

Table 9522 (2026). What external legal costs, if any, were incurred by any department or entity for which the Minister is responsible in each financial year since 2020/21, broken down by department or entity and by the nature of the legal work (litigation, commercial advice, employment matters, Treaty matters, or other)?

Ministry of Health

Financial Year	Legal Costs (ex GST)
2020/2021	\$2,994,902
2021/2022	\$4,786,621
2022/2023	\$2,706,613
2023/2024	\$3,773,489
2024/2025	\$2,186,965

- Ministry of Health is unable to provide a breakdown of costs by the nature of legal work as that the information is not recorded in the format requested.

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Time Period	Legal Fees (ex GST)
1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	\$9,753,338
1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024	\$7,695,326
1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025	\$6,731,444
1 July 2025 to 28 February 2026	\$2,082,270

- These totals include all payments coded to the “Legal Fees” general ledger and may include payments that are not for outsourced legal advice or representation (for example, amounts paid for settlement of disputes and fees paid to non-lawyer consultants in connection with legal projects or disputes). A more detailed analysis has not been possible in the time available.