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Tēnā koe Shane

### Official Information Act request: Vote Justice appropriation

Thank you for your email of 25 September 2024, to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry), requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to the 2023/24 Vote Justice appropriation for Administration of Legal Services. Specifically, you requested:

*How was the 2023/24 Vote Justice appropriation for “Administration of Legal Services” allocated by the Ministry of Justice?*

*Please provide:*

- The amount provided to each separate business unit (within the Ministry of Justice, or external to it)*
- What the purpose of the amount to each business unit was for*
- Allocations to specific projects and the purpose of that project*
- Allocations to specific IT systems and the function of those systems*

On 22 October 2024, the Ministry contacted you to advise further time was required to research and collate the response to your request, and that this would be with you no later than 8 November 2024.

In response to your request, I can advise that the scope of the Administration of Legal Services appropriation is limited to the administration of community, legal and related services; and the management and collection of related debt. The Ministry has no specific projects costs or IT systems that the Administration of Legal Services appropriation provides for.

Please refer to the below table for the information requested, that states the business unit, amount, and purpose.

Business Unit	\$ (000)	Purpose
Sector Insights	711	The Sector Insights team provides analysis, analytics, data, information management and knowledge development which supports Legal Services
Chief Operating Officer (COO) –	585	The COO team collaborates across OSD and the Justice Sector to support the Chief Operating Officer.

Operations Service Delivery (OSD)		This team is also involved in the administration of legal services, including legal aid-related ministerial reporting, internal government-led processes, and meetings
National Service Delivery (NSD)	23,795	NSD provides a wide range of justice services, one of its core functions is managing legal aid services, which fund legal assistance for people who cannot afford a lawyer. Legal aid services are divided into three key areas: Grants, Debt, and Provider Services
Commissioning and Service Improvement (CSI)	7,369	This team leads service improvement and commissioning efforts in partnership with the service delivery teams. CSI plays a critical role in designing, improving, and managing some of the legal aid services
Executive Committee Projects Business Unit (ECP)	718	The ECP completes several projects, including Property and IT. The cost of projects is allocated based on a percentage of which appropriation benefits from the costs being incurred. Some expenses have been allocated to the Administration of Legal Services Appropriation. The Ministry does not have a single project directly relating to the Administration of Legal Services.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,178,000</b>	

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz).

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Nāku noa, nā



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