

# *Vote Courts*

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

APPROPRIATION ADMINISTRATOR: Ministry of Justice

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE: Minister of Justice

# Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

## Annual and Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2017/18		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Abortion Supervisory Committee - Certifying Consultants Fees (M19)</b> Payments to certifying consultants for providing opinions under Section 33 of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977.	5,063	-	5,063
<b>Assistance to Victims of Crime (M19)</b> Funding for the Criminal Justice Assistance Reimbursement Scheme.	40	-	40
<b>Community Magistrates Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)</b> This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Community Magistrates as authorised by section 60 of the District Court Act 2016.	950	49	999
<b>Coroners Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)</b> 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.	6,110	458	6,568
<b>Court and Coroner Related Costs (M19)</b> 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.	85,948	15,000	100,948
<b>District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)</b> This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Judges in the District Court, including the Environment Court, as authorised by section 34 of the District Court Act 2016.	70,670	5,587	76,257
<b>District Court Part-time or Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances (M19)</b> This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of part-time and acting Judges in the District Court, including the Environment Court.	21,262	-	21,262
<b>Employment Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)</b> This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Employment Court incurred pursuant to s.206 Employment Relations Act 2000.	3,352	839	4,191
<b>Impairment of Debt Established to Recognise Contributions towards Family Court Professional Services (M19)</b> 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.	1,292	-	1,292
<b>Impairment of Fines Receivable (M19)</b> This appropriation is limited to allowing for the impairment of fines, court costs and enforcement fees in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.	10,492	-	10,492
<b>Judicial Review Costs (M19)</b> 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.	1,546	-	1,546
<b>Justices of the Peace Association (M19)</b> 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.	410	-	410

	2017/18		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
<b>Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type</b>			
<b>Māori Land Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)</b> This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Māori Land Court incurred pursuant to s.13 Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993.	5,675	788	6,463
<b>Senior Courts Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)</b> This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of acting warranted Judges and Associate Judges in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court as authorised by section 137 of the Senior Courts Act 2016.	30	300	330
<b>Senior Courts Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)</b> This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court as authorised by section 135 of the Senior Courts Act 2016.	42,536	5,239	47,775
<b>Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses (M19)</b> 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.	5,095	<b>8,163</b>	13,258
<b>Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses</b>	260,471	36,423	296,894
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>			
<b>Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services MCA (M19)</b> 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.	455,914	<b>944</b>	456,858
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<i>Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services</i> This category is limited to the purchase of collection and enforcement of fines and civil debts services.	58,393	680	59,073
<i>District Court Services</i> This category is limited to providing services that support the work of the District Court, including the Youth Court and Family Court.	241,899	5,356	247,255
<i>Senior Courts Services</i> This category is limited to providing services that support the work of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.	66,561	857	67,418
<i>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</i> This category is limited to providing services that support the work of New Zealand's specialist courts, tribunals and authorities.	89,061	(5,949)	83,112
<b>Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>	455,914	944	456,858
<b>Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations</b>	716,385	37,367	753,752

# Supporting Information

## Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

### 1.2 - Trends in the Vote

#### Summary of Financial Activity

	2017/18				
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates			Total \$000
		Departmental Transactions \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions \$000	Total Transactions \$000	
<b>Appropriations</b>					
Output Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	260,471	-	36,423	36,423	296,894
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	455,914	944	-	944	456,858
<i>Other Expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	-	N/A	-	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	716,385	944	36,423	37,367	753,752
<b>Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	133,481	N/A	-	-	133,481
Capital Receipts	-	N/A	-	-	-
<b>Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts</b>	133,481	N/A	-	-	133,481

## Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

### 3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

#### Community Magistrates Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

##### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Community Magistrates as authorised by section 60 of the District Court Act 2016.

##### *Expenses*

	2017/18		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	950	49	999

##### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation has increased by \$49,000 to \$999,000 for 2017/18 in accordance with the Community Magistrates (Remuneration and Allowances) Order 1998.

#### 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*

	2017/18		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	6,110	458	6,568

##### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation has increased by \$458,000 to \$6.568 million for 2017/18 in accordance with the Coroners (Salaries and Superannuation) Determination 2018.

## 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*

	2017/18		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	85,948	15,000	100,948

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation has increased by \$15 million to \$100.948 million for 2017/18 as a result of a Budget 2018 initiative to support the court system to meet increased demand for its services.

## District Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Judges in the District Court, including the Environment Court, as authorised by section 34 of the District Court Act 2016.

### *Expenses*

	2017/18		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	70,670	5,587	76,257

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation has increased by \$5.587 million to \$76.257 million for 2017/18 due to:

- an increase of \$4.440 million in accordance with the Judicial Salaries and Allowances (2017/18) Determination 2017, and
- an increase of \$1.147 million to account for an adjustment for the sabbatical leave liability accrued by Judges.

## Employment Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Employment Court incurred pursuant to s.206 Employment Relations Act 2000.

### *Expenses*

	2017/18		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	3,352	839	4,191

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation has increased by \$839,000 to \$4.191 million for 2017/18 in accordance with the Judicial Salaries and Allowances (2017/18) Determination 2017.

## Māori Land Court Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to costs related to the terms and conditions of remuneration for Judges and acting warranted Judges in the Māori Land Court incurred pursuant to s.13 Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993.

### *Expenses*

	2017/18		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	5,675	788	6,463

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation has increased by \$788,000 to \$6.463 million for 2017/18 due to:

- an increase of \$456,000 to account for an adjustment for the sabbatical leave liability accrued by Judges, and
- an increase of \$332,000 in accordance with the Judicial Salaries and Allowances (2017/18) Determination 2017.

## Senior Courts Acting Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of acting warranted Judges and Associate Judges in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court as authorised by section 137 of the Senior Courts Act 2016.

### *Expenses*

	2017/18		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	30	300	330

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation has increased by \$300,000 to \$330,000 for 2017/18 due to increase in Judges salaries in accordance with the Judicial Salaries and Allowances (2017/18) Determination 2017.

## Senior Courts Judges' Salaries and Allowances PLA (M19)

### *Scope of Appropriation*

This appropriation is limited to the remuneration and allowances of Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court as authorised by section 135 of the Senior Courts Act 2016.

### *Expenses*

	2017/18		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	42,536	5,239	47,775

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation has increased by \$5.239 million to \$47.775 million for 2017/18 due to:

- an increase of \$4.284 million to account for an adjustment for the sabbatical leave liability accrued by Judges, and
- an increase of \$955,000 in accordance with the Judicial Salaries and Allowances (2017/18) Determination 2017.



## 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*

	2017/18		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	5,095	8,163	13,258

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

This appropriation has increased by \$8.163 million to \$13.258 million for 2017/18 due to the transfer of Judicial and Statutory Officers sitting fees and related expenses from Departmental Output Expense - Specialist Courts Tribunals and Other Authorities Services appropriation.

## 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 providing services that support the work of the District Court, including the Youth Court and Family Court.

###### *Senior Courts Services*

This category is limited to providing services that support the work of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.

###### *Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services*

This category is limited to providing services that support the work of New Zealand's specialist courts, tribunals and authorities.

##### *Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure*

	2017/18		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>455,914</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>456,858</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	58,393	680	59,073
District Court Services	241,899	5,356	247,255
Senior Courts Services	66,561	857	67,418
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	89,061	(5,949)	83,112

	2017/18		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
<b>Funding for Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>Revenue from the Crown</b>	<b>405,846</b>	<b>(4,232)</b>	<b>401,614</b>
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	53,930	454	54,384
District Court Services	215,731	2,227	217,958
Senior Courts Services	55,686	538	56,224
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	80,499	(7,451)	73,048
<b>Revenue from Others</b>	<b>50,103</b>	<b>5,488</b>	<b>55,591</b>
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services	4,463	226	4,689
District Court Services	26,168	3,441	29,609
Senior Courts Services	10,875	319	11,194
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services	8,597	1,502	10,099

### *How Performance will be Assessed for this Appropriation*

	2017/18		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Percentage of criminal trials - category 3 and 4 resolved within 12 months (see Note 1)	New measure	90%	90%

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

	2017/18		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
<b>Departmental Output Expenses</b>			
<b>District Court Services</b>			
Percentage of criminal trials - category 3 and 4 resolved within 12 months (see Note 1)	90%	Expired measure	Expired measure
Number of victims supported by Sexual Violence Court Victims Advisors (see Note 2)	New measure	1,800-2,000	1,800-2,000
<b>Senior Courts Services</b>			
Percentage of criminal trials - category 3 and 4 resolved within 12 months (see note 1)	90%	Expired measure	Expired measure
<b>Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services</b>			
<i>Coronial Services Unit</i>			
Number of coronial cases resolved	5,850	Expired measure	Expired measure
Number of Coronial non-advice cases resolved	3,300	Expired measure	Expired measure
Number of coronial cases disposed	New measure	3,100-3,300	3,100-3,300
Number of coronial advice cases disposed	New measure	2,350-2,550	2,350-2,550

Note 1 - This measure has been moved to "How performance will be assessed for this appropriation" because it applies to both the High Court and District Court. Both category 3 and 4 cases commence in the District Court. Category 3 cases proceed and are resolved in both the District Court and the High Court.

Note 2 - The Sexual Violence Court Victims Advisors are funded through the District Court Services category of the Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (multi-category appropriation) in Vote Courts. This measure has been transferred from that appropriation.

### *Reasons for Change in Appropriation*

#### **Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services**

This category has increased by \$680,000 to \$59.073 million for 2017/18 due to:

- an increase of \$454,000 for additional capital charge on the revaluation of land and buildings as at 30 June 2017
- an increase of \$206,000 due to delays in practical completion of the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct, and
- an increase of \$20,000 for employees seconded to other government agencies.

#### **District Court Services**

This category has increased by \$5.356 million to \$247.255 million for 2017/18, due to:

- an increase of \$3.009 million due to delays in practical completion of the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct
- an increase of \$1.745 million for additional capital charge on the revaluation of land and buildings as at 30 June 2017
- an increase of \$725,000 received from the Justice Sector Fund for improving the Justice response to victims of sexual violence
- an increase of \$120,000 funded from revenue received for employees seconded to other government agencies, and
- an increase of \$62,000 to facilitate the sale and lease-back of the New Plymouth Court House land.

Offset by:

- a decrease of \$305,000 to allow for movements in the allocation of Ministry overheads in the 2017/18 financial year.

#### **Senior Courts Services**

This category has increased by \$857,000 to \$67.418 million for 2017/18 due to:

- an increase of \$538,000 for additional capital charge on the revaluation of land and buildings as at 30 June 2017
- an increase of \$221,000 due to delays in practical completion of the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct, and
- an increase of \$98,000 for employees seconded to other government agencies.

**Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services**

This category has decreased by \$5.949 million to \$83.112 million for 2017/18 due to:

- a decrease of \$8.163 million due to the transfer of Judicial and Statutory Officers sitting fees and related expenses to Non-Departmental output expense - Tribunal Related Fees and Expenses.

Offset by:

- an increase of \$782,000 for the services relating to the Māori Land Service
- an increase of \$712,000 for additional capital charge on the revaluation of land and buildings as at 30 June 2017
- an increase of \$582,000 due to delays in practical completion of the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct, and
- an increase of \$138,000 for employees seconded to other government agencies.

