

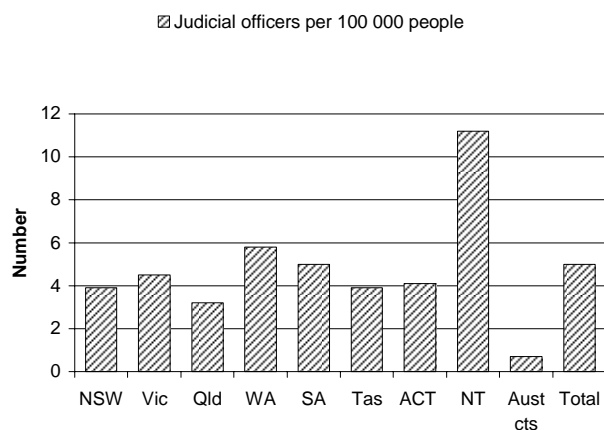
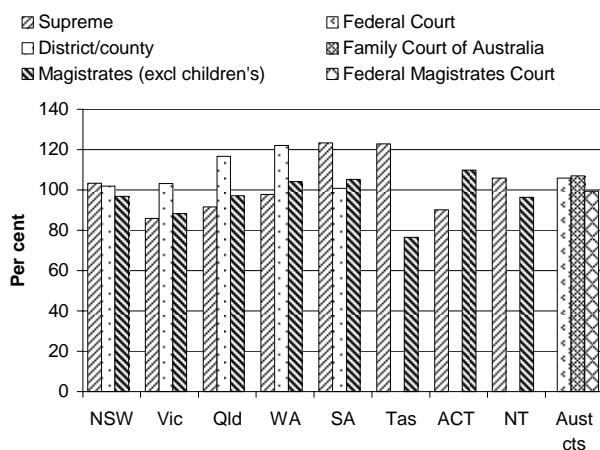
COURT ADMINISTRATION (CHAPTER 6)

- The focus of this chapter is on the administration of State and Territory supreme, district/county, magistrates' and coroners' courts, electronic infringement and enforcement systems, the Federal Court, the Federal Magistrates Court, the Family Court of Australia and the Family Court of WA.
- Total court administration recurrent expenditure less income (excluding fines) by the Australian, State and Territory court authorities covered in the Report was approximately \$964 million in 2005-06. Nationally, the recurrent expenditure less income for supreme, district/county and magistrates' courts was higher in the criminal jurisdiction (\$504 million) than in the civil jurisdiction (\$328 million). Electronic systems and probate registries had income greater than expenditure (by \$52 million and \$27 million respectively) (pp. 6.11-13).
- Nationally in 2005-06, there were approximately 800 500 lodgements in the criminal jurisdiction of the supreme, district/county and magistrates' courts. In these same courts 649 200 civil cases were lodged. In the Australian court jurisdiction there were approximately 6200 cases lodged in the Federal Court, 35 400 matters lodged in the Family Court of Australia, and 81 100 matters lodged in the Federal Magistrates Court (pp. 6.15-17).
- In 2005-06 there were approximately 772 300 finalisations in the criminal jurisdiction of the supreme, district/county and magistrates' courts. These same courts finalised 614 500 civil cases. In the Australian court jurisdiction (excluding the High Court) approximately 6500 cases were finalised in the Federal Court, 37 900 matters finalised in the Family Court of Australia, and 80 700 matters finalised in the Federal Magistrates Court (pp. 6.18-19).
- The court administration chapter contains six performance indicators this year. They are: 'fees paid by applicants' (p. 6.22), 'backlog' (p. 6.24), 'judicial officers' (p. 6.30), 'attendance' (p. 6.32), 'clearance' (p. 6.34) and 'cost per finalisation' (p. 6.37).

Selection of results

Clearance indicator (finalisations/lodgements), all matters (criminal and civil), 2005-06, (per cent) (p. 6.35)

Judicial officers, full time equivalent, per 100 000 people, 2005-06 (p. 6.31)



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## Progress since 2006 Report

- In 2007 information provided about each indicator, and their interrelatedness, has been reviewed. Revisions have been made to indicator boxes to assist in the interpretation of results in the 2007 Report. Work continues on improving data quality and comparability across jurisdictions.

## Data for charts on previous page

*Clearance rate (finalisations/lodgements), all matters (criminal and civil), 2005-06 (per cent)*

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas <sup>a</sup>	ACT <sup>a</sup>	NT <sup>a</sup>	Aust cts <sup>b</sup>
Supreme courts <sup>c</sup>	103.4	85.8	91.6	97.7	123.4	122.8	90.1	105.9	..
District/county	101.9	103.1	116.7	122.0	100.8	..	..	..	..
Magistrates (excl. children's)	96.8	88.2	97.1	104.1	105.3	76.5	109.8	96.4	..
Federal Court	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	105.8
Family Court of Australia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	107.0
Federal Magistrates Court	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99.4

<sup>a</sup> Tasmania, the ACT and the NT do not have a district/county court. <sup>b</sup> The Australian courts operate in the civil jurisdiction only. <sup>c</sup> Data for the supreme courts excludes probate matters. .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 6.15.

## *Judicial officers, full time equivalent, per 100 000 people, 2005-06<sup>a, b</sup>*

	NSW	Vic <sup>c</sup>	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts <sup>d</sup>	Total <sup>e</sup>
Total	3.9	4.5	3.2	5.8	5.0	3.9	4.1	11.2	0.7	5.0

<sup>a</sup> Population data is the average of the four quarters over the 2005-06 financial year. <sup>b</sup> Excludes electronic infringement and enforcement systems as they do not have open court sittings and therefore do not require judicial officers. <sup>c</sup> The data for Victoria include a proportion of judicial officers from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. <sup>d</sup> The Australian courts result has been derived from the total number of judicial officers for the Federal Court, Family Court of Australia and Federal Magistrates Court divided by the total population figure for Australia. <sup>e</sup> The total column is the sum of the number of judicial officers for each State and Territory, and the Australian Courts, divided by the total population figure for Australia.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 6.12.

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