Vote Courts

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister for Courts (M19)

APPROPRIATION ADMINISTRATOR: Ministry of Justice

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

Overview of the Vote

The Minister for Courts is responsible for appropriations in Vote Courts for the 2015/16 financial year, covering the following:

- a total of \$460 million (64% of the Vote) on purchasing services (mostly support for managing cases, claims and applications through courts and tribunals, and the collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts) from the Ministry of Justice
- a total of \$130 million (18% 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 \$129 million (18% of the Vote) on non-departmental expenditure to cover judges' and coroners' salaries and allowances.

The imposition of \$185 million of fines, offender levies, contributions towards lawyer for child costs, and other penalties imposed through the courts is expected during the 2015/16 financial year.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-4.

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual and Permanent Appropriations

| | 2014/ | 2014/15 | | |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 | |
| 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 | |
| Coroners Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19) 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. | 5,038 | 5,038 | 5,473 | |
| Court and Coroner Related Costs (M19) This appropriation is limited to funding professional and administrative services provided to or directed by courts and coroners, including costs that are required by legislation and costs incurred by Visiting Justices. | 71,676 | 71,676 | 76,646 | |
| Impairment of Debt Established to Recognise Contributions towards Family Court Professional Services (M19) This appropriation is limited to the impairment of debt owing as a contribution towards Family Court | 1,292 | 1,292 | 1,292 | |
| Professional Services costs in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. | | | | |
| Impairment of Fines Receivable (M19) This appropriation is limited to allowing for the impairment of fines, court costs and enforcement fees in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. | 40,000 | 35,046 | 40,000 | |
| 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. | 123,524 | 123,524 | 123,089 | |
| 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 | 1,846 | 1,846 | 1,546 | |
| payments ordered to be made from the Māori Land Court Special Aid Fund. | | | | |
| Justices of the Peace Association (M19) 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 | |
| Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses (M19) This appropriation is limited to funding remuneration, allowances, or fees for the Chairs, Members, Adjudicators and Assessors of Specialist Tribunals, and expenses incurred by those Chairs, Members, Adjudicators and Assessors in relation to Tribunal work. | 4,824 | 4,824 | 5,095 | |
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| | 2014 | 2014/15 | |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type | Final Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure | | | |
| Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA (M19) | 445,078 | 444,078 | 460,008 |
| The overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide courts, tribunals and other authorities services, including the collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services. | | | |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services This category is limited to the purchase of collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services. | 64,600 | 63,600 | 66,450 |
| District Court Services This category is limited to funding the provision of services in regard to the work of the District Courts, including the Youth Court and Family Court. | 220,195 | 220,195 | 230,016 |
| Higher Court Services This category is limited to funding the provision of services in regard to the work of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court. | 71,744 | 71,744 | 73,038 |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 88,539 | 88,539 | 90,504 |
| This category is limited to the provision of services in regard to the work of New Zealand's specialist courts, tribunals and authorities. | | | |
| Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure | 445,078 | 444,078 | 460,008 |
| Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations | 698,731 | 692,777 | 718,602 |

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.1 - New Policy Initiatives

| Policy Initiative | Appropriation | 2014/15 Budgeted \$000 | 2015/16 Budget \$000 | 2016/17 Estimated \$000 | 2017/18 Estimated \$000 | 2018/19 Estimated \$000 |
|---|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Vulnerable Children Bill implementation | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA - District Court Services Departmental Output Expense | - | 906 | 906 | 906 | 906 |
| | Court and Coroner Related Costs Non-Departmental Other Expenses | - | 4,420 | 5,126 | 5,150 | 5,140 |
| Justice Sector Fund - Stronger Response to Domestic Violence | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA - District Court Services Departmental Output Expense | 1,530 | 1,350 | - | - | |
| Justice Sector Fund - Modernising Courts programme | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA Departmental Output Expense | 5,500 | - | - | - | - |
| | Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | 831 | - | - | - | - |
| | District Court Services | 2,710 | - | - | - | - |
| | Higher Court Services | 860 | - | - | - | - |
| | Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 1,099 | - | - | - | - |
| Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct - capital charge | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA Departmental Output Expense | 1,480 | 4,284 | - | - | - |
| | District Court Services | 858 | 2,485 | - | - | |
| | Higher Court Services | 281 | 814 | | | |
| | Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 341 | 985 | - | - | |

| Policy Initiative | Appropriation | 2014/15 Budgeted \$000 | 2015/16 Budget \$000 | 2016/17 Estimated \$000 | 2017/18 Estimated \$000 | 2018/19 Estimated \$000 |
|--|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct - New Zealand Police's and Department of Corrections' capital charge contribution | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA | 800 | 1,600 | 1,600 | - | - |
| | Departmental Output Expense | | | | | |
| | District Court Services | 464 | 928 | 928 | - | - |
| | Higher Court Services | 152 | 304 | 304 | - | - |
| | Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 184 | 368 | 368 | - | - |
| Justice Sector Fund - Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct operating costs | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA Departmental Output Expense | 1,300 | - | - | - | |
| | District Court Services | 755 | - | - | - | - |
| | Higher Court Services | 239 | - | - | - | - |
| | Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 306 | - | - | - | - |
| Managing Ministry of Justice high priority initiatives | Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA Departmental Output Expense | - | 6,606 | 1,275 | 1,275 | 1,275 |
| | Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | - | 608 | 122 | 122 | 122 |
| | District Court Services | - | 3,931 | 849 | 849 | 849 |
| | Higher Court Services | - | 931 | 137 | 137 | 137 |
| | Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | - | 1,136 | 167 | 167 | 167 |

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

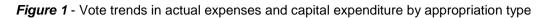
Summary of Financial Activity

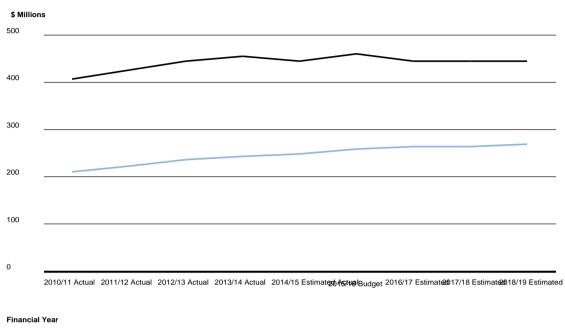
| | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014 | 4/15 | | 2015/16 | | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Actual \$000 | Actual \$000 | Actual \$000 | Actual \$000 | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | | Non- Departmental Transactions Budget \$000 | Total Budget \$000 | Estimated \$000 | Estimated \$000 | Estimated \$000 |
| Appropriations | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Output Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Benefits or Related Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - | - |
| Borrowing Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Expenses | 210,981 | 221,825 | 235,768 | 242,737 | 253,653 | 248,699 | - | 258,594 | 258,594 | 264,300 | 264,324 | 269,314 |
| Capital Expenditure | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - |
| Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Output Expenses | 406,745 | 425,694 | 445,322 | 455,178 | 445,078 | 444,078 | 460,008 | - | 460,008 | 445,481 | 443,700 | 443,700 |
| Other Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Expenditure | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Appropriations | 617,726 | 647,519 | 681,090 | 697,915 | 698,731 | 692,777 | 460,008 | 258,594 | 718,602 | 709,781 | 708,024 | 713,014 |
| Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tax Revenue | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-Tax Revenue | 190,333 | 175,661 | 168,035 | 179,073 | 181,698 | 181,698 | N/A | 185,413 | 185,413 | 186,393 | 187,049 | 187,845 |
| Capital Receipts | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/A | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts | 190,333 | 175,661 | 168,035 | 179,073 | 181,698 | 181,698 | N/A | 185,413 | 185,413 | 186,393 | 187,049 | 187,845 |

Note - where restructuring of the vote has occurred then, to the extent practicable, prior years information has been restated as if the restructuring had occurred before the beginning of the period covered. In this instance Total Appropriations for the Budgeted and Estimated Actual year may not equal Total Appropriations in the Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections.

1.3 - Analysis of Significant Trends

Total Vote: All Appropriations





---- Departmental Output expenses

----- Non-departmental Other Expenses

Source: Ministry of Justice - Vote Courts

Output Expenses

Departmental output expenses are forecast to increase from \$444 million in 2014/15 to \$460 million in 2015/16. This is mainly due to increased funding for capital charge related to Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct, additional funding to manage high priority initiatives, lower levels of targeted efficiency savings, and transfers from 2014/15 for domestic violence initiatives. This is partially offset by one-off funding in 2014/15 from the Justice Sector Fund for the Modernising Courts programme. Expenses are expected to decrease to \$445 million in 2016/17, and remain relatively stable in future years with the Ministry aiming to manage cost pressures through productivity and efficiency savings, as well as reprioritising funding where appropriate.

Other Expenses

The non-departmental other expenses are forecast to increase from \$249 million in 2014/15 to \$259 million in 2015/16. This increase is mainly due to new funding received for the implementation of the Vulnerable Children legislation. While expenses are expected to remain relatively constant for 2016/17 and 2017/18 at \$264 million, they are anticipated to increase to \$269 million in 2018/19. This increase is mainly due to changes in the expected impairment level of fines and enforcement fees imposed.

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants Fees (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

Payments to certifying consultants for providing opinions under Section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977.

Expenses

| | 201 | 2015/16 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | | 5 |
| Total Appropriation | 5,063 | 5,063 | 5,063 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient provision of medical opinions.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the PFA, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under Section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977.

Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.

Expenses

| | 201 | 2015/16 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | |
| Total Appropriation | 40 | 40 | 40 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve effective support and services for victims, to reduce the impact of crime.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the PFA, as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million.

Coroners Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

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.

Expenses

| | 2014 | 2015/16 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 5,038 | 5,038 | 5,473 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the coronial system of New Zealand by providing payment of salaries and allowances to coroners.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the PFA, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under Section 110 of the Coroners Act 2006.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation of \$435,000 for 2015/16 is due to a transfer to the non-departmental other expenses for Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA appropriation in 2014/15 to fund the Chief Coroner's salary and allowances. In 2015/16, the appropriation returns to baseline.

Court and Coroner Related Costs (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to funding professional and administrative services provided to or directed by courts and coroners, including costs that are required by legislation and costs incurred by Visiting Justices.

Expenses

| | 201 | 2015/16 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------|--------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | | 5 |
| Total Appropriation | 71,676 | 71,676 | 76,646 |

| | 201 | 2014/15 | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 | |
| Total Appropriation | 71,676 | 71,676 | 76,646 | |
| Children Young Persons and Their Families Professional Services | 9,250 | 9,250 | 9,250 | |
| Coroner-Directed Post-Mortems | 9,094 | 9,094 | 9,094 | |
| Domestic Violence Professional Services | 8,953 | 8,953 | 8,953 | |
| Family Court Professional Services | 25,931 | 25,931 | 26,181 | |
| Medical and Other Professional Services | 3,978 | 3,978 | 3,978 | |
| Personal Property Protection Rights Costs | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | |
| Witness Fees and Expenses | 3,460 | 3,460 | 3,460 | |
| Youth Court Professional Fees | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,300 | |
| Vulnerable Children | - | - | 4,420 | |
| Other | 510 | 510 | 510 | |

Components of the Appropriation

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve effective professional and administrative services to ensure that court users receive appropriate support and representation, and the judiciary have sufficient information to proceed with cases.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

| | 2014 | 2014/15 | | | |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Assessment of Performance | Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual Standard | Budget Standard | | |
| Children Young Persons and Their Families Professional Services | | | | | |
| Number of service provision appointments (see Note 1) | 5,600-5,800 | 5,280 | 4,700-5,700 | | |
| Domestic Violence Professional Services | | | | | |
| Number of people referred for assessment and non-violence programmes (see Note 2) | New measure | New measure | 5,000-6,000 | | |
| Number of people completing non-violence programmes (see Note 2) | New measure | New measure | 2,500-3,500 | | |
| Percentage of non-violence programme participants who reported they were committed to violence free behaviour (see Note 3) | New measure | New measure | 50% | | |
| Number of safety plans delivered to protected persons/victims | New measure | New measure | 2,000-2,500 | | |
| Percentage of safety programme participants reporting their safety has improved (see Note 3) | New measure | New measure | 50% | | |
| Family Court Professional Services | | | | | |
| Number of service provision appointments (see Note 4) | 12,800-13,800 | 10,200 | 7,500-10,700 | | |

Note 1 - The services provided are demand driven and dependent on the type of cases before the court. The services are judicially ordered. In 2013/14, when the forecast for 2014/15 was set, new cases had been trending upwards, and this was reflected in the 2014/15 forecast. Service provisions have since fallen, and this is reflected in the forecast for 2015/16.

Note 2 - The services provided are demand driven and dependent on the type of cases before the court.

Note 3 - Completion of the survey is not compulsory.

Note 4 - The services provided include court appointed counsel, such as lawyer for child, lawyer to assist the court and specialist report writers. These services are demand driven and professional service providers are engaged when the Judge determines there is a need. An application can have more than one type of service provision appointment. The forecast for 2014/15 underestimated the effect of the family justice reforms. The forecast for 2015/16 has been based on the actual demand in 2014/15. However as the family justice reforms are bedded in, the overall trend may change.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister for Courts in a report appended to the Ministry of Justice's Annual Report.

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2014/15 Budgeted \$000 | 2015/16 Budget \$000 | 2016/17 Estimated \$000 | 2017/18 Estimated \$000 | 2018/19 Estimated \$000 |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Vulnerable Children Bill implementation | 2015/16 | - | 4,420 | 5,126 | 5,150 | 5,140 |
| Coronial transportation services | 2013/14 | 1,423 | 1,423 | 1,423 | 1,423 | 1,423 |
| Family Court Review - to fund the providers of family dispute resolution services | 2013/14 | (4,360) | (4,360) | (4,360) | (4,360) | (4,360) |
| Family Court Review - to facilitate the more targeted use of lawyer for child services during court proceedings | 2013/14 | (12,369) | (15,474) | (15,474) | (15,474) | (15,474) |
| Family Court Review - forecast changes to revenue | 2012/13 | (1,575) | (1,575) | (1,575) | (1,575) | (1,575) |
| Family Court Review - to provide for the administration of subsidies for participants of the family dispute resolution services | 2012/13 | (240) | (240) | (240) | (240) | (240) |
| Family Court Review - costs associated with implementing the review's recommendations | 2012/13 | (3,216) | (111) | (111) | (111) | (111) |
| Family Court Review - to provide improved information and resources to parents with family disputes | 2012/13 | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) |
| Changes to lawyer for child services | 2012/13 | 5,230 | 5,230 | 5,230 | 5,230 | 5,230 |

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation of \$4.970 million for 2015/16 is mainly due to new funding approved for the implementation of the Vulnerable Children legislation.

Impairment of Debt Established to Recognise Contributions towards Family Court Professional Services (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the impairment of debt owing as a contribution towards Family Court Professional Services costs in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Expenses

| | 201 | 2015/16 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | | 5 |
| Total Appropriation | 1,292 | 1,292 | 1,292 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the Family Court system by providing for the incurring of expenses involved in the impairment of debt.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the PFA, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for the impairment of debt. Performance information relating to what is intended to be achieved with this expenditure is provided under the Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services multi-category appropriation, specifically the District Court Services category.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2014/15 Budgeted \$000 | | 2016/17 Estimated \$000 | 2017/18 Estimated \$000 | 2018/19 Estimated \$000 |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Contributions for costs for lawyer for child services | 2012/13 | 1,686 | 1,686 | 1,686 | 1,686 | 1,686 |
| Family Court Review - forecast changes to revenue | 2012/13 | (394) | (394) | (394) | (394) | (394) |

Impairment of Fines Receivable (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to allowing for the impairment of fines, court costs and enforcement fees in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Expenses

| | 201 | 2015/16 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | 5 |
| Total Appropriation | 40,000 | 35,046 | 40,000 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the court system by providing for the incurring of expenses involved in the impairment of fines, court costs and enforcement fees.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the PFA, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for the impairment of fines and enforcement fees. Performance information relating to what is intended to be achieved with this expenditure is provided under the Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services multi-category appropriation, specifically the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services category.

Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

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.

Expenses

| | 201 | 2015/16 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | | 5 |
| Total Appropriation | 123,524 | 123,524 | 123,089 |

Components of the Appropriation

| | 201 | 2014/15 | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------|--|
| | Budgeted \$000 | | Budget \$000 | |
| Total Appropriation | 123,524 | 123,524 | 123,089 | |
| Supreme Court Judges | 3,402 | 3,402 | 3,399 | |
| Court of Appeal Judges | 5,670 | 5,670 | 5,660 | |
| High Court Judges | 25,830 | 25,830 | 25,784 | |
| District Court Judges | 75,981 | 75,981 | 75,622 | |
| Environment Court Judges | 4,118 | 4,118 | 4,111 | |
| Employment Court Judges | 3,120 | 3,120 | 3,114 | |
| Māori Land Court Judges | 5,403 | 5,403 | 5,399 | |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the courts system of New Zealand by providing payment of salaries and allowances to the judiciary.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the PFA, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for payments under s.9A Judicature Act 1908, s.6 District Courts Act 1948 and s.13 Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2014/15 Budgeted \$000 | Budget | 2016/17 Estimated \$000 | 2017/18 Estimated \$000 | 2018/19 Estimated \$000 |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Funding of additional Law Commissioner | 2012/13 | (151) | (151) | (151) | (151) | (151) |
| Criminal Investigations (Bodily Samples) Amendment Act 2009 | 2010/11 | 363 | 363 | 363 | 363 | 363 |

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in this appropriation of \$435,000 for 2015/16 is due to a transfer from the non-departmental other expenses for Coroners Salaries and Allowances PLA in 2014/15 to allow for the funding of the Chief Coroner's salary and allowances. In 2015/16, the appropriation returns to baseline.

Judicial Review Costs (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

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.

Expenses

| | 2014 | 2015/16 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | 5 |
| Total Appropriation | 1,846 | 1,846 | 1,546 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve an effective process for ensuring that decisions made by public bodies are lawful and within their rights.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the PFA, as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The decrease in this appropriation of \$300,000 for 2015/16 is due to a transfer from the non-departmental other expenses for Court and Coroner Related Costs in 2014/15 to meet increasing demand for services due to higher volumes of special aid granted by the Māori Land Court. In 2015/16, the appropriation returns to baseline.

Justices of the Peace Association (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

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.

Expenses

| | 201 | 2015/16 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | 5 |
| Total Appropriation | 350 | 350 | 350 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the courts of New Zealand by providing funding for the work performed by the members of the Royal Federation of New Zealand Justices' Associations.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the PFA, as the amount of this annual appropriation for a non-departmental other expense is less than \$5 million.

Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses (M19)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to funding remuneration, allowances, or fees for the Chairs, Members, Adjudicators and Assessors of Specialist Tribunals, and expenses incurred by those Chairs, Members, Adjudicators and Assessors in relation to Tribunal work.

Expenses

| | 201 | 2015/16 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | | J |
| Total Appropriation | 4,824 | 4,824 | 5,095 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the efficient running of the tribunals administered by the Ministry of Justice through the payment of remuneration, allowances, fees and expenses for Chairs, Members, Adjudicators, and Assessors of Specialist Tribunals.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(ii) of the PFA, as additional performance information is unlikely to be informative because this appropriation is solely for funding remuneration, allowances, or fees.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

The increase in this appropriation of \$271,000 for 2015/16 is mainly due to a one-off transfer in 2014/15 to multi-category expenses and capital expenditure for Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services: Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, to fund Weathertight Homes adjudicators who are assisting the Legal Complaints Review Officers with their work programme.

Part 4 - Details of Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (M19)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide courts, tribunals and other authorities services, including the collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services This category is limited to the purchase of collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.

District Court Services

This category is limited to funding the provision of services in regard to the work of the District Courts, including the Youth Court and Family Court.

Higher Court Services

This category is limited to funding the provision of services in regard to the work of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.

Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services

This category is limited to the provision of services in regard to the work of New Zealand's specialist courts, tribunals and authorities.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

| | 2014 | 2015/16 | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Total Appropriation | 445,078 | 444,078 | 460,008 |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | 64,600 | 63,600 | 66,450 |
| District Court Services | 220,195 | 220,195 | 230,016 |
| Higher Court Services | 71,744 | 71,744 | 73,038 |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 88,539 | 88,539 | 90,504 |
| Funding for Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Revenue from the Crown | 394,046 | 394,046 | 409,472 |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | 60,069 | 60,069 | 61,941 |
| District Court Services | 193,601 | 193,601 | 203,788 |
| Higher Court Services | 60,701 | 60,701 | 62,123 |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 79,675 | 79,675 | 81,620 |

| | 201 | 2015/16 | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Revenue from Others | 51,280 | 51,280 | 50,484 |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | 4,531 | 4,531 | 4,509 |
| District Court Services | 26,594 | 26,594 | 26,228 |
| Higher Court Services | 11,043 | 11,043 | 10,915 |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | 9,112 | 9,112 | 8,832 |

Components of the Appropriation

| | 2014/15 | 5 | 2015/16 |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Budgeted \$000 | Estimated Actual \$000 | Budget \$000 |
| Departmental | | | |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | | | |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines | 55,150 | 54,150 | 57,000 |
| Collections and Enforcement of Civil Debt | 9,450 | 9,450 | 9,450 |
| District Court Services | | | |
| Criminal Court | 141,733 | 141,733 | 149,455 |
| Civil Court | 19,751 | 19,751 | 20,279 |
| Family Court | 58,711 | 58,711 | 60,282 |
| Higher Court Services | | | |
| Supreme Court - Civil | 9,110 | 9,110 | 9,156 |
| Supreme Court - Criminal | 6,811 | 6,811 | 6,846 |
| Court of Appeal - Civil | 3,414 | 3,414 | 3,432 |
| Court of Appeal - Criminal | 3,835 | 3,835 | 3,854 |
| High Court - Civil | 27,782 | 27,782 | 28,853 |
| High Court - Criminal | 20,792 | 20,792 | 20,897 |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | | | |
| Environment Court | 9,720 | 9,720 | 9,810 |
| Employment Court | 2,088 | 2,088 | 2,108 |
| Māori Land Court and Māori Land Information | 21,457 | 21,457 | 22,794 |
| Disputes Tribunal | 12,057 | 12,057 | 12,170 |
| Tenancy Tribunal | 6,718 | 6,718 | 6,781 |
| Coroner Services | 8,789 | 8,789 | 8,871 |
| Waitangi Tribunal Services | 10,221 | 10,221 | 10,317 |
| Other Tribunals And Authorities | 17,489 | 17,489 | 17,653 |

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve an efficient and accessible system of courts, tribunals and other authorities, which is trusted by New Zealanders.

How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation

| | 201 | 4/15 | 2015/16 |
|---|----------------------|------|---------|
| Assessment of Performance | Budgeted Standard | | - J |
| Satisfaction of court users with court services and facilities (see Note 1) | 80% | 80% | 80% |
| Percentage of juror survey responses that rate overall juror satisfaction as "satisfied" or better (see Note 2) | 90% | 90% | 90% |

Note 1 - Court users, including people who attend court to pay their fines, are surveyed two-yearly for the satisfaction with the Ministry's services at the largest courts. This measure is for overall satisfaction and is aligned with the State Services Commission's Common Measurement Tool for measuring satisfaction with state services.

Note 2 - Juror satisfaction is measured by an annual survey of jurors. The performance measure standard is the percentage of survey responses where jurors rate their overall satisfaction level with specific services as "satisfied" or better. The scale for responses is: very satisfied, satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, dissatisfied, very dissatisfied.

What is Intended to be Achieved with each Category and How Performance will be Assessed

| | 2014/1 | 5 | 2015/16 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Assessment of Performance | Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual Standard | Budget Standard |
| Departmental Output Expenses | | | |
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve efficient and effective collection of fines, reparation and civil debt services that will enhance the credibility of fines as a sentencing option; increase public regard for the administration of justice; and foster respect for, and compliance with, the law. | | | |
| Amount collected | \$217.500 million | \$218.890 million | \$217.500 million |
| Percentage of court-imposed fines collected or placed under arrangement within four months | 84% | 84.1% | 84% |
| Percentage of infringement fines collected or placed under arrangement within four months | 84% | 86.9% | 84% |
| Percentage of civil applications requiring bailiff service where service is attempted at least seven days prior to the hearing date specified on the applications document (see Note 1) | 94% | 70% | 94% |
| Amount collected through the Offender Levy | \$4.1 million | \$4.1 million | \$4.0 million |
| Percentage of Offender Levy collected or placed under arrangement within four months | 85% | 86% | 85% |
| Proportion of people who have not paid or made an arrangement to pay their fine, infringement or reparation, at 30 June (see Note 2) | 40% | 54% | 40% |

| | 2014/ | 15 | 2015/16 | |
|--|---|------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Assessment of Performance | Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual Standard | Budget Standard | |
| District Court Services | | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve efficient and accessible District Court services that are trusted by New Zealanders. | | | | |
| Criminal (including jury, summary and Youth Court) | | | | |
| Number of new criminal cases (District and Youth Court total) (see Note 3) | New measure | New measure | 133,000-148,000 | |
| Number of new District Court jury cases (subset of criminal cases) | New measure | New measure | 2,100-3,100 | |
| Number of criminal cases disposed (District and Youth Court total) | New measure | New measure | 135,000-151,000 | |
| Number of District Court jury cases disposed (subset of criminal cases) | New measure | New measure | 2,100-2,800 | |
| Number of new Youth Court cases (subset of criminal cases) (see Note 3) | 3,200-3,600 | 3,871 | 3,200-4,100 | |
| Number of Youth Court cases disposed (subset of criminal cases) | 2,300-3,200 | 3,916 | 3,200-4,100 | |
| Percentage of survey responses about criminal trial cases that rate "fairly satisfied" or better for case management/file preparation and presentation (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Percentage of survey responses about criminal trial cases that rate "fairly satisfied" or better for courtroom support (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Number of criminal jury cases stayed for undue delay in terms of section 25(b) of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 for reasons wholly or partly the responsibility of the Ministry | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Number of other judge alone criminal cases stayed for undue delay in terms of section 25(b) of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 for reasons wholly or partly the responsibility of the Ministry | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| Percentage of survey responses about Youth Court cases that rate "fairly satisfied" or better for case management/file preparation and presentation (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Percentage of survey responses about Youth Court cases that rate "fairly satisfied" or better for courtroom support (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Number of Youth Court cases stayed for undue delay in terms of section 25(b) of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 for reasons wholly or partly the responsibility of the Ministry | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Average age of active cases decreases for all District Court criminal cases | 20% decrease (from April 2013: 123 days) | 99 days | To be determined | |
| Average age of active cases decreases for District Court jury trials | 20% decrease (from April 2013: 382 days) | 306 days | To be determined | |
| Civil | | | | |
| Number of new civil cases (see Note 3, 5) | 14,400-15,400 | 12,444 | 9,300-12,600 | |
| Number of civil cases disposed | 16,000-18,300 | 14,160 | 9,300-12,600 | |
| Percentage of survey responses about civil cases that rate "fairly satisfied" or better for case management/file preparation and presentation (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Percentage of survey responses about civil cases that rate "fairly satisfied" or better for courtroom support (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Average age of active District Court civil cases decreases | Decrease (from April 2013: 226 days) | Decrease | To be determined | |

| | 2014/1 | 15 | 2015/16 | |
|--|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Assessment of Performance | Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual Standard | Budget Standard | |
| Family Court | | | | |
| Number of new Family Court substantive applications (see Note 3) | 63,900-65,700 | 58,311 | 55,000-59,000 (see Note 6) | |
| Number of Family Court substantive applications disposed | 50,000-56,900 | 59,717 | 54,000-61,000 | |
| Percentage of survey responses about Family Court cases that rate "fairly satisfied" or better for case management/file preparation and presentation (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Percentage of survey responses about Family Court cases that rate "fairly satisfied" or better for courtroom support (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Average age of active Family Court applications decreases | Decrease (from April 2013: 250 days) | Decrease | To be determined | |
| Victim services | | | | |
| Number of victims supported by the National Sexual Violence Survivor Advocate Service | New measure | New measure | 40 | |
| Percentage of victims/survivors reporting improved outcomes as a result of National Sexual Violence Survivor Advocate Service | New measure | New measure | 90% | |
| Number of victims supported by Court Services for Victims Sexual Violence Victim Advisors | New measure | New measure | 1,300-1,500 | |
| Victims Centre | | | | |
| Number of visitors to the victimsinfo website | New measure | New measure | 7,000-10,000 | |
| Number of calls received by the 0800 victims of crime information line | New measure | New measure | 17,000-19,000 | |
| Percentage of 0800 victims of crime information line calls answered within 30 seconds | New measure | New measure | 80% | |
| Higher Court Services | | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve efficient and accessible Higher Court services that are trusted by New Zealanders | | | | |
| Supreme Court | | | | |
| New business of civil and criminal appeals (see Note 3) | 15-50 | 27 | 10-45 | |
| Disposals of civil and criminal appeals (see Note 7) | 10-40 | 37 | 15-55 | |
| New business of civil and criminal applications for leave to appeal (see Note 3) | 100-170 | 172 | 140-200 | |
| Disposals of civil and criminal applications for leave to appeal (see Note 7) | 85-155 | 187 | 130-230 | |
| Court of Appeal | | | | |
| New business of civil and criminal appeals (see Note 3, 8) | 760-840 | 681 | 540-660 | |
| Disposals of civil and criminal appeals | 770-910 | 732 | 650-840 | |
| High Court | | | | |
| Percentage of responses from High Court judges surveyed about criminal appeals and jury trial cases that rate "fairly satisfied" or better for case management/file preparation and presentation (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Percentage of responses from High Court judges surveyed about criminal appeals and jury trial cases that rate "fairly satisfied" or better for courtroom support (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |

| | 2014 | /15 | 2015/16 | |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Assessment of Performance | Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual Standard | Budget Standard | |
| Percentage of responses from High Court judges surveyed about civil cases and civil and family appeals that rate "fairly satisfied" or better for case management/file preparation and presentation (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Percentage of responses from High Court judges surveyed about civil cases and civil and family appeals that rate "fairly satisfied" or better for courtroom support (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Number of new criminal cases (see Note 3) | New measure | New measure | 150-250 | |
| Number of criminal cases disposed | New measure | New measure | 180-280 | |
| New business of civil cases (see Note 3) | 2,550-2,820 | 2,519 | 2,200-2,500 | |
| Disposals of civil cases | 2,360-2,940 | 2,377 | 2,100-2,400 | |
| New business of civil and criminal appeals (see Note 3) | 1,240-1,500 | 1,440 | 1,300-1,500 | |
| Disposals of civil and criminal appeals | 1,250-1,510 | 1,585 | 1,300-1,900 | |
| Number of High Court criminal cases stayed for undue delay in terms of section 25(b) of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 for reasons wholly or partly the responsibility of the Ministry | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | | | | |
| This category is intended to achieve efficient and accessible specialist courts, tribunals and other authorities' services that are trusted by New Zealanders | | | | |
| Coronial Services Unit | | | | |
| Cases referred (see Note 3) | 5,650 | 5,880 | 5,650 | |
| Cases disposed | 5,650 | 5,820 | 5,650 | |
| Percentage of coronial cases on hand under 12 months old | 70% | 68% | 70% | |
| Percentage of coroners surveyed that are at least "fairly satisfied" with inquest hearing support (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Percentage of coroners surveyed that are at least "fairly satisfied" with case management/file preparation and presentation (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Disputes Tribunal | | | | |
| Claims received (see Note 3) | 16,000-17,000 | 15,000 | 14,500-15,500 | |
| Claims disposed | 16,000-17,000 | 15,000 | 14,500-15,500 | |
| Percentage of Disputes Tribunal pending cases under three months old | 80% | 78% | 80% | |
| Employment Court | | | | |
| Cases received (see Note 3) | 180 | 168 | 180 | |
| Cases disposed | 200 | 238 | 200 | |
| Percentage of Employment Court cases on hand under 12 months old | 75% | 75% | 75% | |
| Percentage of Employment Court judges surveyed that are at least "fairly satisfied" with case management/file preparation (see Note 4) | 75% | 80% | 80% | |
| Percentage of Employment Court judges surveyed that are at least "fairly satisfied" with courtroom and hearing support (see Note 4) | 75% | 80% | 80% | |

| | | 2015/16 | |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Assessment of Performance | Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual Standard | Budget Standard |
| Environment Court | | | |
| Cases received (see Note 3) | 300 | 444 | 400 |
| Cases disposed | 500 | 408 | 400 |
| Percentage of cases on hand under 18 months old | 75% | 75% | 75% |
| Percentage of Environment Court judges surveyed that are at least "fairly satisfied" with case management/file preparation and presentation (see Note 4) | 75% | 80% | 80% |
| Percentage of Environment Court judges surveyed that are at least "fairly satisfied" with courtroom, hearing and mediation support (see Note 4) | 75% | 80% | 80% |
| Immigration and Protection Tribunal | | | |
| Cases received (see Note 3) | 1,200-1,300 | 1,350 | 1,250-1,350 |
| Cases disposed | 1,200-1,300 | 1,250 | 1,250-1,350 |
| Sittings days supported | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal | | | |
| Cases received (see Note 3) | 35-45 | 45 | 35-45 |
| Cases disposed | 30-35 | 55 | 35-45 |
| Sittings days supported | 40-60 | 55 | 40-60 |
| Legal Aid Review Authority | | | |
| Cases received (see Note 3) | 15-20 | 8 | 5-10 |
| Cases disposed | 15-20 | 8 | 5-10 |
| Legal Aid Tribunal | | | |
| Cases received (see Note 3) | 80-120 | 90 | 80-120 |
| Cases disposed | 80-120 | 75 | 80-120 |
| Legal Complaints Review Officer | | | |
| Cases received (see Note 3) | 350-400 | 300 | 300-400 |
| Cases disposed | 250-300 | 350 | 300-400 |
| Sittings days supported | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Māori Land Court | | | |
| Applications received (see Note 3) | 5,400-5,900 | 5,282 | 5,600-5,900 |
| Applications disposed | 5,400-5,900 | 5,744 | 5,600-5,900 |
| Percentage of all Māori Land Court applications disposed within 12 months | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Percentage of written enquiries completed within 10 working days of receipt | 90% | 90% | 90% |
| Percentage of Māori Land Court judges surveyed that are at least "fairly satisfied" with judicial support and administration services provided (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% |
| Percentage of Māori Land Court judges surveyed that are at least "fairly satisfied" with courtroom and hearing support provided (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% |
| Percentage of customers surveyed satisfied with the services provided by the Māori Land Court | 95% | 95% | 95% |

| | 2014/15 | 5 | 2015/16 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Assessment of Performance | Budgeted Standard | Estimated Actual Standard | Budget Standard |
| Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority | Standard | Standard | Januaru |
| Percentage of uncontested applications issued within six weeks (see Note 9) | 70% | 3% | 50% |
| Licence applications received (see Note 3) | 150-250 | 235 | 150-250 |
| Certificate applications received (see Note 3) | 3,500-4,500 | 5,000 | 4,000-5,000 |
| Number of contested applications (complaints, objections, disqualifications) received (see Note 3) | 400-500 | 1,100 | 800-1,000 |
| Number of contested applications (complaints, objections, disqualifications) disposed | 400-500 | 1,100 | 800-1,000 |
| Real Estate Agents Disciplinary Tribunal | | | |
| Cases received (see Note 3) | 80-110 | 95 | 80-110 |
| Cases disposed | 90-120 | 100 | 90-120 |
| Sittings days supported | 80 | 85 | 80 |
| Tenancy Tribunal | | | |
| Cases disposed - cases determined and mediation orders sealed | 34,000-36,000 | 30,000 | 30,000-35,000 |
| Number of Tenancy Tribunal sitting days supported | 3,600 | 3,400 | 3,400-3,600 |
| Tribunals | | | |
| Percentage of judicial officers surveyed who are at least "fairly satisfied" with case management or file preparation and presentation (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% |
| Percentage of judicial officers surveyed who are at least "fairly satisfied" with hearing or hearing room support (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% |
| Waitangi Tribunal | | | |
| New claims lodged (see Note 3) | 30-35 | 25-30 | 25-35 |
| New claims registered | 40-45 | 45 | 35-45 |
| Percentage of research and report writing outputs provided by due date | 90% | 90% | 90% |
| Percentage of Waitangi Tribunal judicial officers surveyed that are at least "fairly satisfied" with judicial support and administration services provided (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% |
| Percentage of Waitangi Tribunal judicial officers surveyed that are at least "fairly satisfied" with hearing support provided (see Note 4) | 75% | 75% | 75% |
| Weathertight Homes Tribunal | | | |
| Cases received (see Note 3) | 50-60 | 35 | 20-30 |
| Cases disposed | 60-70 | 60 | 30-40 |

Note 1 - This measure was amended in 2014/15 to reflect a business process change. This measure is still in development.

Note 2 - The standard for this measure was set for the 2013-2016 period, and the Ministry is continuing to focus on this area.

Note 3 - The number of new cases or cases received is demand-driven and is contextual information for the number of cases disposed.

Note 4 - Satisfaction is measured by an annual survey of the relevant judges or judicial officers. The performance measure standard is the percentage of respondents who rate "fairly satisfied" or better about case management, file preparation, file presentation, and courtroom and hearing or mediation support provided (where applicable). The scale for responses is a five-point satisfaction scale.

Note 5 - Levels of new business have reduced more than anticipated. The forecast for 2015/16 has been adjusted to reflect this.

Note 6 - Levels of new business have been impacted by family justice reforms. The reduction in Care of Children Act applications has been greater than forecast.

Note 7 - The high variance is due to the low volume of business in Supreme Court.

Note 8 - The reduction is as result of Criminal Procedure Act 2011 coming into effect, which is causing a shift in appellate workloads between the Court of Appeal and the High Court. For example, pre-trial applications on District Court jury trials are now filed in the High Court. Furthermore, there has been a decline in jury trials disposed in both the High Court and the District Courts.

Note 9 - New training regulations have affected the Authority's ability to achieve this measure. Applicants are issued a temporary certificate within seven days, but a full certificate cannot be issued until evidence of training is provided.

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Ministry of Justice in its Annual Report.

Current and Past Policy Initiatives

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2014/15 Budgeted \$000 | 2015/16 Budget \$000 | 2016/17 Estimated \$000 | 2017/18 Estimated \$000 | 2018/19 Estimated \$000 |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services | | | | | | |
| Managing Ministry of Justice high priority initiatives | 2015/16 | - | 608 | 122 | 122 | 122 |
| Justice Sector Fund - Modernising Courts programme | 2014/15 | 831 | - | - | - | - |
| Civil fees review | 2013/14 | 267 | 267 | 267 | 267 | 267 |
| Ongoing efficiency savings | 2012/13 | (4,099) | (2,905) | (2,905) | (2,905) | (2,905) |
| Contributions to lawyer for child costs | 2012/13 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 |
| Credit reporting, Driver Licence Stop Orders and civil enhancements and reparations | 2011/12 | 2,276 | 2,276 | 2,276 | 2,276 | 2,276 |
| District Court Services | | | | | | |
| Managing Ministry of Justice high priority initiatives | 2015/16 | - | 3,931 | 849 | 849 | 849 |
| Justice Sector Fund - Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct operating costs | 2014/15 | 755 | - | - | - | - |
| Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct - New Zealand Police's and Department of Corrections' capital charge contribution | 2014/15 | 464 | 928 | 928 | - | - |
| Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct - capital charge | 2014/15 | 858 | 2,485 | - | - | - |

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2014/15 Budgeted \$000 | 2015/16 Budget \$000 | 2016/17 Estimated \$000 | 2017/18 Estimated \$000 | 2018/19 Estimated \$000 |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Justice Sector Fund - Modernising Courts programme | 2014/15 | 2,710 | - | - | - | , |
| Vulnerable Children Bill Implementation | 2014/15 | - | 906 | 906 | 906 | 906 |
| Justice Sector Fund - Stronger Response to Domestic Violence | 2014/15 | 1,530 | 1,350 | - | - | |
| Civil fees review | 2013/14 | 690 | 690 | 690 | 690 | 690 |
| Family Court Review - to facilitate the more targeted use of lawyer for child services during court proceedings | 2013/14 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Family Court Review - costs associated with implementing the reviews recommendations | 2012/13 | 111 | 111 | 111 | 111 | 111 |
| Family Court Review - to provide improved information resources to parents with family disputes | 2012/13 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Justice Sector Fund - to extend the use of audio-visual links between courts and prisons | 2012/13 | 2,000 | 2,000 | - | - | - |
| Introduction of Family Court fees | 2012/13 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,300 |
| Ongoing efficiency savings | 2012/13 | (13,371) | (9,516) | (9,516) | (9,516) | (9,516) |
| Monitoring and co-ordination of Alcohol and Other Drug Court pilot | 2012/13 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 |
| Services for victims of sexual abuse | 2011/12 | 1,718 | 1,718 | 1,718 | 1,718 | 1,718 |
| Implementation of Electronic Operating Model | 2011/12 | 2,716 | 2,716 | 2,716 | 2,716 | 2,716 |
| Contributions to lawyer for child costs | 2011/12 | 1,666 | 1,666 | 1,666 | 1,666 | 1,666 |
| Increase in Civil Court fees | 2011/12 | 1,329 | 1,329 | 1,329 | 1,329 | 1,329 |
| Higher Court Services | | | | | | |
| Managing Ministry of Justice high priority initiatives | 2015/16 | - | 931 | 137 | 137 | 137 |
| Justice Sector Fund - Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct operating costs | 2014/15 | 239 | - | - | - | |
| Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct - New Zealand Police's and Department of Corrections' capital charge contribution | 2014/15 | 152 | 304 | 304 | - | |
| Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct - capital charge | 2014/15 | 281 | 814 | - | - | |
| Justice Sector Fund - Modernising Courts programme | 2014/15 | 860 | - | - | - | |
| Civil fees review | 2013/14 | 2,212 | 2,212 | 2,212 | 2,212 | 2,212 |
| Support and mentoring of Pacific Island judges | 2013/14 | 174 | 183 | 159 | 184 | 184 |
| Ongoing efficiency savings | 2012/13 | (4,312) | (3,057) | (3,057) | (3,057) | (3,057 |
| Increase in Civil Court fees | 2011/12 | 1,412 | 1,412 | 1,412 | 1,412 | 1,412 |
| Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services | | | | | | |
| Managing Ministry of Justice high priority initiatives | 2015/16 | - | 1,136 | 167 | 167 | 167 |
| Justice Sector Fund - Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct operating costs | 2014/15 | 306 | - | - | - | |
| Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct - New Zealand Police's and Department of Corrections' capital charge contribution | 2014/15 | 184 | 368 | 368 | - | |
| Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct - capital charge | 2014/15 | 341 | 985 | - | - | |

| Policy Initiative | Year of First Impact | 2014/15 Budgeted \$000 | 2015/16 Budget \$000 | 2016/17 Estimated \$000 | 2017/18 Estimated \$000 | 2018/19 Estimated \$000 |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Justice Sector Fund - Modernising Courts programme | 2014/15 | 1,099 | - | - | - | - |
| Civil fees review | 2013/14 | 954 | 954 | 954 | 954 | 954 |
| Ongoing efficiency savings | 2012/13 | (5,166) | (3,769) | (3,769) | (3,769) | (3,769) |
| Specialist courts, tribunals and other authorities services | 2011/12 | 229 | 229 | 229 | 229 | 229 |

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services

The increase in this category of \$1.850 million for 2015/16 is mainly due to additional funding received to manage the Ministry's high priority initiatives and a lower level of targeted efficiency savings, which are partially offset by a transfer from the Justice Sector Fund in 2014/15 for the Modernising Courts programme.

District Court Services

The increase in this category of \$9.821 million for 2015/16 is mainly due to additional funding received to manage the Ministry's high priority initiatives, increased funding for capital charge on the capital contribution for the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct build, expense transfers from 2014/15 to 2015/16 for domestic violence initiatives, and a lower level of targeted efficiency savings. This is partially offset by a transfer from the Justice Sector Fund in 2014/15 for the Modernising Courts programme.

Higher Court Services

The increase in this category of \$1.294 million for 2015/16 is mainly due to additional funding received to manage the Ministry's high priority initiatives, increased funding for capital charge on the capital contribution for the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct build, and a lower level of targeted efficiency savings. This is partially offset by a transfer from the Justice Sector Fund in 2014/15 for the Modernising Courts programme.

Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services

The increase in this category of \$1.965 million for 2015/16 is mainly due to additional funding received to manage the Ministry's high priority initiatives, increased funding for capital charge on the capital contribution for the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct build and a lower level of targeted efficiency savings. This is partially offset by a transfer from the Justice Sector Fund in 2014/15 for the Modernising Courts programme and an expense transfer from 2013/14 to 2014/15 for the Waitangi Tribunal's historical District Inquiry programme.