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## 7 Court administration

This chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) focuses on administrative support functions for the courts, not on the judicial decisions made in the courts. The primary support functions of court administration agencies are to:

- manage court facilities and staff, including buildings, security and ancillary services such as registries, libraries and transcription services
- provide case management services, including client information, scheduling and case flow management
- enforce court orders through the sheriff's department or a similar mechanism.

The courts for which these services are covered in the chapter are State and Territory supreme, district/county and magistrates' (including children's) courts, electronic infringement and enforcement systems, coroners' courts and probate registries. The chapter also covers the Federal Court of Australia, the Family Court of Australia, the Family Court of WA and the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia. The chapter does not include information on the High Court of Australia, and broadly excludes tribunals and specialist jurisdiction courts (for example, Indigenous and circle sentencing courts and drug courts are excluded).

### **Indigenous data in the court administration chapter**

The court administration chapter in the 2009 Report contains no specific data items on Indigenous people.