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[40]	Not in scope	

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JUSTICE & COURTS		Agency bids					Vote Team recommendation					Vote Team comment
		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	
COST PRESSURES												
9312	Domestic Violence Programmes Funding Shortfall	-	[33]				-	1.700	1.700	1.700	1.700	Scaled - Funding for legislatively mandated programmes. Vote team figures include no funding [33] for discretionary programmes, for which there is no evidence of effectiveness or plan presented to gather this information.
Total: Courts		-					-	1.700	1.700	1.700	1.700	
9023	Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct – Shortfall funding	-	25.354	28.184	-	-	-	25.354	28.184	-	-	Support - Funds decision by Cabinet for government (not PPP) to build and operate CJESP.
9024	Funding to deliver the 2017 election	-	[33]				-	4.642	19.948	-	-	Scaled - Keeps real cost per elector in line with 2014 election.
[33]		-					-	[33]				
9021	Legal Aid Non Departmental Expenditure Shortfall	20.000	16.757	10.822	13.651	13.247	20.000	16.757	10.822	13.651	13.247	Support - demand driven, statutory eligibility rules.
9027	Community Law Centres – stabilise funding at existing level	-	0.523	1.316	1.221	1.221	-	0.523	1.316	1.221	1.221	Not in draft Social Sector Package but Vote Team Supported (Discretionary) - Not funding means closing CLCs outside main centres in Northland, the East Coast, and the South Island.
9031	Restorative Justice – shortfall funding	-	4.049	4.049	4.049	4.049	-	4.049	4.049	4.049	4.049	Not in draft Social Sector Package but Vote Team Supported - Demand driven, legislatively mandated, & effective at reducing re-offending.
9033	IPCA funding for increasing volumes and to undertake new prevention initiatives	-	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	-	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	Not in draft Social Sector Package but Vote Team Supported (Discretionary) - Not funding means police continuing to undertake some investigations.
9029	Investing in the Public Defence Service	-	2.842	[33]			-	2.842	3.500	3.500	3.500	Not in draft Social Sector Package but Vote Team Supported - Costs are associated with increase demand for legal aid. [33]
Total: Justice		20.000	[33]				20.000	[33]				
Total: Cost pressures: operating		20.000					20.000					
NEW INITIATIVES: OPERATING												
9035	Dunedin Court Services	-	[33]									Support (Discretionary) - funding from baselines would defer higher priority [33]
9032	[33]	-	[33]				-	[33]				[33]
[33]		-	[33]				-					[33]
9037	Operating Expenditure Associated with Investing in Justice	-	5.902	3.529	1.694	0.357	-	-	-	-	-	Fund from baselines - Delivers net saving in year so should be self-funding.
9039	[33]	-	[33]				-					[33]
Total: Courts		-	[33]				-	[33]				
9026	Changing civil legal aid policy settings to increase eligibility	-	1.899	3.804	5.753	5.753	-	1.899	3.804	5.753	5.753	Not in draft Social Sector Package but Vote Team Supported (Discretionary) - Partially offsets effects of non-indexed eligibility threshold for legal aid. Increases access to justice. Bid reflects a scaled option and we would not recommend further scaling.
[33]		-	[33]				-					[33]
[33]		-	[33]				-					[33]
9042	Operating Expenditure Associated with Investing in Justice	-	1.476	0.882	0.424	0.089	-	-	-	-	-	Fund from baselines - Delivers net saving in year so should be self-funding.
[33]		-	[33]				-					[33]
Total: Justice		-	[33]				-	[33]				
Total: New initiatives: operating		-					-					
TOTAL OPERATING		20.000					20.000					
NEW INITIATIVES: CAPITAL												
9035	Dunedin Court Services	-	[38]				-	[38]				Support (Discretionary) - funding from baselines would defer higher priority projects such as [38]
Total: Courts		-					-					[38]
Total: New initiatives: capital		-					-					
TOTAL CAPITAL		-					-					

KEY

VOTE TEAM SUPPORTED
VOTE TEAM SCALED
VOTE TEAM SUPPORTED - NOT IN DRAFT SOCIAL SECTOR PACKAGE
VOTE TEAM SUPPORTED - NOT IN DRAFT OTHER PACKAGE
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