

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

The Minister for Courts is responsible for appropriations in Vote Courts for the 2012/13 financial year covering the following:

- a total of \$455.330 million (62% 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
- a total of \$157.833 million (22% of the Vote) on purchasing services from non-departmental providers. The major part of the appropriation covers costs incurred under various Acts, and
- a total of \$115.578 million (16% of the Vote) on non-departmental expenditure to cover judges' and coroners' salaries and allowances.

The imposition of \$182.723 million of fines, offender levies, contributions towards lawyer for child costs, and other penalties imposed through the courts is expected during the 2012/13 financial year.

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	2011/12		2012/13
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (M19)</i> Purchase of collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.	66,683	66,683	71,158
<i>District Court Services (M19)</i> Provision of services in regard to the work of the District Courts, including the Youth Court and Family Court.	205,122	205,122	221,421
<i>Higher Court Services (M19)</i> Provision of services in regard to the work of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.	67,641	67,641	71,761
<i>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services (M19)</i> 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.	78,470	78,470	80,282
<i>Waitangi Tribunal Services (M19)</i> Purchase of research and administrative services related to the management of claims through the Waitangi Tribunal.	11,001	11,001	10,708
Total Departmental Output Expenses	428,917	428,917	455,330
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants Fees (M19)</i> Payments to certifying consultants for providing opinions under Section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977.	5,063	5,063	5,063
<i>Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19)</i> Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.	40	40	40
<i>Children Young Persons and Their Families Professional Services (M19)</i> 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
<i>Coroner Related Fees and Expenses (M19)</i> Payments to Coroners for the performance of their judicial responsibilities.	55	55	55
<i>Coroner-Directed Post-Mortems (M19)</i> Cost of pathology services and mortuary facilities for coroner-directed post-mortems.	8,155	8,155	7,671
<i>Coroners Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)</i> This appropriation is limited to the costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Coroners pursuant to Section 110 of the Coroners Act 2006.	4,738	4,738	4,738
<i>Costs in Criminal Cases (M19)</i> Costs awarded to defendants by a court under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967.	300	300	300
<i>Domestic Violence Professional Services (M19)</i> 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.	14,250	14,250	15,803

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2011/12		2012/13
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Non-Departmental Other Expenses- cont'd			
<i>Family Court Professional Services (M19)</i> 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.	44,368	44,368	47,463
<i>Impairment of Debt Established to Recognise Contributions towards Family Court Professional Services (M19)</i> This appropriation is limited to the impairment of debt owing as a contribution towards Family Court Professional Services costs, which includes the assessment of future remittals; the discounting to present value; expected collection costs and other elements in determining fair value.	-	-	843
<i>Impairment of Fines Receivable (M19)</i> 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.	46,559	46,559	47,438
<i>Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)</i> 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.	110,840	110,840	110,840
<i>Judicial Review Costs (M19)</i> 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.	1,196	1,196	1,196
<i>Justices of the Peace Association (M19)</i> This appropriation is limited to the cost of administrative services from the Royal Federation of Justices including training and rostering Justices of the Peace for court hearings, and training for Visiting Justices.	350	350	350
<i>Medical and Other Professional Services (M19)</i> Funding for medical and other professional services as required by legislation.	3,978	3,978	3,978
<i>MVDT Adjudicator Remuneration and Assessors Costs (M19)</i> Remuneration paid to adjudicators and fees and allowances paid to assessors of the Motor Vehicle Disputes Tribunal (MVDT).	305	305	305
<i>Personal Property Protection Rights Costs (M19)</i> Payments to service providers appointed by the court under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.	1,950	1,950	1,700
<i>Representations for Blood Sampling (M19)</i> Cost of representation for parties (aged under 17) appearing before the court with regard to providing blood samples in criminal investigations.	10	10	10
<i>Tribunal Members Fees and Expenses (M19)</i> Fees for the Chairs and Members of Specialist Tribunals, and expenses incurred by those Chairs and members in relation to Tribunal work.	4,698	4,698	4,558
<i>Visiting Justices to Prisons (M19)</i> To meet fees and expenses for Senior Counsel and Justices of the Peace appointed as Visiting Justices to prisons.	350	350	350

<i>Witness Fees and Expenses (M19)</i>	3,460	3,460	3,460
Payments to ordinary and expert witnesses appearing in criminal jury trials.			
<i>Youth Court Professional Fees (M19)</i>	8,000	8,000	8,000
Payments to court appointed counsel and specialists providing reports as directed in the Youth Court.			
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	267,915	267,915	273,411
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	696,832	696,832	728,741