

Vote Justice

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister of Justice (M42)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Justice

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

Overview of the Vote

The Minister of Justice is responsible for appropriations in Vote Justice for the 2011/12 financial year covering the following:

Services purchased directly from the Ministry of Justice:

- \$18.457 million (4% of the Vote) on the administration of legal services
- \$1.883 million (less than 1% of the Vote) on purchasing crime prevention and community safety initiatives
- \$29.270 million (6% of the Vote) on purchasing policy advice
- \$14.388 million (3% of the Vote) on purchasing public defence services, and
- \$8.137 million (2% of the Vote) on purchasing sector leadership and support.

Services purchased through Non-departmental Output Expenses:

- \$4.120 million (less than 1% of the Vote) on purchasing policy advice from the Law Commission
- \$10.090 million (2% of the Vote) on Community Law Centre funding
- \$8.340 million (2% of the Vote) on purchasing community crime prevention services and programmes delivered by community and local government agency providers
- \$16.848 million (3.5% of the Vote) on purchasing equity promotion and protection services from the Human Rights Commission, the Independent Police Conduct Authority, the Privacy Commissioner and the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
- \$181.445 million (38% of the Vote) on purchasing legal aid services
- \$21.381 million (4.5% of the Vote) on purchasing services relating to producing and maintaining electoral rolls
- \$38.715 million (8% of the Vote) on purchasing services from the Electoral Commission
- \$4.500 million (less than 1% of the Vote) on purchasing protective fiduciary services
- \$2.855 million (less than 1% of the Vote) on purchasing electoral broadcasting services
- \$6.372 million (1% of the Vote) on purchasing support for victims
- \$90.165 million (19% of the Vote) on the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry of Justice as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989, and
- \$14.791 million (3% of the Vote) for other expenses to be incurred by the Crown and capital expenditure for Crown entities.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Justice 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	2010/11		2011/12
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Administration of Legal Services (M42) This appropriation is limited to the administration of legal services including legal aid and related schemes; and the management and collection of legal aid debt.	-	-	18,457
Crime Prevention and Community Safety (M42) This appropriation is limited to provision of services and advice (excluding policy advice) focused on assisting local authorities and communities to develop crime prevention and community safety programmes.	1,662	1,662	1,883
Policy Advice (M42) This appropriation is limited to policy advice, legal advice and research and evaluation in relation to civil, criminal and constitutional law, foreshore and seabed policy and treaty negotiation advice and providing agreed services to the Minister of Justice, Minister for Courts and Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations.	26,464	26,464	29,270
Public Defence Service (M42) This appropriation is limited to the provision of representation for defendants in criminal cases at specified courts.	-	-	14,388
Sector Leadership and Support (M42) This appropriation is limited to advice and services focused on the Ministry's leadership role in the justice sector. This covers enhancing the Ministry's coordination with other sector and Government agencies, advice and information about judicial and statutory appointments and monitoring specific crown entities.	10,451	10,451	8,137
Managing the Parliamentary Electoral Process (M42) This appropriation is limited to the preparation for and conducting of the next general election and any by-elections, election of list members, and referenda.	1,790	1,790	-
Total Departmental Output Expenses	40,367	40,367	72,135
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Advice from the Law Commission (M42) This appropriation is limited to funding the Law Commission for advice on the review, reform and development of all aspects of the law in New Zealand.	4,723	4,723	4,120
Community Law Centres (M42) This appropriation is limited to funding programmes to support Community Law Centres.	-	-	10,090
Crime Prevention and Community Safety Programmes (M42) This appropriation is limited to the funding of programmes delivered by non government organisations and local government agencies to prevent and reduce crime.	7,607	7,607	8,340
Equity Promotion and Protection Services (M42) This appropriation is limited to funding the following; Human Rights Commission to advocate and promote respect for, and an understanding and appreciation of, human rights in New Zealand, and encourage the maintenance and development of harmonious relations between individuals and among the diverse groups in New Zealand society; Independent Police Conduct Authority to investigate incidents and investigate and resolve complaints against the Police, and to uphold the rights of persons in Police detention; Privacy Commissioner on privacy issues relating to the collection and disclosure of personal information and the privacy of individuals and Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security to fund administrative support .	16,693	16,693	16,718

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Non-Departmental Output Expenses - cont'd			
Equity Promotion and Protection Services - Inspector General PLA (M42) This appropriation is limited to funding the Inspector-General as per the provisions of the Permanent Legislative Authority contained in section 8 of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act 1996.	130	130	130
Legal Aid (M42) This appropriation is limited to the payments of legal aid to approved providers.	166,000	166,000	181,445
Producing and Maintaining Electoral Rolls (M42) This appropriation is limited to funding the Electoral Enrolment Centre (New Zealand Post Ltd), for services relating to the maintenance of electoral rolls, including all activities required to register electors and produce electoral rolls as required by law.	19,635	19,635	21,381
Provision of Protective Fiduciary Services (M42) This appropriation is limited to the purchase of fiduciary services provided by the Public Trust as specified by statute where charges to the recipient, if any, will not meet the costs of the service.	4,500	4,500	4,500
Provision of Services from the Electoral Commission (M42) This appropriation is limited to fund services relating to the administration of parliamentary elections and referenda, servicing the work of the Representation Commission, and the provision of advice, reports and public education on electoral matters.	14,008	14,008	35,860
Provision of Services from the Electoral Commission - Broadcasting PLA (M42) This appropriation is limited to funding to enable political parties to meet all or part of the cost of broadcasting election programmes. The appropriation for election broadcasting is a permanent legislative authority established under section 74 of the Broadcasting Act 1989.	-	-	2,855
Support and Assistance provided by Victim Support to Victims of Crime (M42) This appropriation is limited to the purchase of services from the New Zealand Council of Victim Support Groups ("Victim Support") for the provision of services to victims of crime and trauma. This covers personalised support services (covering 24 hour emergency support and follow up support through the criminal justice system) and the administration of victim assistance schemes (covering counselling for families of homicide victims, and financial assistance to help victims).	6,367	6,367	6,372
Administration of Legal Services Agency (M42) This appropriation is limited to funding the administration of legal aid, related schemes and community legal services; and contracting with community law centres for the provision of community legal services. This appropriation does not include payments to providers of legal aid services.	23,207	23,207	-
Provision of Electoral Services (M42) This appropriation is limited to funding the Electoral Commission for services relating to the registration of political parties, the conduct of education and information programmes and other activities to promote public awareness on electoral matters, receiving and forwarding protected disclosure donations to registered political parties, receiving returns of registered political parties' election expenses and advisory services on electoral matters.	184	184	-
Public Defence Service (M42) This appropriation is limited to the provision of legal services by the Public Defence Service.	9,890	9,890	-
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	272,944	272,944	291,811
Departmental Other Expenses			
Recovery from February 2011 Christchurch Earthquake (M42) This appropriation is limited to writing off, or making good damage to, departmental assets and re-establishing departmental operations in Christchurch following the 22 February 2011 earthquake.	14,500	14,500	-
Total Departmental Other Expenses	14,500	14,500	-

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Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Administrative Assistance for Foreshore and Seabed Arrangements (M42) This appropriation is limited to funding the implementation and ongoing exercise of any functions by ngā hapū a Ngāti Porou and Te Whānau a Apanui recognised under Foreshore and Seabed Deeds of Agreement.	3,600	3,600	8,400
Contribution toward all Foreshore and Seabed Negotiation Costs (M42) This appropriation is limited to contributions toward negotiations on customary rights and interests in the foreshore and seabed areas for all coastal iwi.	425	425	1,568
Impairment of Legal Aid Debt (M42) This appropriation is limited to the impairment of legal aid debt including assessment of future write-offs and other elements in determining fair value.	-	-	22,800
Impairment of Offender Levy (M42) This appropriation is limited to allowances for the impairment of the Offender Levy including assessment of future remittals and other elements in determining fair value.	1,963	1,963	1,974
Victims' Services (M42) This appropriation is limited to the provision of funding for entitlements and services for victims of crime.	2,783	2,783	2,849
Compensation for Wrongly Convicted Individuals (M42) Compensation or ex gratia payments for persons wrongly convicted and imprisoned.	720	720	-
Settlement (M42) This appropriation is limited to expenses to give effect to the settlement in relation to a judicial conduct matter.	981	981	-
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	10,472	10,472	37,591
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Ministry of Justice - Capital Expenditure PLA (M42) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry of Justice, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	63,316	63,316	90,165
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	63,316	63,316	90,165
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Electoral Commission Capital Expenditure (M42) This appropriation is limited to capital expenditure for the Electoral Commission.	1,217	1,217	-
Legal Services Agency (M42) Capital Expenditure to Implement the Legal Services Management System.	60	60	-
Total Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure	1,277	1,277	-
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	402,876	402,876	491,702

Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Ministry of Justice

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2010/11 Estimated Actual \$000	2011/12 Projected \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2011/12
Opening Balance	769,304	756,497	
Capital Injections	4,279	32,190	The capital injections relate to the merger between the Legal Services Agency and the Ministry of Justice.
Capital Withdrawals	(2,314)	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	(14,500)	-	
Other Movements	(272)	14,500	To maintain net asset limit and current level, after recording a deficit in the 2010/11 financial year as a result of earthquake related costs.
Closing Balance	756,497	803,187	