as directed in the Youth Court. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for an increase in demand for services (\$1,549,000) and additional costs incurred as a result of the delay in implementing the Courts Modernisation Programme (\$255,000).

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

Appropriations	1999/2000						Purpose of and Reasons for Change in 1999/2000 Appropriations
	Main Estimates		Supplementary Estimates		Cumulative Vote		
	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	Annual \$000	Other \$000	
Coroner Related Fees and Expenses	1,170	-	-	-	1,170	-	Payments to coroners for the performance of their judicial responsibilities.
Coroner Directed Postmortems	5,111	-	-	-	5,111	-	Cost of pathology services and mortuary facilities for coroner directed postmortems.
Costs in Criminal Cases	138	-	82	-	220	-	Costs awarded to defendants by a Court under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for an increase in demand for services.
Justices of the Peace Association	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	-	Cost of representation for parties (aged under seventeen) appearing before the court with regard to providing blood samples in criminal investigations.
Judicial Review Costs	400	-	-	-	400	-	Cost of legal services in cases of Judicial Review.
Offenders and Civil Legal Aid	1,100	-	(900)	-	200	-	Funding for civil legal aid payments (applications prior to February 1992). The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a decrease in demand for services.
Assistance to Victims of Crime	300	-	(200)	-	100	-	Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for a decrease in demand for services.
Judges' Salaries and Allowances	-	37,406	-	1,900	-	39,306	Costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for judges in the Court of Appeal, High Court, District Court and Māori Land Court. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for an increase in remuneration pursuant to a determination of the Higher Salaries Commission.

Total Appropriations for Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown	42,621	37,406	5,391	1,900	48,012	39,306	
Capital Contributions to the Department							
Capital Investment	19,600	-	-	-	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	19,600	-	-	-	19,600	-	
Total Appropriations	305,299	37,406	874	1,900	306,173	39,306	

Part F - Crown Revenue and Receipts

Part F1 - Current and Capital Revenue and Receipts

	1999/2000			Explanation of 1999/2000 Crown Revenue
	Main Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total Budgeted \$000	
Current Revenue				
Non-Tax Revenue				
Court Fines	76,423	12,000	88,423	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 provides for an increase in the collection and enforcement of monetary penalties imposed through the Courts.
Money Forfeited to the Crown	2	-	2	Judicial orders made to pay money to the Crown.
Total Non-Tax Revenue	76,425	12,000	88,425	
Total Current Revenue	76,425	12,000	88,425	
Capital Receipts				
Offenders and Civil Legal Aid	2,000	(1,000)	1,000	Contributions towards legal aid approved prior to February 1992 as prescribed by Court officials. The Supplementary Estimates adjustment provides for the reduction in repayments of contributions towards legal aid.
Total Capital Receipts	2,000	(1,000)	1,000	
Total Crown Revenue and Receipts	78,425	11,000	89,425	