

STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT OUTLOOK

Ministry of Justice

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Mission

The Ministry of Justice's vision is to deliver first class justice services.

Our core functions are:

- Delivery of operational services, including administration, case management and support services to courts, tribunals and a range of other judicial and quasi-judicial tribunals, committees and authorities, collection of fines and reparation, electoral services and negotiations for settling historical Treaty of Waitangi claims
- Delivery of policy advice
- Provision of support to the judiciary
- Monitoring and oversight of non-departmental output classes and managing the Crown's relationship with justice sector Crown entities.

Policies & Programmes

The Ministry of Justice administers legislation and contributes to a safe and just society by:

- developing robust policy advice that influences the direction of justice in New Zealand
- supporting an efficient and accessible court system that is trusted by New Zealanders
- providing effective services to support independent judicial decision making
- settling Treaty of Waitangi claims in a fair and durable way
- managing parliamentary elections and referenda effectively, to maintain public confidence in electoral processes
- working with communities to enhance safety and wellbeing.

Overarching Purchasing Objectives

Government has committed to deliver “better, smarter public services, for less”. Agencies must improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the expenditure and services that they deliver.

Over the past decade, the demand for justice services has substantially increased. This is reflected in higher volumes of court cases and higher numbers of participants in the justice system. The current business model for the justice system is underpinned by an extensive legislative and policy framework (often built on legislation that is over 50 years old). This model cannot cope with continued increases in demand without incurring significant additional costs.

The justice sector is investigating a range of options that will create a more fiscally sustainable operational model.

The Ministry has agreed with the Government a range of innovations, known as performance improvement actions (PIAs) that will modernise core court processes and deliver a more cost-effective court system. Together with work on Addressing the Drivers of Crime, these PIAs are intended to help manage demand for justice services and reduce the number of offenders coming into the justice system.

The Ministry's PIAs are:

- The *Addressing the Drivers of Crime* cross-government work programme
- The review and reform of legal aid
- The Criminal Procedure Simplification work programme
- The expanded use of audio-visual links for court processes
- Moving towards an electronic operating model for court processes.

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