

6A Court administration – attachment

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Table 6A.1

Table 6A.1 **Lodgments, criminal**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts										
2002-03	500	550	1 238	545	330	573	174	342	..	4 252
2001-02	1 077	558	1 157	418	406	634	181	313	..	4 744
2000-01	997	732	1 402	463	279	466	218	363	..	4 920
1999-2000	1 003	653	1 374	506	392	717	234	338	29	5 246
1998-99	711	525	1 447	503	542	644	302	268	..	4 942
District/county courts (a)										
2002-03	8 891	4 894	8 485	2 825	1 366	..	..	..	..	26 461
2001-02	9 327	3 971	7 995	3 009	1 549	..	..	..	..	25 851
2000-01	8 483	4 402	8 073	3 128	1 299	..	..	..	..	25 385
1999-2000	9 651	4 076	8 409	2 956	1 087	..	..	..	..	26 179
1998-99	10 233	4 607	9 711	3 007	1 219	..	..	..	..	28 777
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (b)										
2002-03	265 526	132 425	166 790	65 203	65 630	55 775	6 716	11 642	..	769 707
2001-02	246 989	114 311	154 929	63 884	81 595	53 541	4 544	12 013	..	731 806
2000-01	265 255	92 274	190 656	77 224	55 051	62 995	na	11 761	..	755 216
Children's courts (b)										
2002-03	19 505	10 492	11 767	7 065	7 559	2 119	756	863	..	60 126
2001-02	17 270	9 383	11 308	6 642	6 321	2 119	763	617	..	54 423
2000-01	19 014	8 446	13 362	8 928	4 026	2 119	na	641	..	56 536
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (a), (b)										
2002-03	285 031	142 917	178 557	72 268	73 189	57 894	7 472	12 505	..	829 833
2001-02	264 259	123 694	166 237	70 526	87 916	55 660	5 307	12 630	..	786 229
2000-01	284 269	100 720	204 018	86 152	59 077	65 114	10 441	12 402	..	822 193
1999-2000	287 451	105 888	184 359	62 784	76 987	49 654	10 584	18 547	..	796 254
1998-99	467 091	579 027	359 934	198 515	205 010	16 570	11 974	19 348	..	1 857 469

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All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2002-03	294 422	148 361	188 280	75 638	74 885	58 467	7 646	12 847	..	860 546
2001-02	274 663	128 223	175 389	73 953	89 871	56 294	5 488	12 943	..	816 824
2000-01	293 749	105 854	213 493	89 743	60 655	65 580	10 659	12 765	..	852 498
1999-2000	298 105	110 617	194 142	66 246	78 466	50 371	10 818	18 885	29	827 679
1998-99	478 035	584 159	371 092	202 025	206 771	17 214	12 276	19 616	..	1 891 188
Electronic courts (c)										
2002-03	..	882 766	343 276	196 453	122 005	..	..	..	..	1 544 500
2001-02	..	664 509	362 248	218 066	115 400	..	..	..	..	1 360 223
2000-01	..	662 104	266 791	186 364	112 349	..	..	..	..	1 227 608
1999-2000	3 160	522 278	195 048	..	110 231	..	..	..	..	830 717
<i>Coronial</i>										
Deaths reported (d)										
2002-03	6 143	4 219	2 540	1 402	3 673	552	317	317	..	19 163
2001-02	6 187	4 009	2 850	1 448	3 740	618	306	309	..	19 467
2000-01	5 519	4 185	2 997	1 650	3 379	604	324	304	..	19 499
1999-2000	6 708	4 030	3 357	2 338	3 229	590	304	305	..	20 861
1998-99	6 657	3 924	2 930	2 245	3 461	429	313	303	..	20 262
Fires reported (e)										
2002-03	403	–	1 141	na	na	na	1 286	np	..	2 830
2001-02	171	–	1 342	–	na	–	1 575	np	..	3 088
2000-01	343	5	1 080	np	np	4	1 319	np	..	2 751
1999-2000	416	9	1 310	np	np	–	336	np	..	2 071
1998-99	624	3	1 326	–	–	–	471	na	..	2 424
Coroners' courts (incl. deaths and fires reported) (d), (e)										
2002-03	6 546	4 219	3 681	1 402	3 673	552	1 603	317	..	21 993
2001-02	6 358	4 009	4 192	1 448	3 740	618	1 881	309	..	22 555

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2000-01	5 862	4 190	4 077	1 650	3 379	608	1 643	304	..	22 250
1999-2000	7 124	4 039	4 667	2 338	3 229	590	640	305	..	22 932
1998-99	7 281	3 927	4 256	2 245	3 461	429	784	303	..	22 686

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- (a) In Queensland, some children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court matters in the magistrates court will lead to a slight overestimation of the magistrates court total and an under-estimation in the district court total.
- (b) Tasmanian Magistrates' and Children's Court data are derived from lodgments in the Hobart Magistrates Court, based on the assumption that the southern region represents 50 per cent of population base of the whole state.
- (c) Fines enforcement registries have only the status of a court (so are counted as electronic courts) in Victoria, Queensland, WA and SA. The electronic court data are based on unpaid infringement notices.
- (d) Prior to 2000-01, WA data for deaths reported to the coroner included deaths not in alignment with the national counting rules.
- (e) ACT data on reported fires include the necessity to report all types of fire to the coroner. In 2001-02, the data provided are based on the actual fire date rather than the date notified. Extrapolation is difficult given the seasonal nature of fires.

na Not available. **..** Not applicable. **np** Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.2

Table 6A.2	Lodgments, civil									
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (a), (b), (c)										
2002-03	10 340	5 511	5 167	2 873	1 879	1 708	1 086	483	4 840	33 887
2001-02	10 714	4 976	4 474	3 339	3 883	1 975	1 076	389	4 527	35 353
2000-01	10 127	4 818	4 318	3 659	1 631	2 697	954	430	5 390	34 024
1999-2000	9 538	4 346	5 222	2 955	1 347	2 307	1 197	447	6 250	33 609
1998-99	8 928	4 369	6 599	3 117	1 507	2 790	1 501	482	8 026	37 319
District/county courts (d)										
2002-03	9 214	7 999	7 405	3 485	3 132	..	..	..	..	31 235
2001-02	20 875	7 049	9 770	3 997	3 424	..	..	..	..	45 115
2000-01	19 180	9 902	11 284	3 855	3 119	..	..	..	..	47 340
1999-2000	14 726	7 564	6 902	4 983	3 026	..	..	..	..	37 201
1998-99	14 603	6 988	8 787	7 778	2 692	..	..	..	..	40 848
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (e), (f)										
2002-03	228 248	177 844	89 056	57 791	32 197	12 722	8 405	6 048	..	612 311
2001-02	226 627	176 253	86 851	53 915	30 852	13 682	7 656	na	..	595 836
2000-01	237 478	182 832	93 099	59 839	39 491	13 044	na	na	..	625 783
Children's courts										
2002-03	3 131	2 307	1 157	724	565	173	156	82	..	8 295
2001-02	3 143	2 596	65	850	488	504	176	na	..	7 822
2000-01	3 569	na	na	870	783	78	na	na	..	5 300
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (e), (f)										
2002-03	231 379	180 151	90 213	58 515	32 762	12 895	8 561	6 130	..	620 606
2001-02	229 770	178 849	86 916	54 765	31 340	14 186	7 832	6 502	..	610 160
2000-01	241 047	182 832	97 548	60 709	40 274	13 122	9 908	3 943	..	649 383
1999-2000	232 829	191 289	96 809	58 376	39 538	13 010	10 186	4 792	..	646 829
1998-99	263 790	195 522	109 220	62 153	47 494	9 973	10 582	5 671	..	704 405

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All courts (excl. family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	250 933	193 661	102 785	64 873	37 773	14 603	9 647	6 613	4 840	685 728
2001-02	261 359	190 874	101 160	62 101	38 647	16 161	8 908	6 891	4 527	690 628
2000-01	270 354	197 552	113 150	68 223	45 024	15 819	10 862	4 373	5 390	730 747
1999-2000	257 093	203 199	108 933	66 314	43 911	15 317	11 383	5 239	6 250	717 639
1998-99	287 321	206 879	124 606	73 048	51 693	12 763	12 083	6 153	8 026	782 572
Federal Magistrates Court (g), (h)										
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59 692	59 692
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50 266	50 266
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35 974	35 974
Family courts (b), (h)										
2002-03	..	..	..	14 906	..	..	..	..	64 960	79 866
2001-02	..	..	..	14 949	..	..	..	..	82 181	97 130
2000-01	..	..	..	14 605	..	..	..	..	89 545	104 150
1999-2000	..	..	..	15 137	..	..	..	..	123 080	138 217
1998-99	..	..	..	14 521	..	..	..	..	122 159	136 680
<i>Probate</i>										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	22 152	15 942	4 443	4 985	5 032	2 216	525	124	..	55 419
2001-02	20 833	15 394	3 747	4 697	4 953	2 121	547	126	..	52 418
2000-01	20 428	14 939	3 410	4 497	4 807	2 001	440	108	..	50 630
1999-2000	20 278	14 701	3 113	4 667	4 721	1 843	500	118	..	49 941
1998-99	20 051	14 623	2 949	4 657	4 588	1 900	418	90	..	49 276

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Queensland supreme court data are extrapolated.
- (b) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court lodgment time series. The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court affects the 2000-01 to 2002-03 data series. The Family Court of WA does elements of Family Court of Australia and Federal Magistrates Court work, so direct comparisons need to be made with caution.
- (c) From 16 December 1996, bankruptcy Part X and debtors' petitions were no longer lodged in the Federal Court and were transferred to the Insolvency Trustee Service Australia.

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(d)	The Victorian county court experienced an increase in lodgments during 2002-03 due to recent changes to the Wrongs and Other Act (Public Liability Insurance Reform) 2002 and Limitations of Actions Acts (Insurance Reform) 2003.									
(e)	In 2002-03, the Victorian data included 66 228 residential tenancy matters and 5 109 civil claim applications lodged in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These types of tribunal matters have also been included in past years data. In Victoria, applications for an Intervention order made in the children's court have been reported under magistrates' court lodgments.									
(f)	Queensland data include lodgments at its Small Claims Tribunal.									
(g)	Lodgments in the Federal Magistrates Court are made up of 54 696 family law forms and 4996 federal law cases.									
(h)	The Family Court of Australia civil lodgment data does not include instances where Family Court of Australia deputy registrars are given delegation to conduct Federal Magistrate Court divorce applications. As well, the Family Court of Australia and Federal Magistrate Court excludes responses to final order applications, where previous year data contained these applications.									
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Table 6A.3

Table 6A.3		Lodgments, per 100 000 population, criminal								
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts										
2002-03	8	11	33	28	22	121	54	173	..	22
2001-02	16	12	32	22	27	134	57	158	..	24
2000-01	15	15	39	25	19	99	69	186	..	26
District/county courts (a)										
2002-03	134	100	228	146	90	..	..	..	..	134
2001-02	142	82	220	158	102	..	..	..	..	133
2000-01	131	93	226	167	86	..	..	..	..	132
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (b)										
2002-03	3 993	2 713	4 486	3 377	4 314	11 785	2 085	5 890	..	3 908
2001-02	3 751	2 375	4 259	3 354	5 394	11 347	1 423	6 080	..	3 763
2000-01	4 082	1 943	5 341	4 111	3 655	13 363	na	6 010	..	3 936
Children's courts (b)										
2002-03	293	215	316	366	497	448	235	437	..	305
2001-02	262	195	311	349	418	449	239	312	..	280
2000-01	293	178	374	475	267	449	na	328	..	295
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (a), (b)										
2002-03	4 286	2 928	4 802	3 743	4 811	12 233	2 320	6 327	..	4 213
2001-02	4 014	2 569	4 569	3 703	5 811	11 796	1 661	6 393	..	4 043
2000-01	4 375	2 120	5 715	4 587	3 923	13 812	3 307	6 338	..	4 285
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2002-03	4 427	3 039	5 064	3 917	4 922	12 354	2 374	6 500	..	4 369
2001-02	4 172	2 664	4 821	3 882	5 941	11 931	1 718	6 551	..	4 201
2000-01	4 521	2 229	5 981	4 778	4 028	13 911	3 376	6 523	..	4 443

Table 6A.3

Table 6A.3 **Lodgments, per 100 000 population, criminal**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
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Table 6A.4

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (a)										
2002-03	155	113	139	149	124	361	337	244	25	172
2001-02	163	103	123	175	257	419	337	197	23	182
2000-01	156	101	121	195	108	572	302	220	28	177
District/county courts										
2002-03	139	164	199	180	206	..	..	..	..	159
2001-02	317	146	269	210	226	..	..	..	..	232
2000-01	295	208	316	205	207	..	..	..	..	247
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (b), (c)										
2002-03	3 432	3 643	2 395	2 993	2 116	2 688	2 610	3 060	..	3 109
2001-02	3 442	3 661	2 387	2 830	2 039	2 900	2 397	na	..	3 064
2000-01	3 655	3 849	2 608	3 186	2 622	2 767	na	na	..	3 261
Children's courts										
2002-03	47	47	31	37	37	37	48	41	..	42
2001-02	48	54	2	45	32	107	55	na	..	40
2000-01	55	na	na	46	52	17	na	na	..	28
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (b), (c)										
2002-03	3 479	3 691	2 426	3 030	2 153	2 725	2 658	3 101	..	3 151
2001-02	3 490	3 715	2 389	2 875	2 072	3 007	2 452	3 291	..	3 138
2000-01	3 710	3 849	2 733	3 232	2 674	2 783	3 138	2 015	..	3 384
All courts (excl. the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	3 773	3 967	2 764	3 360	2 483	3 086	2 995	3 346	25	3 481
2001-02	3 970	3 965	2 781	3 260	2 555	3 425	2 789	3 488	23	3 552
2000-01	4 161	4 159	3 170	3 632	2 990	3 356	3 441	2 235	28	3 809

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Table 6A.5

Table 6A.5 **Finalisations, criminal**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts										
2002-03	859	508	1 090	484	416	660	209	301	..	4 527
2001-02	1 134	611	1 023	395	378	489	197	308	..	4 535
2000-01	1 050	526	1 232	433	197	434	259	382	..	4 513
1999-2000	979	417	1 397	400	328	669	206	220	27	4 643
1998-99	771	420	1 299	384	573	500	207	220	..	4 374
District/county courts (a)										
2002-03	9 039	4 611	7 606	2 825	1 180	..	..	..	..	25 261
2001-02	9 223	3 481	7 941	2 988	1 192	..	..	..	..	24 825
2000-01	9 230	3 631	8 450	3 027	1 306	..	..	..	..	25 644
1999-2000	10 921	4 211	8 135	2 889	1 244	..	..	..	..	27 400
1998-99	9 085	4 718	8 736	2 652	na	..	..	..	..	25 191
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (b)										
2002-03	260 114	120 057	155 038	62 110	52 532	38 934	6 216	11 738	..	706 739
2001-02	132 580	109 559	144 230	60 033	55 071	38 618	5 187	11 928	..	557 206
2000-01	116 415	94 836	170 266	80 019	53 248	56 951	na	12 318	..	584 053
Children's courts (c), (d)										
2002-03	18 676	10 475	9 460	6 689	5 343	1 950	755	826	..	54 174
2001-02	na	8 428	8 396	6 538	4 719	1 830	605	684	..	31 200
2000-01	16 355	8 445	12 172	8 605	5 059	2 124	na	988	..	53 748
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (a), (b), (c), (d)										
2002-03	278 790	130 532	164 498	68 799	57 875	40 884	6 971	12 564	..	760 913

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2001-02	132 580	117 987	152 626	66 571	59 790	40 448	5 792	12 612	..	588 406
2000-01	132 770	103 281	182 438	88 624	58 307	59 075	14 060	13 306	..	651 861
1999-2000	124 252	109 330	155 347	86 290	199 214	52 894	13 856	18 089	..	759 272
1998-99	126 634	113 629	187 725	87 095	187 663	na	16 324	13 109	..	732 179
All courts (exclud. electronic courts)										
2002-03	288 688	135 651	173 194	72 108	59 471	41 544	7 180	12 865	..	790 701
2001-02	142 937	122 079	161 590	69 954	61 360	40 937	5 989	12 920	..	617 766
2000-01	143 050	107 438	192 120	92 084	59 810	59 509	14 319	13 688	..	682 018
1999-2000	136 152	113 958	164 879	89 579	200 786	53 563	14 062	18 309	27	791 315
1998-99	136 490	118 767	197 760	90 131	na	na	16 531	13 329	..	761 744
Electronic courts										
2002-03	..	1 127 901	430 118	105 329	92 335	..	..	..	..	1 755 683
2001-02	..	741 094	285 561	109 447	102 050	..	..	..	..	1 238 152
2000-01	..	662 104	175 180	94 209	113 122	..	..	..	..	1 044 615
1999-2000	..	..	199 309	..	110 231	..	..	..	..	309 540
Coroners' courts (e), (f)										
2002-03	6 094	4 060	3 049	1 289	3 544	714	1 576	265	..	20 591
2001-02	5 158	4 455	3 897	1 368	3 740	627	1 821	214	..	21 280
2000-01	5 568	3 705	3 020	2 115	3 033	324	296	220	..	18 281
1999-2000	5 946	3 443	3 651	2 181	2 700	310	296	282	..	18 809
1998-99	7 281	3 865	4 171	2 159	3 049	429	297	326	..	21 577

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Table 6A.5 **Finalisations, criminal**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
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- (b) In 2002-03, Tasmania data are projected, based on the Hobart finalisations.
 - (c) In Victoria, the number of cases reported as finalised in 2001-02 was under reported by 749 cases.
 - (d) Excludes finalisations data for committals heard in the children's court (except ACT which included four committals and the NT which included 13 committals).
 - (e) Prior to 2000-01, WA data for deaths reported to the coroner included deaths not in alignment with the national counting rules.
 - (f) ACT data on reported fires include the necessity to report all types of fire to the coroner. In 2001-02, the data provided are based on the actual fire date rather than the date notified. Extrapolation is difficult given the seasonal nature of fires.
- na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.6

Table 6A.6 Finalisations, civil

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (a), (b), (c)										
2002-03	10 522	3 583	4 952	3 031	1 064	2 108	1 041	443	5 145	31 889
2001-02	11 454	3 822	3 581	1 941	1 224	1 637	795	384	4 666	29 504
2000-01	10 902	2 128	5 079	2 592	1 296	1 469	836	391	5 243	29 936
1999-2000	8 770	2 341	4 312	2 581	1 535	1 196	1 166	438	6 376	28 715
1998-99	6 359	2 028	1 303	2 396	na	1 155	1 423	366	7 441	22 471
District/county courts (d)										
2002-03	16 645	8 179	5 311	3 477	2 672	..	..	..	..	36 284
2001-02	17 270	8 066	7 495	3 801	1 415	..	..	..	..	38 047
2000-01	12 954	7 623	7 467	5 040	1 413	..	..	..	..	34 497
1999-2000	13 022	9 068	6 150	9 671	1 604	..	..	..	..	39 515
1998-99	12 783	7 921	2 788	6 088	na	..	..	..	..	29 580
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (e), (f)										
2002-03	79 953	153 103	47 793	31 931	28 017	12 797	12 350	3 373	..	369 317
2001-02	79 508	153 016	38 455	26 952	24 020	3 576	10 880	na	..	336 407
2000-01	32 173	180 861	na	20 529	37 726	1 822	na	na	..	273 111
Children's courts (g)										
2002-03	2 498	3 357	na	834	na	39	125	na	..	6 853
2001-02	na	2 017	na	829	na	404	147	na	..	3 397
2000-01	3 018	na	na	834	na	82	na	na	..	3 934
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (e), (f), (g), (h)										
2002-03	82 451	156 460	47 793	32 765	28 017	12 836	12 475	3 373	..	376 170

Table 6A.6

Table 6A.6 Finalisations, civil

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
2001-02	79 508	155 033	38 455	27 781	24 020	3 980	11 027	3 934	..	343 738
2000-01	35 191	180 861	38 341	21 363	37 726	1 904	6 773	1 743	..	323 902
1999-2000	82 154	151 451	41 212	20 133	39 258	2 022	5 537	2 825	..	344 592
1998-99	92 076	67 252	51 060	24 060	43 899	na	6 711	1 382	..	286 440

All courts (excl. the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)

2002-03	109 618	168 222	58 056	39 273	31 753	14 944	13 516	3 816	5 145	444 343
2001-02	108 232	166 921	49 531	33 523	26 659	5 617	11 822	4 318	4 666	411 289
2000-01	59 047	190 612	50 887	28 995	40 435	3 373	7 609	2 134	5 243	388 335
1999-2000	103 946	162 860	51 674	32 385	42 397	3 218	6 703	3 263	6 376	412 822
1998-99	111 218	77 201	55 151	32 544	na	na	8 134	1 748	7 441	338 491

Federal Magistrates Court (i)

2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52 849	52 849
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 044	3 044
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na

Family courts (j)

2002-03	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	57 466	57 466
2001-02	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na	na
2000-01	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	4 431	4 431

Aust cts = Australian courts.

(a) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court finalisation time series. The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court affects the 2000-01 to 2002-03 data series.

(b) The 1999-2000 SA supreme court civil finalisations are extrapolated from a 40 per cent sample.

(c) In 2002-03 in Victoria the twelve month deeming rule for inactive cases has not been used.

Table 6A.6

Table 6A.6 **Finalisations, civil**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(d)	In 2002-03 in Victoria the twelve month deeming rule for inactive cases has not been used, and in Queensland not all inactive matters have been identified or finalised. Civil appeal data are not available for the NSW district court in 2000-01.									
(e)	In 2002-03, the Victorian data include 68 103 residential tenancy matters and 4835 civil claims list applications that were finalised in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These types of tribunal matter have been included in past years data. Applications for an Intervention order finalised in the children's court have been reported under magistrates' court finalisations.									
(f)	Queensland data includes finalisations at their Small Claims Tribunal.									
(g)	Victorian information reported for finalisations in 2001-02 were under counted (only reported the number of protection applications finalised in 2001-02 that were also issued in 2001-02). Due to structure of its case management system, Victoria is unable to report number of protection applications finalised, but is able to report the number of orders made that relate to protection applications. The information reported include original orders, orders made upon application to vary an original order and breaches of original orders.									
(h)	Queensland and SA magistrates' court (total) data exclude children's court finalisations.									
(i)	In 2002-03 finalisations include federal law cases and family law forms. Previously, data were only supplied on federal law cases.									
(j)	The Family Court of Australia data include all applications finalised that are in scope in terms of lodgments. This may not have been the case for previous years.									
	na Not available. .. Not applicable.									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.7

Table 6A.7 **Finalisations, per 100 000 population, criminal**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts										
2002-03	13	10	29	25	27	139	65	152	..	23
2001-02	17	13	28	21	25	104	62	156	..	23
2000-01	16	11	35	23	13	92	82	195	..	24
District/county courts (a)										
2002-03	136	94	205	146	78	..	..	..	..	128
2001-02	140	72	218	157	79	..	..	..	..	128
2000-01	142	76	237	161	87	..	..	..	..	134
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (b)										
2002-03	3 911	2 460	4 170	3 217	3 453	8 227	1 930	5 939	..	3 588
2001-02	2 014	2 276	3 965	3 152	3 640	8 185	1 624	6 037	..	2 866
2000-01	1 792	1 997	4 770	4 260	3 536	12 080	na	6 295	..	3 044
Children's courts (c)										
2002-03	281	215	254	346	351	412	234	418	..	275
2001-02	na	175	231	343	312	388	189	346	..	160
2000-01	252	178	341	458	336	451	na	505	..	280
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (a), (b), (c)										
2002-03	4 192	2 674	4 424	3 563	3 804	8 639	2 164	6 356	..	3 863
2001-02	2 014	2 451	4 195	3 495	3 952	8 572	1 813	6 384	..	3 026
2000-01	2 043	2 174	5 111	4 718	3 872	12 531	4 454	6 800	..	3 397

Table 6A.7

Table 6A.7 Finalisations, per 100 000 population, criminal

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2002-03	4 341	2 779	4 658	3 734	3 909	8 778	2 229	6 509	..	4 014
2001-02	2 171	2 536	4 442	3 673	4 056	8 676	1 875	6 539	..	3 177
2000-01	2 202	2 262	5 382	4 902	3 972	12 623	4 536	6 995	..	3 555
Electronic courts										
2002-03	..	23 107	11 568	5 455	6 069	..	..	..	..	8 913
2001-02	..	15 394	7 849	5 746	6 746	..	..	..	..	6 367
2000-01	..	13 939	4 907	5 016	7 512	..	..	..	..	5 444
Coroners' courts (d), (e)										
2002-03	92	83	82	67	233	151	489	134	..	105
2001-02	78	93	107	72	247	133	570	108	..	109
2000-01	86	78	85	113	201	69	94	112	..	95

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) In Queensland, some children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court matters in the magistrates' court will lead to a slight overestimation of the magistrates' court total and an underestimation in the district court total.
- (b) In 2002-03, Tasmania data are projected, based on the Hobart finalisations.
- (c) Excludes finalisations data for committals heard in the children's court (except ACT which included four committals and the NT which included 13 committals).
- (d) Prior to 2000-01, WA data for deaths reported to the coroner included deaths not in alignment with the national counting rules.
- (e) ACT data on reported fires include the necessity to report all types of fire to the coroner. In 2001-02, the data provided are based on the actual fire date rather than the date notified. Extrapolation is difficult given the seasonal nature of fires.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished), *Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat. no. 3101.0.

Table 6A.8

Table 6A.8 Finalisations, per 100 000 population, civil										
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (a), (b)										
2002-03	158	73	133	157	70	445	323	224	26	162
2001-02	174	79	98	102	81	347	249	194	24	152
2000-01	168	45	142	138	86	312	265	200	27	156
District/county courts (c)										
2002-03	250	168	143	180	176	..	..	..	..	184
2001-02	262	168	206	200	94	..	..	..	..	196
2000-01	199	160	209	268	94	..	..	..	..	180
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2002-03	1 202	3 137	1 285	1 654	1 842	2 704	3 835	1 706	..	1 875
2001-02	1 208	3 179	1 057	1 415	1 588	758	3 406	na	..	1 730
2000-01	495	3 808	na	1 093	2 505	386	na	na	..	1 423
Children's courts										
2002-03	38	69	na	43	na	8	39	na	..	35
2001-02	na	42	na	44	na	86	46	na	..	17
2000-01	46	na	na	44	na	17	na	na	..	21
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e), (f)										
2002-03	1 240	3 205	1 285	1 697	1 842	2 712	3 873	1 706	..	1 910
2001-02	1 208	3 220	1 057	1 458	1 588	844	3 452	1 991	..	1 768
2000-01	542	3 808	1 074	1 137	2 505	404	2 145	891	..	1 688

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Table 6A.8 Finalisations, per 100 000 population, civil

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All courts (excl. the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	1 648	3 446	1 561	2 034	2 087	3 158	4 197	1 931	26	2 256
2001-02	1 644	3 467	1 361	1 760	1 762	1 190	3 701	2 186	24	2 115
2000-01	909	4 013	1 426	1 544	2 685	715	2 410	1 091	27	2 024
Federal Magistrates Court (g)										
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	268	268
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	16
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (h)										
2002-03	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	292	292
2001-02	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na	na
2000-01	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	23	23

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court finalisation time series. The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court affects the 2000-01 to 2002-03 data series.
- (b) The 1999-2000 SA supreme court civil finalisations are extrapolated from a 40 per cent sample.
- (c) In 2002-03 in Victoria the 12 month deeming rule for inactive cases has not been used, and in Queensland not all inactive matters have been identified or finalised. Civil appeal data are not available for the NSW district court in 2000-01.
- (d) In 2002-03, the Victorian data included 68 103 residential tenancy matters and 4835 civil claims applications that were finalised in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These types of tribunal matters have been included in past years data.
- (e) Queensland data includes finalisations at their Small Claims Tribunal.
- (f) Queensland and SA magistrates' court (total) data exclude children's court finalisations.
- (g) In 2002-03 finalisations include federal law cases and family law forms. Previously, data was only supplied on federal law cases.
- (h) The Family Court of Australia data includes all applications finalised that are in scope in terms of lodgments. This may not have been the case for previous years.

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Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished), *Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat. no. 3101.0.

Table 6A.9

Table 6A.9 **Real recurrent expenditure, criminal (\$'000)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Excluding payroll tax (a)</i>										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	15 822	8 727	7 844	6 671	6 165	3 498	3 162	3 323	..	55 212
2001-02	14 793	8 840	9 124	6 170	5 392	3 454	3 428	4 909	..	56 110
2000-01	14 594	8 921	9 716	6 212	5 315	3 516	4 060	6 035	..	58 368
District/county courts (b)										
2002-03	48 502	34 396	17 765	14 932	10 229	..	..	..	..	125 824
2001-02	44 125	27 471	17 627	11 786	9 850	..	..	..	..	110 859
2000-01	44 898	22 535	18 894	13 285	9 678	..	..	..	..	109 291
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2002-03	100 041	37 590	49 977	30 682	19 861	6 118	3 882	5 662	..	253 812
2001-02	92 038	37 044	50 199	29 334	20 531	5 285	3 040	6 875	..	244 346
2000-01	88 194	37 051	46 500	31 481	18 311	5 116	na	4 497	..	231 150
Children's courts										
2002-03	9 594	933	3 748	4 768	1 864	186	740	409	..	22 242
2001-02	9 015	720	3 526	4 257	1 818	175	759	472	..	20 742
2000-01	10 697	721	3 910	3 759	1 804	283	na	803	..	21 977
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (b)										
2002-03	109 635	38 523	53 725	35 450	21 725	6 304	4 622	6 071	..	276 054
2001-02	101 053	37 765	53 725	33 591	22 349	5 459	3 799	7 346	..	265 088
2000-01	98 892	37 772	50 410	35 240	20 115	5 399	7 830	5 300	..	253 127

Table 6A.9

Table 6A.9 Real recurrent expenditure, criminal (\$'000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2002-03	173 959	81 646	79 334	57 053	38 119	9 802	7 784	9 394	..	457 091
2001-02	159 970	74 076	80 476	51 547	37 592	8 914	7 227	12 255	..	432 057
2000-01	158 384	69 227	79 020	54 737	35 108	8 915	11 889	11 335	..	420 785
Electronic courts										
2002-03	..	1 624	7 900	3 343	3 300	..	..	..	..	16 166
2001-02	..	1 017	8 117	3 999	3 530	..	..	..	..	16 663
2000-01	..	1 834	10 162	3 791	5 721	..	..	..	..	21 508
Coroners' courts										
2002-03	8 052	4 641	2 076	6 324	3 380	487	1 010	748	..	26 718
2001-02	7 414	4 136	2 662	5 643	3 324	490	781	1 302	..	25 752
2000-01	6 952	4 791	2 277	5 589	3 520	398	769	1 839	..	26 135
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	16 235	8 994	8 050	6 671	6 391	3 559	3 162	3 420	..	56 482
2001-02	15 206	9 083	9 329	6 170	5 602	3 517	3 428	5 023	..	57 357
2000-01	14 966	9 186	9 919	6 212	5 521	3 599	4 060	6 162	..	59 625
District/county courts (b)										
2002-03	49 690	35 177	18 265	14 932	10 626	..	..	..	..	128 690
2001-02	45 210	28 194	18 042	11 786	10 244	..	..	..	..	113 477
2000-01	45 938	23 256	19 357	13 285	10 070	..	..	..	..	111 906

Table 6A.9

Table 6A.9 **Real recurrent expenditure, criminal (\$'000)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2002-03	102 506	38 766	51 503	30 682	20 622	6 362	3 882	5 832	..	260 154
2001-02	94 499	38 126	51 794	29 334	21 295	5 420	3 040	7 085	..	250 594
2000-01	90 579	38 365	48 007	31 481	19 066	5 237	7 830	4 669	..	245 233
Children's courts										
2002-03	9 884	965	3 856	4 768	1 945	194	740	422	..	22 774
2001-02	9 302	746	3 631	4 257	1 899	180	759	486	..	21 260
2000-01	10 997	747	4 034	3 759	1 891	289	na	821	..	22 537
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (b)										
2002-03	112 390	39 731	55 359	35 450	22 567	6 556	4 622	6 254	..	282 929
2001-02	103 801	38 872	55 425	33 591	23 194	5 600	3 799	7 571	..	271 854
2000-01	101 576	39 112	52 041	35 240	20 957	5 526	7 830	5 489	..	267 770
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2002-03	178 315	83 902	81 674	57 053	39 584	10 115	7 784	9 674	..	468 100
2001-02	164 217	76 150	82 796	51 547	39 039	9 117	7 227	12 595	..	442 688
2000-01	162 481	71 553	81 317	54 737	36 548	9 125	11 889	11 651	..	439 301
Electronic courts										
2002-03	..	1 691	8 066	3 343	3 392	..	..	..	..	16 491
2001-02	..	1 065	8 252	3 999	3 634	..	..	..	..	16 950
2000-01	..	1 834	10 288	3 791	5 895	..	..	..	..	21 808

Table 6A.9

Table 6A.9 **Real recurrent expenditure, criminal (\$'000)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Coroners' courts (c)										
2002-03	8 194	4 764	2 107	6 324	3 433	496	1 010	768	..	27 095
2001-02	7 536	4 256	2 720	5 643	3 370	500	781	1 336	..	26 142
2000-01	7 044	4 882	2 329	5 589	3 568	414	769	1 863	..	26 459

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax was deducted from expenditure for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the NT.
- (b) In Queensland, some children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court expenditure in the magistrates' court will lead to a slight overestimation of the magistrates' court total and an underestimation in the district court total.
- (c) WA expenditure includes \$1.1m and \$2m incurred directly and indirectly, respectively, for autopsy and chemical analysis work. Some jurisdictions are not able to ascertain autopsy and chemical analysis costs as they are incurred outside their immediate control.

na Not available .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.10

Table 6A.10 **Real recurrent expenditure, civil (\$'000)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Excluding payroll tax (a)</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (b), (c)										
2002-03	53 156	16 253	12 877	16 361	9 825	2 489	2 951	5 136	72 945	191 993
2001-02	50 963	16 939	13 813	13 594	9 334	2 866	3 076	7 374	75 270	193 230
2000-01	47 033	14 227	12 980	13 958	9 427	2 552	4 260	6 643	78 830	189 910
District/county courts										
2002-03	27 972	19 310	11 553	12 111	7 474	..	..	..	..	78 420
2001-02	26 999	15 671	12 063	13 045	7 118	..	..	..	..	74 896
2000-01	24 665	13 305	11 266	12 017	7 120	..	..	..	..	68 374
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2002-03	49 284	25 699	14 346	15 101	10 929	1 098	3 879	3 056	..	123 392
2001-02	45 618	25 264	14 148	15 545	10 517	1 042	3 712	na	..	115 847
2000-01	37 102	24 418	na	16 757	9 675	1 129	na	na	..	89 081
Children's courts										
2002-03	2 669	3 738	1 141	322	597	745	370	67	..	9 650
2001-02	2 570	2 902	na	347	604	117	350	na	..	6 892
2000-01	2 796	2 847	na	166	531	26	na	na	..	6 366
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2002-03	51 953	29 437	15 487	15 423	11 526	1 843	4 249	3 124	..	133 042
2001-02	48 188	28 167	14 120	15 892	11 121	1 159	4 062	2 339	..	125 050
2000-01	39 898	27 265	13 032	16 923	10 206	1 154	3 451	3 194	..	115 123

Table 6A.10

Table 6A.10 **Real recurrent expenditure, civil (\$'000)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All courts (excl. the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	133 081	65 000	39 917	43 895	28 825	4 332	7 200	8 259	72 945	403 455
2001-02	126 151	60 777	39 996	42 532	27 573	4 026	7 138	9 713	75 270	393 176
2000-01	111 596	54 797	37 279	42 898	26 753	3 706	7 711	9 837	79	373 407
Federal Magistrates Court (d)										
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26 478	26 478
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21 773	21 773
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (b), (c)										
2002-03	..	..	..	14 780	..	..	..	..	109 624	124 404
2001-02	..	..	..	12 310	..	..	..	..	110 129	122 440
2000-01	..	..	..	12 362	..	..	..	..	108 883	121 244
Probate (e)										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	1 516	471	–	213	392	78	3	27	..	2 700
2001-02	1 374	437	84	381	419	102	–	–	..	2 797
2000-01	1 139	458	94	305	385	114	–	6	..	2 500
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (b), (c)										
2002-03	54 648	16 873	13 193	16 361	10 233	2 549	2 951	5 281	72 945	195 033
2001-02	52 461	17 555	14 138	13 594	9 746	2 941	3 076	7 545	75 270	196 326
2000-01	48 485	14 813	13 306	13 958	9 842	2 608	4 260	6 776	78 830	192 877

Table 6A.10

Table 6A.10 **Real recurrent expenditure, civil (\$'000)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts										
2002-03	28 737	19 735	11 855	12 111	7 775	..	..	..	..	80 213
2001-02	27 771	16 046	12 319	13 045	7 422	..	..	..	..	76 604
2000-01	25 474	13 678	11 535	12 017	7 428	..	..	..	..	70 131
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2002-03	51 134	26 563	14 659	15 101	11 256	1 144	3 879	3 164	..	126 900
2001-02	47 454	26 083	14 595	15 545	10 830	1 069	3 712	2 415	..	121 704
2000-01	38 864	25 339	na	16 757	9 986	1 154	na	na	..	92 100
Children's courts										
2002-03	2 731	3 865	1 164	322	622	751	370	68	..	9 894
2001-02	2 633	3 007	na	347	630	120	350	na	..	7 089
2000-01	2 861	2 951	na	166	556	26	na	na	..	6 560
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2002-03	53 865	30 428	15 823	15 423	11 878	1 895	4 249	3 233	..	136 794
2001-02	50 087	29 091	14 595	15 892	11 461	1 189	4 062	2 415	..	128 793
2000-01	41 726	28 289	14 139	16 923	10 542	1 180	3 630	3 496	..	119 925
All courts (excl. the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	137 250	67 036	40 871	43 895	29 885	4 444	7 200	8 513	72 945	412 040
2001-02	130 319	62 692	41 052	42 532	28 629	4 131	7 138	9 961	75 270	401 723
2000-01	115 684	56 779	38 980	42 898	27 812	3 788	7 891	10 271	79	382 933

Table 6A.10

Table 6A.10 **Real recurrent expenditure, civil (\$'000)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Federal Magistrates Court (d)										
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26 478	26 478
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21 773	21 773
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (b), (c)										
2002-03	..	..	..	14 780	..	..	..	..	109 624	124 404
2001-02	..	..	..	12 310	..	..	..	..	110 129	122 440
2000-01	..	..	..	12 362	..	..	..	..	108 883	121 244
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	1 516	471	–	213	392	78	3	27	..	2 700
2001-02	1 374	437	84	381	419	102	–	–	..	2 797
2000-01	1 139	458	94	305	385	114	–	6	..	2 500

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax was deducted from expenditure for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the NT.
- (b) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court expenditure time series. The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court affects the 2000-01 to 2002-03 data series.
- (c) Data for the Family Court of Australia exclude a preliminary estimate of the 'free' allocation of the Court's resources to the Federal Magistrates Court. Data for the Federal Court include the cost of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Magistrates Court.
- (d) The Federal Magistrates Court notes that its expenditure data contains \$4.488 million worth of resources received free of charge from the Federal Court of Australia.
- (e) Payroll tax could not be estimated and deducted for probate registries.
- na** Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.11

Table 6A.11 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Criminal income</i>										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	733	–	27	164	405	–	12	65	..	1 406
2001-02	868	37	103	52	381	na	3	38	..	1 483
2000-01	823	18	53	117	468	–	3	43	..	1 524
District/county courts										
2002-03	1 787	–	95	153	530	..	..	..	..	2 565
2001-02	2 058	103	295	87	394	..	..	..	..	2 937
2000-01	2 131	59	201	199	706	..	..	..	..	3 296
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2002-03	3 784	–	135	2 837	247	288	637	48	..	7 976
2001-02	3 810	706	383	1 114	256	200	76	66	..	6 611
2000-01	5 745	13	241	6 299	337	26	414	12	..	13 087
Children's courts										
2002-03	8	na	6	75	24	–	10	3	..	126
2001-02	11	na	34	6	19	8	–	10	..	88
2000-01	55	–	21	31	42	1	–	–	..	150
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2002-03	3 792	–	141	2 912	271	288	647	51	..	8 102
2001-02	3 821	706	417	1 120	275	208	76	76	..	6 699
2000-01	5 800	13	262	6 330	379	27	414	12	..	13 236

Table 6A.11

Table 6A.11 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2002-03	6 312	–	263	3 229	1 206	288	659	116	..	12 073
2001-02	6 747	846	815	1 259	1 051	208	79	114	..	11 119
2000-01	8 754	90	515	6 645	1 552	27	418	55	..	18 056
Electronic courts (b)										
2002-03	..	36 639	18 657	9 687	8 928	..	..	..	..	73 911
2001-02	..	17 947	19 050	7 215	8 341	..	..	..	..	52 553
2000-01	..	19 951	7 984	7 708	8 651	..	..	..	..	44 295
<i>Coronial income</i>										
Coroners' courts										
2002-03	116	17	23	77	23	9	40	–	..	305
2001-02	142	24	108	92	23	5	1	23	..	417
2000-01	78	–	8	58	40	–	27	–	..	212
<i>Civil income</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (c)										
2002-03	18 218	6 666	5 530	3 742	1 380	300	811	248	6 038	42 933
2001-02	22 014	5 985	2 817	2 225	1 382	336	737	225	6 028	41 749
2000-01	19 391	6 389	2 104	1 055	1 454	367	816	187	6 736	38 499
District/county courts										
2002-03	14 227	6 263	3 835	2 704	1 127	..	..	..	..	28 156
2001-02	20 820	5 521	2 768	2 337	1 008	32 454
2000-01	16 949	5 532	2 781	1 657	1 220	28 139

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Table 6A.11 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2002-03	26 541	18 243	6 941	4 639	3 386	763	1 377	478	..	62 368
2001-02	26 332	18 161	7 031	5 817	2 993	821	1 083	815	..	63 053
2000-01	25 551	18 226	6 158	5 574	3 443	732	1 296	825	..	61 806
Children's courts										
2002-03	6	na	–	7	–	–	12	1	..	26
2001-02	6	na	na	9	–	4	na	na	..	19
2000-01	24	–	–	5	–	0	–	–	..	29
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2002-03	26 547	18 243	6 941	4 646	3 386	763	1 389	479	..	62 394
2001-02	26 338	18 161	7 031	5 826	2 993	825	1 083	815	..	63 072
2000-01	25 575	18 226	6 158	5 580	3 443	732	1 296	825	..	61 835
All courts (excl. the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	58 992	31 172	16 306	11 092	5 893	1 063	2 200	727	6 038	133 483
2001-02	69 172	29 667	12 616	10 388	5 383	1 161	1 820	1 040	6 028	137 275
2000-01	61 915	30 147	11 043	8 292	6 117	1 099	2 112	1 012	6 736	128 473
Federal Magistrates Court										
2002-03	10 140	10 140
2001-02	9 099	9 099
2000-01	na	0

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Table 6A.11 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Family courts (c)										
2002-03	..	..	..	1 617	..	..	..	..	5 163	6 780
2001-02	..	..	..	1 589	..	..	..	..	7 832	9 421
2000-01	..	..	..	1 928	..	..	..	..	7 104	9 032
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	13 776	3 552	–	2 142	2 581	223	294	np	..	22 568
2001-02	12 050	3 502	–	1 343	2 435	208	300	–	..	19 838
2000-01	11 908	3 421	–	791	2 417	206	251	34	..	19 028

Aust cts = Australian courts.

(a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).

(b) Victorian electronic court income comes from government and non-government filing fees and statutory agency costs.

(c) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has implications for the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia income time series.

na Not available. **..** Not applicable. **–** Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.12

Table 6A.12 Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal (\$'000) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Excluding payroll tax (b)</i>										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	15 089	8 727	7 817	6 507	5 760	3 498	3 150	3 258	..	53 806
2001-02	13 925	8 803	9 021	6 118	5 011	3 454	3 425	4 870	..	54 627
2000-01	13 772	8 902	9 663	6 095	4 847	3 516	4 056	5 992	..	56 843
District/county courts (c)										
2002-03	46 715	34 396	17 670	14 779	9 699	..	..	..	..	123 259
2001-02	42 067	27 368	17 332	11 699	9 456	..	..	..	..	107 922
2000-01	42 767	22 477	18 693	13 086	8 972	..	..	..	..	105 995
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2002-03	96 257	37 590	49 842	27 845	19 614	5 830	3 245	5 614	..	245 836
2001-02	88 228	36 338	49 816	28 220	20 275	5 085	2 964	6 809	..	237 735
2000-01	82 449	37 038	46 259	25 182	17 974	5 090	na	4 486	..	218 477
Children's courts										
2002-03	9 586	933	3 742	4 694	1 840	186	730	406	..	22 117
2001-02	9 004	720	3 492	4 251	1 799	167	759	462	..	20 654
2000-01	10 643	721	3 889	3 728	1 762	282	na	803	..	21 828
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c)										
2002-03	105 843	38 523	53 584	32 538	21 454	6 016	3 975	6 020	..	267 953
2001-02	97 232	37 059	53 308	32 471	22 074	5 251	3 723	7 270	..	258 389
2000-01	93 091	37 759	50 148	28 910	19 736	5 372	7 415	5 288	..	247 720

Table 6A.12

Table 6A.12 Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal (\$'000) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2002-03	167 647	81 646	79 071	53 824	36 913	9 514	7 125	9 278	..	445 018
2001-02	153 223	73 230	79 661	50 288	36 541	8 706	7 148	12 141	..	420 938
2000-01	149 630	69 138	78 504	48 091	33 555	8 888	11 472	11 280	..	410 559
Electronic courts										
2002-03	..	- 35 016	- 10 757	- 6 344	- 5 628	..	..	..	..	- 57 745
2001-02	..	- 16 930	- 10 933	- 3 216	- 4 811	..	..	..	..	- 35 890
2000-01	..	- 18 118	2 178	- 3 916	- 2 930	..	..	..	..	- 22 787
Coroners' courts (d)										
2002-03	7 936	4 624	2 053	6 247	3 357	478	970	748	..	26 413
2001-02	7 272	4 112	2 554	5 551	3 301	485	780	1 279	..	25 335
2000-01	6 875	4 791	2 269	5 531	3 480	398	741	1 839	..	25 923
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	15 502	8 994	8 023	6 507	5 986	3 559	3 150	3 355	..	55 076
2001-02	14 338	9 046	9 226	6 118	5 220	3 517	3 425	4 985	..	41 537
2000-01	14 144	9 168	9 866	6 095	5 053	3 599	4 056	6 119	..	43 957
District/county courts (c)										
2002-03	47 903	35 177	18 170	14 779	10 095	..	..	..	..	126 124
2001-02	43 152	28 091	17 747	11 699	9 849	..	..	..	..	110 539
2000-01	43 807	23 197	19 156	13 086	9 364	..	..	..	..	108 610
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2002-03	98 722	38 766	51 368	27 845	20 375	6 074	3 245	5 784	..	252 178
2001-02	90 689	37 420	51 411	28 220	21 039	5 220	2 964	7 019	..	243 983
2000-01	84 833	38 352	47 766	25 182	18 730	5 211	7 415	4 657	..	232 147

Table 6A.12

Table 6A.12 Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal (\$'000) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2002-03	9 876	965	3 850	4 694	1 922	194	730	419	..	22 649
2001-02	9 291	746	3 597	4 251	1 880	172	759	476	..	21 172
2000-01	10 942	747	4 013	3 728	1 849	288	na	821	..	22 388
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c)										
2002-03	108 598	39 731	55 218	32 538	22 296	6 268	3 975	6 203	..	274 827
2001-02	99 980	38 166	55 008	32 471	22 919	5 392	3 723	7 495	..	265 155
2000-01	95 776	39 099	51 779	28 910	20 578	5 499	7 415	5 478	..	254 534
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2002-03	172 003	83 902	81 411	53 824	38 377	9 827	7 125	9 558	..	456 027
2001-02	157 470	75 304	81 981	50 288	37 988	8 909	7 148	12 480	..	431 569
2000-01	153 726	71 464	80 802	48 091	34 996	9 098	11 472	11 597	..	421 245
Electronic courts										
2002-03	..	- 34 949	- 10 591	- 6 344	- 5 536	..	..	..	..	- 57 419
2001-02	..	- 16 882	- 10 798	- 3 216	- 4 708	..	..	..	..	- 35 604
2000-01	..	- 18 118	2 304	- 3 916	- 2 757	..	..	..	..	- 22 487
Coroners' courts (d)										
2002-03	8 078	4 747	2 084	6 247	3 410	487	970	768	..	26 790
2001-02	7 394	4 232	2 612	5 551	3 348	495	780	1 313	..	25 725
2000-01	6 966	4 882	2 321	5 531	3 528	414	741	1 863	..	26 247

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).
- (b) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax was deducted from expenditure for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the NT.
- (c) In Queensland, some children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court expenditure in the magistrates' court will lead to a slight overestimation of the magistrates' court total and an underestimation in the district court total.

Table 6A.12 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
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(d) WA expenditure includes \$1.1 million and \$2 million incurred directly and indirectly, respectively, for autopsy and chemical analysis work. Some jurisdictions are not able to ascertain autopsy and chemical analysis costs as they are incurred outside their immediate control.

na Not available. ... Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.13

Table 6A.13 Real net recurrent expenditure, civil (\$'000) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Excluding payroll tax (b)</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (c), (d)										
2002-03	34 938	9 587	7 347	12 619	8 445	2 189	2 140	4 888	66 907	149 060
2001-02	28 949	10 954	10 996	11 369	7 952	2 530	2 339	7 149	69 242	151 482
2000-01	27 642	7 838	10 876	12 903	7 973	2 185	3 444	6 456	72 094	151 411
District/county courts										
2002-03	13 745	13 047	7 718	9 407	6 347	..	..	..	..	50 264
2001-02	6 179	10 150	9 295	10 708	6 110	..	..	..	..	42 443
2000-01	7 716	7 773	8 485	10 360	5 900	..	..	..	..	40 234
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2002-03	22 743	7 456	7 405	10 462	7 543	335	2 502	2 579	..	61 025
2001-02	19 286	7 103	7 117	9 728	7 524	221	2 629	na	..	53 608
2000-01	11 551	6 192	na	11 182	6 232	397	na	na	..	35 553
Children's courts										
2002-03	2 663	3 738	1 141	315	597	745	358	66	..	9 624
2001-02	2 564	2 902	na	338	604	113	350	na	..	6 873
2000-01	2 772	2 847	na	161	531	26	na	na	..	6 337
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2002-03	25 406	11 194	8 546	10 777	8 140	1 080	2 860	2 645	..	70 648
2001-02	21 850	10 006	7 089	10 066	8 128	335	2 979	1 524	..	61 978
2000-01	14 323	9 038	6 874	11 343	6 763	422	2 155	2 369	..	53 288
All courts (excl. the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	74 089	33 828	23 611	32 803	22 932	3 269	5 000	7 532	66 907	269 972
2001-02	56 979	31 110	27 380	32 144	22 190	2 865	5 318	8 673	69 242	255 902

Table 6A.13

Table 6A.13 Real net recurrent expenditure, civil (\$'000) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
2000-01	49 681	24 650	26 235	34 606	20 636	2 607	5 599	8 825	72 094	244 933
Federal Magistrates Court (e)										
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16 338	16 338
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 674	12 674
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (c), (d)										
2002-03	..	..	..	13 162	..	..	..	..	104 461	117 623
2001-02	..	..	..	10 721	..	..	..	..	102 297	113 019
2000-01	..	..	..	10 433	..	..	..	..	101 779	112 212
Probate (f)										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	- 12 260	- 3 081	-	- 1 929	- 2 189	- 145	- 291	27	..	- 19 868
2001-02	- 10 676	- 3 065	84	- 962	- 2 016	- 106	- 300	-	..	- 17 041
2000-01	- 10 769	- 2 963	94	- 486	- 2 032	- 93	- 251	- 27	..	- 16 528
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (c), (d)										
2002-03	36 430	10 207	7 663	12 619	8 852	2 249	2 140	5 033	66 907	152 100
2001-02	30 447	11 570	11 321	11 369	8 364	2 605	2 339	7 321	69 242	154 578
2000-01	29 094	8 424	11 202	12 903	8 388	2 241	3 444	6 588	72 094	154 379
District/county courts										
2002-03	14 510	13 472	8 020	9 407	6 648	..	..	..	..	52 057
2001-02	6 951	10 525	9 551	10 708	6 415	..	..	..	..	44 150
2000-01	8 525	8 145	8 753	10 360	6 208	..	..	..	..	41 992
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2002-03	24 593	8 320	7 718	10 462	7 870	381	2 502	2 687	..	64 532
2001-02	21 122	7 922	7 564	9 728	7 837	248	2 629	1 600	..	58 650
2000-01	13 313	7 112	na	11 182	6 543	422	na	na	..	38 572

Table 6A.13

Table 6A.13 Real net recurrent expenditure, civil (\$'000) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2002-03	2 725	3 865	1 164	315	622	751	358	67	..	9 868
2001-02	2 627	3 007	na	338	630	116	350	na	..	7 070
2000-01	2 838	2 951	na	161	556	26	na	na	..	6 531
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2002-03	27 318	12 185	8 882	10 777	8 492	1 132	2 860	2 754	..	74 400
2001-02	23 749	10 930	7 564	10 066	8 467	364	2 979	1 600	..	65 720
2000-01	16 151	10 063	7 981	11 343	7 099	448	2 334	2 671	..	58 090
All courts (excl. the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	78 258	35 864	24 565	32 803	23 992	3 381	5 000	7 786	66 907	278 557
2001-02	61 147	33 025	28 436	32 144	23 246	2 970	5 318	8 921	69 242	264 448
2000-01	53 769	26 632	27 937	34 606	21 695	2 688	5 778	9 259	72 094	254 460
Federal Magistrates Court (e)										
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16 338	16 338
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 674	12 674
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (c), (d)										
2002-03	..	..	..	13 162	..	..	..	..	104 461	117 623
2001-02	..	..	..	10 721	..	..	..	..	102 297	113 019
2000-01	..	..	..	10 433	..	..	..	..	101 779	112 212
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	- 12 260	- 3 081	-	- 1 929	- 2 189	- 145	- 291	27	..	- 19 868
2001-02	- 10 676	- 3 065	84	- 962	- 2 016	- 106	- 300	-	..	- 17 041
2000-01	- 10 769	- 2 963	94	- 486	- 2 032	- 93	- 251	- 27	..	- 16 528

Aust cts = Australian courts.

(a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).

Table 6A.13

Table 6A.13 **Real net recurrent expenditure, civil (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(b) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax was deducted from expenditure for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the NT.										
(c) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court will have implications for the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia expenditure time series.										
(d) Data for the Family Court of Australia exclude a preliminary estimate of the 'free' allocation of the Court's resources to the Federal Magistrates Court. Data for the Federal Court of Australia include the cost of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Magistrates Court.										
(e) The Federal Magistrates Court notes that its expenditure data contains \$4.5 million worth of resources received free of charge from the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia.										
(f) Payroll tax could not be estimated and deducted for probate registries.										
na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.										

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.14

Table 6A.14 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal and civil (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Excluding payroll tax (b)</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (c), (d)										
2002-03	50 027	18 314	15 164	19 126	14 205	5 687	5 290	8 146	66 907	202 866
2001-02	42 874	19 757	20 017	17 487	12 963	5 985	5 764	12 020	69 242	206 109
2000-01	41 413	16 741	20 539	18 998	12 820	5 701	7 500	12 448	72 094	208 254
District/county courts (e)										
2002-03	60 460	47 443	25 388	24 186	16 045	..	..	..	..	173 522
2001-02	48 246	37 518	26 627	22 408	15 566	..	..	..	..	150 365
2000-01	50 483	30 250	27 178	23 446	14 872	..	..	..	..	146 230
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2002-03	119 000	45 046	57 247	38 307	27 157	6 165	5 747	8 193	..	306 861
2001-02	107 514	43 442	56 933	37 948	27 799	5 306	5 593	6 809	..	291 343
2000-01	93 999	43 230	na	36 364	24 206	5 487	na	na	..	203 286
Children's courts										
2002-03	12 249	4 671	4 883	5 008	2 437	931	1 088	472	..	31 740
2001-02	11 569	3 623	na	4 589	2 403	280	1 109	na	..	23 574
2000-01	13 415	3 567	na	3 889	2 293	307	na	na	..	23 472
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (e)										
2002-03	131 249	49 717	62 130	43 315	29 594	7 096	6 835	8 664	..	338 601
2001-02	119 083	47 065	60 397	42 537	30 202	5 586	6 703	8 795	..	320 367
2000-01	107 414	46 797	57 022	40 253	26 499	5 794	9 570	7 657	..	301 008
All courts (excl. electronic and the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	241 736	115 474	102 682	86 627	59 844	12 783	12 125	16 810	..	648 082
2001-02	210 202	104 340	107 041	82 432	58 731	11 571	12 466	20 814	..	676 840
2000-01	199 311	93 788	104 740	82 698	54 191	11 495	17 071	20 105	..	655 492

Table 6A.14

Table 6A.14 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal and civil (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Electronic courts										
2002-03	..	- 35 016	- 10 757	- 6 344	- 5 628	..	..	..	..	- 57 745
2001-02	..	- 16 930	- 10 933	- 3 216	- 4 811	..	..	..	..	- 35 890
2000-01	..	- 18 118	2 178	- 3 916	- 2 930	..	..	..	..	- 22 787
Federal Magistrates Court (f)										
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16 338	16 338
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 674	12 674
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (c), (d)										
2002-03	..	..	..	13 162	..	..	..	..	104 461	117 623
2001-02	..	..	..	10 721	..	..	..	..	102 297	113 019
2000-01	..	..	..	10 433	..	..	..	..	101 779	112 212
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (c), (d)										
2002-03	51 932	19 201	15 686	19 126	14 838	5 808	5 290	8 388	66 907	207 176
2001-02	44 784	20 616	20 547	17 487	13 584	6 122	5 764	12 305	69 242	196 115
2000-01	43 238	17 592	21 069	18 998	13 441	5 839	7 500	12 708	72 094	198 335
District/county courts (e)										
2002-03	62 413	48 649	26 190	24 186	16 743	..	..	..	..	178 181
2001-02	50 103	38 617	27 298	22 408	16 264	..	..	..	..	154 689
2000-01	52 332	31 342	27 909	23 446	15 572	..	..	..	..	150 602
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2002-03	123 315	47 086	59 086	38 307	28 244	6 455	5 747	8 471	..	316 711
2001-02	111 811	45 342	58 975	37 948	28 876	5 468	5 593	8 620	..	302 633
2000-01	98 146	45 465	na	36 364	25 273	5 633	na	na	..	210 880
Children's courts										
2002-03	12 601	4 830	5 014	5 008	2 544	945	1 088	486	..	32 517

Table 6A.14

Table 6A.14 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal and civil (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
2001-02	11 918	3 753	3 597	4 589	2 510	288	1 109	476	..	28 242
2000-01	13 780	3 698	na	3 889	2 404	314	na	na	..	24 085
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (e)										
2002-03	135 916	51 916	64 100	43 315	30 788	7 400	6 835	8 956	..	349 227
2001-02	123 729	49 095	62 572	42 537	31 386	5 757	6 703	9 096	..	330 875
2000-01	111 926	49 162	59 761	40 253	27 677	5 947	9 750	8 148	..	312 624
All courts (excl. electronic and the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	250 261	119 766	105 976	86 627	62 369	13 208	12 125	17 344	66 907	734 584
2001-02	218 617	108 329	110 417	82 432	61 235	11 879	12 466	21 401	69 242	696 017
2000-01	207 496	98 096	108 739	82 698	56 691	11 786	17 250	20 856	72 094	675 704
Electronic courts										
2002-03	..	- 34 949	- 10 591	- 6 344	- 5 536	..	..	..	..	- 57 419
2001-02	..	- 16 882	- 10 798	- 3 216	- 4 708	..	..	..	..	- 35 604
2000-01	..	- 18 118	2 304	- 3 916	- 2 757	..	..	..	..	- 22 487
Federal Magistrates Court (f)										
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16 338	16 338
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 674	12 674
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (c), (d)										
2002-03	..	..	..	13 162	..	..	..	..	104 461	117 623
2001-02	..	..	..	10 721	..	..	..	..	102 297	113 019
2000-01	..	..	..	10 433	..	..	..	..	101 779	112 212

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).
- (b) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax was deducted from expenditure for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the NT.
- (c) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has implications for the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia expenditure time series.

Table 6A.14 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal and civil (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(d) Data for the Family Court of Australia excludes a preliminary estimate of the 'free' allocation of the Court's resources to the Federal Magistrates Court. Data for the Federal Court include the cost of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Magistrates Court.										
(e) In Queensland, some children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court expenditure in the magistrates' court will lead to a slight overestimation of the magistrates' court total and an underestimation in the district court total.										
(f) The Federal Magistrates Court notes that its expenditure data contains \$4.488 million worth of resources received free of charge from the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia.										

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.15

Table 6A.15 **Cost recovery – civil court fees collected as a proportion of civil expenditure (per cent) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Excluding payroll tax (b)</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (c)										
	30.4	40.4	40.4	20.1	8.6	8.2	26.6	3.0	5.8	19.5
District/county courts										
	35.1	32.5	31.4	20.3	8.9	..	..	..	..	29.1
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)										
	52.6	51.9	46.6	19.9	22.5	52.6	13.8	15.0	..	42.9
Children's courts										
	–	na	na	1.0	–	na	np	–	..	–
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d)										
	49.9	45.3	43.2	19.5	21.3	31.4	12.6	14.6	..	39.8
Federal Magistrates Court										
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38.2	38.2
Family courts (c)										
	..	..	..	9.1	..	..	..	..	3.2	3.9

Aust cts = Australian courts.

(a) Recurrent expenditure with no income or revenue deducted.

(b) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax was deducted from expenditure for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the NT.

(c) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has reduced fees received by the Family Court of Australia and Federal Court in 2000-01 and 2001-02. The Family Court of WA does elements of work of both the Federal Magistrates Court and the Family Court of Australia, so direct comparisons with each are not possible.

(d) The Victorian magistrates' court fees figure incorporates both the criminal and civil jurisdictions, but the civil court fees are likely to encompass a significant proportion.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero. np Not published.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.16

Table 6A.16 **Average civil court fees collected per lodgment**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (a)										
2002-03	1 565	1 190	1 007	1 144	448	119	724	315	871	1 104
2001-02	1 842	1 184	594	480	208	108	658	429	939	1 019
2000-01	1 538	1 260	444	200	475	97	786	323	888	912
District/county courts										
2002-03	1 066	784	490	704	213	..	..	..	..	732
2001-02	777	783	266	528	195	..	..	..	..	601
2000-01	682	531	230	384	198	..	..	..	..	486
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (b), (c)										
2002-03	114	75	75	52	76	45	64	76	..	87
2001-02	114	75	78	77	70	42	64	na	..	89
2000-01	96	70	62	59	59	42	na	na	..	76
Children's courts										
2002-03	–	na	na	5	–	na	na	–	..	–
2001-02	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..	na
2000-01	–	na	na	6	–	–	na	na	..	1
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (b), (c)										
2002-03	112	74	74	51	75	45	63	75	..	85
2001-02	112	74	78	75	69	40	62	105	..	89
2000-01	94	70	59	58	58	42	48	115	..	75

Table 6A.16

Table 6A.16 **Average civil court fees collected per lodgment**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Federal Magistrates Court (d)										
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	169	169
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	174	174
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (a)										
2002-03	..	..	..	90	..	..	..	..	54	60
2001-02	..	..	..	106	..	..	..	..	–	54
2000-01	..	..	..	126	..	..	..	..	60	70
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	622	223	na	430	513	101	560	300	..	443
2001-02	578	227	na	286	492	98	548	300	..	379
2000-01	554	218	na	148	478	98	543	296	..	356

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has reduced fees received by the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court. Many of the Family Court of Australia's applications do not attract a fee. The Family Court of WA does elements of work of both the Federal Magistrates Court and the Family Court of Australia, so direct comparisons with each are not possible.
- (b) The Victorian magistrates' court fees figure incorporates both the criminal and civil jurisdictions, but the civil court fees are likely to encompass a significant proportion. As well, the data includes 66 228 residential tenancies matters and 5109 civil claim applications lodged in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal.
- (c) Queensland data include lodgments at its Small Claims Tribunal.
- (d) Lodgments in the Federal Magistrates Court are made up of 54 696 family law forms and 4996 federal law cases.

na Not available. **..** Not applicable. **–** Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.17

Table 6A.17 **Timeliness, all non-appeal matters finalised (criminal), 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts (d), (e)	no.	114	158	730	254	105	619	174	288	..	2 442
< 6 months	%	18.4	53.8	59.5	82.7	52.4	58.6	36.8	48.3	..	56.1
6–12 months	%	41.2	36.7	25.5	13.0	24.8	28.3	28.7	28.5	..	26.9
>12–18 months	%	35.1	8.2	10.5	2.4	11.4	8.2	10.3	10.8	..	10.2
>18 months	%	5.3	1.3	4.5	2.0	11.4	4.8	24.1	12.5	..	6.8
District/county courts (e), (f)	no.	3 531	2 219	7 426	2 825	1 180	..	..	..	..	17 181
< 6 months	%	68.8	55.1	71.8	63.2	60.3	..	..	..	..	66.8
6–12 months	%	23.0	28.5	19.6	11.1	24.2	..	..	..	..	20.3
>12–18 months	%	5.6	9.9	4.7	17.3	9.7	..	..	..	..	8.0
>18 months	%	2.6	6.5	4.0	8.4	5.8	..	..	..	..	4.9
Magistrates' courts only (e), (f), (g) (excl. children's courts)	no.	256 776	117 694	146 438	59 978	52 012	38 362	6 026	11 515	..	688 801
< 6 months	%	94.8	90.1	93.4	93.3	77.5	78.8	79.0	84.0	..	91.1
6–12 months	%	4.8	7.1	3.9	4.9	12.6	12.7	14.0	7.7	..	6.1
>12–18 months	%	0.3	1.4	1.4	1.0	3.2	4.5	3.1	2.8	..	1.3
>18 months	%	0.1	1.4	1.4	0.9	6.7	4.0	3.9	5.4	..	1.5
Children's courts (g)	no.	18 676	10 475	9 460	6 689	5 343	1 950	755	826	..	54 174
< 6 months	%	93.7	94.7	92.3	93.5	73.9	63.0	86.6	66.6	..	90.1
6–12 months	%	5.9	4.5	5.2	5.2	17.8	22.4	7.8	16.6	..	7.4
>12–18 months	%	0.3	0.5	1.5	0.7	4.0	8.5	2.0	6.4	..	1.4
>18 months	%	0.1	0.2	1.0	0.6	4.3	6.2	3.6	10.4	..	1.2

Table 6A.17

Table 6A.17 **Timeliness, all non-appeal matters finalised (criminal), 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total magistrates' courts (e), (f), (g), (h) (incl. children's courts)	no.	275 452	128 169	155 898	66 667	57 355	40 312	6 781	12 341	..	742 975
< 6 months	%	94.8	90.5	93.3	93.3	77.2	78.0	79.9	82.8	..	91.0
6-12 months	%	4.8	6.9	3.9	4.9	13.1	13.1	13.3	8.3	..	6.2
>12-18 months	%	0.3	1.3	1.4	1.0	3.3	4.7	3.0	3.1	..	1.3
>18 months	%	0.1	1.3	1.4	0.9	6.5	4.1	3.9	5.8	..	1.5
Coroners' courts (i)	no.	6 094	4 060	3 049	1 289	3 544	714	1 576	265	..	20 591
< 6 months	%	74.6	72.6	71.8	61.0	86.6	49.4	93.0	60.0	..	75.4
6-12 months	%	18.8	15.2	20.3	28.4	7.1	17.1	5.0	28.7	..	15.9
>12-18 months	%	3.5	4.2	4.6	5.0	2.6	10.8	1.1	4.9	..	3.8
>18 months	%	3.1	8.0	3.3	5.6	3.7	22.7	0.9	6.4	..	4.9

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Care needs to be taken when comparing timeliness data across jurisdictions because both the complexity and distribution of cases may vary.
- (b) Timeliness data are not collected on electronic court matters.
- (c) Excludes bench warrants for all court levels. This may lead to some increase in timeliness but is consistent with the definition of finalisation.
- (d) The significantly large amount of cases heard in Queensland relates to all second offences for drug matters going automatically to the supreme court. This does not occur in any other jurisdiction. In contrast, in NSW, almost all cases heard in the supreme court relate to murder or manslaughter.
- (e) Tasmania, the ACT and the NT do not have a district/county court. This difference needs to be taken into account when comparing timeliness across States and Territories.
- (f) In Queensland, some children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court matters in the magistrates' court will slightly affect the timeliness data shown.
- (g) In Tasmania, the data are projected based on finalisations in Hobart.
- (h) Excludes committals heard in the children's court (except the ACT which includes four committals in their data, and the NT 13 committals).
- (i) Timeliness data include finalisations of fires for NSW, Queensland and the ACT. The ACT fires are reported and finalised within a week unless there is an inquiry.
- .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.18

Table 6A.18 **Timeliness, all non-appeal matters finalised (civil), 2002-03 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (c), (d)	no.	9 706	3 291	4 696	2 643	935	2 070	965	242	4 357	28 905
< 6 months	%	59.7	51.2	69.7	49.8	73.3	14.5	19.7	40.9	58.8	55.1
6–12 months	%	17.9	17.0	9.0	11.8	11.4	13.3	11.3	10.7	11.3	14.0
>12–18 months	%	6.7	12.8	5.9	12.8	5.0	21.4	18.7	12.4	6.3	9.2
>18 months	%	15.7	19.0	15.4	25.6	10.3	50.7	50.4	36.0	23.6	21.8
District/county courts (c), (e)	no.	16 572	8 020	4 916	3 387	2 589	..	..	..	..	35 484
< 6 months	%	17.3	22.0	38.5	31.9	43.3	..	..	..	..	24.6
6–12 months	%	35.0	18.0	20.1	27.1	24.0	..	..	..	..	27.5
>12–18 months	%	28.4	33.0	16.7	19.3	13.9	..	..	..	..	25.9
>18 months	%	19.3	27.0	24.7	21.7	18.8	..	..	..	..	22.0
Magistrates' courts only (c), (f), (g) (excl. children's courts)	no.	79 953	153 103	47 793	31 931	28 017	12 797	12 350	3 373	..	369 317
< 6 months	%	84.6	95.1	91.6	90.6	46.4	22.8	44.6	70.5	..	83.8
6–12 months	%	9.3	3.4	5.7	5.6	16.8	32.2	9.9	15.1	..	7.5
>12–18 months	%	2.9	0.8	1.3	1.9	24.0	30.4	22.7	6.8	..	5.0
>18 months	%	3.2	0.7	1.4	1.9	12.9	14.6	22.7	7.6	..	3.6
Children's courts	no.	2 498	3 357	na	834	na	39	na	152	..	7 005
< 6 months	%	na	na	na	78.2	na	94.9	na	na	..	12.2
6–12 months	%	na	na	na	16.5	na	–	na	na	..	2.5
>12–18 months	%	na	na	na	4.1	na	5.1	na	na	..	0.7
>18 months	%	na	na	na	1.2	na	–	na	na	..	1.0

Table 6A.18

Table 6A.18 **Timeliness, all non-appeal matters finalised (civil), 2002-03 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total magistrates' courts (c), (f), (g) (incl. children's courts)	no.	82 451	156 460	47 793	32 765	28 017	12 836	12 475	3 373	..	376 322
< 6 months	%	na	na	91.6	90.3	46.4	23.1	44.2	70.5	..	82.5
6–12 months	%	na	na	5.7	5.9	16.8	32.2	9.8	15.1	..	7.4
>12–18 months	%	na	na	1.3	2.0	24.0	30.3	22.5	6.8	..	4.9
>18 months	%	na	na	1.4	1.8	12.9	14.5	22.5	7.6	..	3.6
Federal Magistrates Court (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52 849	52 849
< 6 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90.5	90.5
6–12 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.2	7.2
>12–18 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.5	1.5
>18 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.8	0.8
Family courts (h)	no.	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	57 045	57 045
< 6 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	83.3	83.3
6–12 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	8.4	8.4
>12–18 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	4.3	4.3
>18 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	4.0	4.0

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Care needs to be taken when comparing timeliness data across jurisdictions because both the complexity and distribution of cases may vary.
- (b) The parties to a case can significantly affect the conduct and timeliness of a case (for example, matters adjourned by the consent of the parties are outside the control of the court).
- (c) Tasmania, the ACT and the NT have a two-tier court system (that is, they do not have a district/county court) while the other jurisdictions have a three-tier court system. This difference needs to be considered when comparing timeliness across States and Territories.
- (d) To provide finalisation and timeliness data, including deemed finalisations in accordance with the national counting rules, Tasmania has adopted processes that provide an estimate.

Table 6A.18 **Timeliness, all non-appeal matters finalised (civil), 2002-03 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
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(e) In Victoria the 12 month deeming rule has not been used for civil timeliness data. In WA, not all inactive matters may have been identified or finalised.

(f) Victorian data includes 68 103 residential tenancy matters and 4835 civil claims applications that were finalised in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These tribunal matters are included as other States and Territories (such as NSW) deal with residential tenancy and civil claims matters in their magistrates' courts.

(g) Queensland data include finalisations at its Small Claims Tribunal.

(h) The Federal Magistrates Court and Family Court of Australia data excludes responses.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.19

Table 6A.19 **Timeliness, cases finalised by trial (criminal), 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts (d), (e)	no.	53	85	95	93	35	136	33	42	..	572
< 6 months	%	5.7	28.2	44.2	33.3	8.6	36.0	27.3	9.5	..	28.8
6-12 months	%	34.0	55.3	29.5	38.7	22.9	47.8	36.4	45.2	..	40.7
>12-18 months	%	45.3	14.1	18.9	19.4	40.0	9.6	9.1	23.8	..	19.6
>18 months	%	15.1	2.4	7.4	8.6	28.6	6.6	27.3	21.4	..	10.8
District/county courts (e), (f)	no.	596	320	823	544	202	..	..	..	..	2 485
< 6 months	%	40.4	10.6	64.6	5.3	13.4	..	..	..	..	34.7
6-12 months	%	42.1	44.7	24.9	18.4	37.1	..	..	..	..	31.1
>12-18 months	%	12.9	25.3	6.3	53.9	29.7	..	..	..	..	22.7
>18 months	%	4.5	19.4	4.1	22.4	19.8	..	..	..	..	11.5
Magistrates' courts only (e), (f), (g), (h) (excl. children's courts)	no.	19 065	7 880	5 323	6 480	643	3 960	117	737	..	44 205
< 6 months	%	82.3	63.6	87.3	63.1	19.8	79.9	35.9	68.2	..	75.3
6-12 months	%	13.9	20.2	8.7	27.6	45.9	11.7	56.4	19.8	..	16.9
>12-18 months	%	2.7	9.1	2.3	5.7	20.7	5.6	6.0	6.0	..	4.8
>18 months	%	1.1	7.1	1.6	3.6	13.7	2.9	1.7	6.0	..	3.0
Children's courts (i)	no.	3 413	395	286	757	43	75	31	38	..	5 038
< 6 months	%	80.5	70.9	87.4	71.3	27.9	41.3	67.7	68.4	..	77.6
6-12 months	%	18.3	26.8	8.7	24.6	46.5	28.0	22.6	15.8	..	19.7
>12-18 months	%	0.9	1.3	2.8	3.0	18.6	13.3	6.5	13.2	..	1.8
>18 months	%	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.1	7.0	17.3	3.2	2.6	..	0.9

Table 6A.19

Table 6A.19 **Timeliness, cases finalised by trial (criminal), 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total magistrates' courts (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) (incl. children's courts)	no.	22 478	8 275	5 609	7 237	686	4 035	148	775	..	49 243
< 6 months	%	82.0	64.0	87.3	64.0	20.3	79.2	42.6	68.3	..	75.5
6-12 months	%	14.6	20.5	8.7	27.3	45.9	12.0	49.3	19.6	..	17.2
>12-18 months	%	2.4	8.7	2.3	5.4	20.6	5.7	6.1	6.3	..	4.5
>18 months	%	1.0	6.8	1.6	3.3	13.3	3.1	2.0	5.8	..	2.8
Coroners' courts	no.	357	247	544	40	38	5	92	8	..	1 331
< 6 months	%	34.7	12.6	61.4	-	2.6	-	45.7	12.5	..	40.0
6-12 months	%	23.2	20.6	25.4	2.5	2.6	-	33.7	25.0	..	23.1
>12-18 months	%	17.6	16.6	7.0	32.5	7.9	60.0	9.8	37.5	..	13.0
>18 months	%	24.4	50.2	6.3	65.0	86.8	40.0	10.9	25.0	..	23.9

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Data are regarded as preliminary only. Improvements in the quality of data are expected over time as the definition and data collection practices become more refined across jurisdictions.
- (b) Care needs to be taken when comparing timeliness data across jurisdictions because both the complexity and distribution of cases may vary.
- (c) A trial is defined as "The examination of, and decision on, a matter of law or fact by a court. In the Higher Courts, trials are usually conducted before a judge and jury whereby the judge rules on questions of law and the jury is responsible for determining whether or not the defendant is guilty. Some States and Territories also allow for a trial before a judge alone in the Higher Courts. Trials are finalised by a guilty verdict or an acquittal. "
- (d) In NSW, almost all indictments are for offences of murder or manslaughter; in other States and Territories, the range of indictments routinely presented is broader.
- (e) Tasmania, the ACT and the NT do not have district/county courts. This difference needs to be taken into account when comparing timeliness across States and Territories.
- (f) In Queensland, some children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court matters in the magistrates' court will slightly affect the timeliness data shown.
- (g) Tasmanian data based on projected Hobart finalisations.
- (h) ACT magistrates' court hears substantial cases only. Data do not include trial on minor matters such as traffic.
- (i) In the Victorian children's court some of the matters included in figures for 'finalised by trial' are actually matters finalised as a plea of guilty. Victoria are unable to split cases that were finalised as a plea of guilty from cases finalised as a contested hearing. This will not be an issue next year.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. - Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.20

Table 6A.20 **Timeliness, cases finalised by trial (civil), 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (d), (e)	no.	1 375	197	135	139	32	14	49	23	783	2 747
< 6 months	%	38.8	16.8	26.7	–	12.5	–	14.3	26.1	51.2	37.2
6–12 months	%	17.5	17.3	9.6	14.4	18.8	–	12.2	4.3	18.9	17.0
>12–18 months	%	12.7	19.8	14.8	56.8	18.8	14.3	18.4	8.7	12.3	15.5
>18 months	%	31.1	46.2	48.9	28.8	50.0	85.7	55.1	60.9	17.6	30.3
District/county courts (d)	no.	2 925	2 332	378	96	280	..	..	..	..	6 011
< 6 months	%	14.2	0.1	22.2	4.2	32.9	..	..	..	..	9.9
6–12 months	%	23.6	5.3	21.4	11.5	6.1	..	..	..	..	15.4
>12–18 months	%	24.1	11.4	16.9	21.9	15.7	..	..	..	..	18.3
>18 months	%	38.2	83.2	39.4	62.5	45.4	..	..	..	..	56.4
Magistrates' courts only (d), (f) (excl. children's courts)	no.	3 160	6 565	25 643	9 291	1 297	20	277	335	..	46 588
< 6 months	%	29.6	61.7	97.3	95.5	50.7	–	54.5	45.4	..	85.4
6–12 months	%	35.3	30.2	1.4	3.1	28.0	75.0	23.5	26.6	..	9.2
>12–18 months	%	23.0	5.1	0.5	0.9	11.4	25.0	9.4	13.4	..	3.2
>18 months	%	12.1	2.9	0.7	0.5	9.9	–	12.6	14.6	..	2.2
Children's courts	no.	na	na	na	580	na	na	12	na	..	606
< 6 months	%	na	na	na	85.2	na	na	41.7	na	..	84.2
6–12 months	%	na	na	na	11.9	na	na	50.0	na	..	12.4
>12–18 months	%	na	na	na	2.2	na	na	8.3	na	..	2.3
>18 months	%	na	na	na	0.7	na	na	–	na	..	1.2

Table 6A.20

Table 6A.20 **Timeliness, cases finalised by trial (civil), 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total Magistrates' courts (d), (f) (incl. children's courts)	no.	3 160	6 565	25 643	9 871	1 297	20	289	349	..	47 194
< 6 months	%	29.6	61.7	97.3	94.9	50.7	–	54.0	43.6	..	85.3
6–12 months	%	35.3	30.2	1.4	3.6	28.0	75.0	24.6	25.5	..	9.2
>12–18 months	%	23.0	5.1	0.5	1.0	11.4	25.0	9.3	12.9	..	3.2
>18 months	%	12.1	2.9	0.7	0.5	9.9	–	12.1	14.0	..	2.2
Federal Magistrates Court	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	597	597
< 6 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	73.5	73.5
6–12 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21.4	21.4
>12–18 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.4	3.4
>18 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.7	1.7
Family courts (g)	no.	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	2 378	2 378
< 6 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	24.0	24.0
6–12 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	23.1	23.1
>12–18 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	24.8	24.8
>18 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	28.2	28.2

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Data are regarded as preliminary only. Improvements in the quality of data will occur over time as the definition and data collection practices become more refined across jurisdictions.
- (b) Care needs to be taken when comparing timeliness data across jurisdictions because both the complexity and distribution of cases may vary.
- (c) A trial is defined as “the final determination of a cause of action by a judge (magistrate) by way of an evidentiary hearing in court”
- (d) Tasmania, the ACT and the NT do not have a district/county court. This difference needs to be taken into account when comparing timeliness across States/Territories.
- (e) Tasmania, to provide finalisation and timeliness data in accordance with the national counting rules, has adopted processes that provide an estimate.

Table 6A.20 **Timeliness, cases finalised by trial (civil), 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
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(f) Victorian data only includes civil claims finalised in the magistrates' court when booked in to be heard by a magistrate. Some of these cases may not have proceeded as a contested hearing.

(g) The Family Court of Australia data only includes those matters that commenced trial and were subsequently disposed, or were disposed on the day the trial was due to commence.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.21

Table 6A.21 **Appeal matters finalised, 2002-03 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Supreme courts</i>											
Criminal	no.	745	350	360	230	311	41	35	13	..	2 085
< 6 months	%	35.2	44.3	88.9	35.2	70.4	48.8	62.9	69.2	..	52.2
6–12 months	%	42.7	27.4	10.0	39.1	21.2	31.7	31.4	7.7	..	30.3
>12–18 months	%	14.6	13.1	1.1	12.2	4.2	14.6	5.7	7.7	..	10.0
>18 months	%	7.5	15.1	–	13.5	4.2	4.9	–	15.4	..	7.5
Civil	no.	816	292	256	388	129	38	76	201	788	2 984
< 6 months	%	47.5	43.5	55.9	20.9	80.6	57.9	59.2	70.6	62.8	51.8
6–12 months	%	37.7	18.5	37.1	21.1	17.1	28.9	27.6	20.9	29.3	29.0
>12–18 months	%	10.8	8.9	7.0	22.7	2.3	10.5	9.2	5.0	5.6	9.7
>18 months	%	3.9	29.1	–	35.3	–	2.6	3.9	3.5	2.3	9.5
<i>District/county courts</i>											
Criminal	no.	5 508	2 392	180	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 080
< 6 months	%	90.5	89.9	66.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	89.8
6–12 months	%	8.2	8.4	25.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.7
>12–18 months	%	0.9	1.0	5.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.0
>18 months	%	0.4	0.7	3.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.6
Civil	no.	73	159	395	90	83	..	..	..	..	800
< 6 months	%	63.0	89.9	59.2	40.0	96.4	..	..	..	..	67.4
6–12 months	%	16.4	8.2	21.0	35.6	3.6	..	..	..	..	17.9
>12–18 months	%	6.8	0.6	5.3	12.2	–	..	..	..	..	4.8

Table 6A.21

Table 6A.21 **Appeal matters finalised, 2002-03 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
>18 months	%	13.7	1.3	14.4	12.2	–	..	..	..	..	10.0
<i>Family courts</i>											
Civil	no.	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	421	421
< 6 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	72.2	72.2
6–12 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	20.4	20.4
>12–18 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	5.2	5.2
>18 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	2.1	2.1

Aust cts = Australian courts.

(a) Care needs to be taken when comparing timeliness data across jurisdictions because both the complexity and distribution of cases may vary.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.22

Table 6A.22 **Committal matters finalised, magistrates' courts, 2002-03**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (a)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts	no.	3 338	2 363	8 600	2 132	520	572	190	223	..	17 938
< 3 months	%	35.5	31.0	32.5	52.6	48.1	29.4	31.1	38.6	..	35.7
3-6 months	%	36.8	24.9	36.2	33.0	33.5	24.5	31.6	30.0	..	33.9
>6-12 months	%	25.5	23.6	24.0	11.4	16.7	25.9	32.6	19.3	..	22.6
>12 months	%	2.1	20.5	7.4	2.9	1.7	20.3	4.7	12.1	..	7.9

Aust cts = Australian courts.

(a) Tasmanian data are projected based on Hobart committals.

.. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.23

Table 6A.23 **Backlog indicator, criminal, 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>
<i>Supreme courts</i>									
Per cent > 12 mths old standard									
Appeal	26.8	4.8	–	12.2	–	–	–	na	..
Non-appeal	1.5	4.3	6.0	15.4	9.2	4.8	6.5	na	..
All matters	17.6	4.8	–	13.4	1.3	4.4	4.9	na	..
Per cent > 2 yrs old standard									
Appeal	7.9	1.5	–	5.9	–	–	–	na	..
Non-appeal	0.7	5.4	2.0	6.7	–	3.4	7.6	na	..
All matters	5.2	2.0	0.7	6.2	–	3.2	6.4	na	..
<i>District/County courts</i>									
Per cent > 12 mths old standard									
Appeal	–	–	21.2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Non-appeal	–	7.2	4.9	27.5	8.9	..	..	..	..
All matters	–	5.2	6.9	27.5	8.9	..	..	..	..
Per cent > 2 yrs old standard									
Appeal	0.5	2.2	2.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Non-appeal	1.5	3.6	5.1	6.6	2.6	..	..	..	..
All matters	1.1	3.3	4.8	6.6	2.6	..	..	..	..
<i>Magistrates' courts (e), (f), (g)</i>									
Per cent > 6 mths old standard									
All matters	4.7	8.9	4.8	na	22.1	38.5	17.1	na	..

Table 6A.23

Table 6A.23 **Backlog indicator, criminal, 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>
Per cent > 12 mths old standard									
All matters	3.0	4.7	5.9	na	13.3	19.8	12.4	na	..
<i>Children's courts (f), (g)</i>									
Per cent > 6 mths old standard									
All matters	5.9	–	10.7	3.7	1.2	53.0	12.0	na	..
Per cent > 12 mths old standard									
All matters	2.9	1.4	5.5	4.6	12.0	20.0	7.7	na	..
<i>Coroners' courts</i>									
Per cent > 6 mths old standard									
All matters	na	28.4	51.5	33.2	na	45.4	37.0	40.4	..
Per cent > 12 mths old standard									
All matters	na	24.4	26.5	20.9	na	33.3	37.0	22.5	..

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Backlog is a measure of case processing timeliness. The indicator recognises that case processing must take some time, and that time does not necessarily equal delay. The formula for calculating the backlog index is the number of cases older than the applicable reporting standard, divided by the total pending caseload (multiplied by 100 to convert to a percentage).
- (b) This is a new indicator. As a result, the data for the backlog indicator is experimental for this reporting year.
- (c) In the criminal jurisdiction, those lodgments that have bench warrants associated with them have been excluded from the count, and in the civil jurisdiction those lodgments that have not been acted upon in the last 12 months have been excluded. The aim has been to focus on those matters that are part of an active pending population. Where jurisdictions have diverted from this national counting rule, it is footnoted.

Table 6A.23 **Backlog indicator, criminal, 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>
(d)	Some Queensland children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court matters in the magistrates' court will slightly affect the backlog data shown.								
(e)	In the Victorian magistrates' court, defendants can be entered in to the Criminal Justice Diversion Program and the proceedings are adjourned for a period of up to 12 months. These defendants remain pending and hence may misrepresent the true case processing timeliness.								
(f)	Tasmania's magistrate' and children's court data are derived from lodgments in the Hobart magistrates' court, based on the assumption that the southern region represents 50 per cent of the population base of the whole state. To provide finalisation and timeliness data, in accordance with the national counting rules, Tasmania has adopted processes that provide an estimate.								
(g)	The ACT magistrate' and children's court estimate based on pending cases as at 1 October 2003.								
	na Not available. .. Not applicable.								

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.24

Table 6A.24 **Backlog indicator, civil 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (d)</i>	<i>Qld (e)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>
<i>Supreme/Federal courts (f)</i>									
Per cent > 12 mths old standard									
Appeal	–	28.8	–	22.6	11.7	10.7	3.3	na	6.0
Non-appeal	31.6	24.0	33.2	42.1	5.9	68.4	41.9	na	61.8
All matters	28.7	24.2	32.4	40.8	6.0	64.1	40.9	na	34.6
Per cent > 2 yrs old standard									
Appeal	0.3	8.8	0.9	12.1	–	5.5	–	na	7.0
Non-appeal	22.3	2.1	21.6	26.4	5.0	47.0	29.4	na	32.3
All matters	20.4	2.4	21.2	25.5	5.0	43.9	28.7	na	29.5
<i>District/County courts (g)</i>									
Per cent > 12 mths old standard									
Appeal	na	na	29.6	44.6	–	..	..	..	..
Non-appeal	na	24.8	37.4	35.6	25.0	..	..	..	..
All matters	na	na	36.8	36.0	24.9	..	..	..	..
Per cent > 2 yrs old standard									
Appeal	na	na	22.4	31.9	–	..	..	..	..
Non-appeal	na	12.1	19.4	22.3	11.9	..	..	..	..
All matters	na	na	19.6	22.7	11.9	..	..	..	..
<i>Magistrates' courts (g)</i>									
Per cent > 6 mths old standard									
All matters	na	10.2	0.1	na	36.4	41.5	35.9	na	..

Table 6A.24

Table 6A.24 **Backlog indicator, civil 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (d)</i>	<i>Qld (e)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>
Per cent > 12 mths old standard									
All matters	na	9.6	5.3	na	13.6	23.2	16.1	na	..
<i>Family courts (h)</i>									
Per cent > 12 mths old standard									
Appeal	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	14.1
Non-appeal	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	16.3
All matters	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	16.3
Per cent > 2 yrs old standard									
Appeal	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	6.1
Non-appeal	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	7.7
All matters	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	7.7
<i>Federal Magistrates Court (h)</i>									
Per cent > 6 mths old standard									
All matters	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17.4
Per cent > 12 mths old standard									
All matters	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.1

Aust cts = Australian courts.

(a) Backlog is a measure of case processing timeliness. The indicator recognises that case processing must take some time, and that time does not necessarily equal delay. The formula for calculating the backlog index is the number of cases older than the applicable reporting standard, divided by the total pending caseload (multiplied by 100 to convert to a percentage).

(b) This is a new indicator. As a result, the data for the backlog indicator is experimental for this reporting year.

Table 6A.24 **Backlog indicator, civil 2002-03 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (d)</i>	<i>Qld (e)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>
(c)	In the criminal jurisdiction, those lodgments that have bench warrants associated with them have been excluded from the count, and in the civil jurisdiction those lodgments that have not been acted upon in the last 12 months have been excluded. The aim has been to focus on those matters that are part of an 'active pending' population. Where jurisdictions have diverted from this national counting rule, it is footnoted.								
(d)	In the Victorian county and supreme courts the 12 month deeming rule has not been used for civil timeliness data. Data are calculated using a count of substantive matters pending. These are claims pending on 30 June 2003 where a defence notice had been filed. The measure excludes Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal residential tenancies and civil claims list matters, complaints for intervention orders, Family Law Act applications and applications to the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal.								
(e)	In Queensland all court data for the purposes of the backlog index are extrapolated.								
(f)	In the Tasmanian supreme court, to provide finalisation and timeliness data, including deemed finalisations in accordance with the national counting rules, Tasmania has adopted processes that provide an estimate.								
(g)	In NSW the district and magistrates court can only provide pending data in respect of substantial (for example, case management) matters and the current database is unable to apply the 12 month deeming rule.								
(h)	In the Family Court of Australia and Federal Magistrates Court data excludes responses to applications.								

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.25

Table 6A.25 **Attendance index (average number of attendances per finalisation), 2002-03 (a)**

	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Qld (d)	WA (b), (e)	SA	Tas (f)	ACT (g)	NT	Aus cts	Total
<i>Criminal – attendances per finalisation</i>										
Supreme court	na	2.2	3.7	na	6.1	9.3	7.3	na	..	5.7
District/county court	na	na	5.3	3.9	6.6	..	..	..	..	5.1
Magistrates court	na	2.7	1.2	2.5	3.3	2.7	4.7	na	..	2.3
Children's court	na	2.3	1.4	3.1	5.2	5.1	4.0	na	..	2.9
Coroner's court	na	0.1	–	–	na	–	0.1	–	..	–
<i>Civil - attendances per finalisation</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts	na	1.2	1.6	na	5.2	na	4.7	na	3.8	2.7
District/county court	na	2.0	1.2	3.9	5.5	..	..	..	..	2.6
Magistrates court	na	1.0	0.9	na	1.1	na	1.3	na	..	1.0
Children's court	na	na	na	3.8	na	na	5.9	na	..	4.4
Federal Magistrates Court (h)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.7	1.7
Family court (i)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	2.5	2.5

Aust cts = Australian courts.

(a) The attendance index is based on a count of the number of times each case actually comes before the court before it is finalised. An attendance is defined as the number of times that parties or their representatives were required to be present in court (including any appointment which is adjourned or rescheduled) for all finalised matters during the year. The actual attendance should be one which is heard by a judicial officer or mediator/arbitrator.

(b) Courts do not have data available to enable it to identify the number of times parties are present in court.

(c) In the civil jurisdiction, supreme court data are an estimate and the district court data are an extrapolation. As well, the 12 month deeming rule has not been used for civil timeliness data. The magistrates' court attendances for the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal & Family Law Applications are estimates, with the estimate being one attendance per finalisation.

(d) The civil court attendance data are extrapolated.

Table 6A.25 **Attendance index (average number of attendances per finalisation), 2002-03 (a)**

	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (b), (e)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (f)</i>	<i>ACT (g)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(e) WA data for the criminal component of the district court are experimental. The criminal case management computer system does not record the number of hearings, which occurred per defendant. Data extracted is based on the number of listings recorded. Information may be refined in future.										
(f) In the criminal jurisdiction, Tasmania data for the magistrates' court are based on a 50 per cent southern sample. In the civil jurisdiction, Tasmanian courts do not have a civil case management system, so data cannot be produced.										
(g) In both the criminal and civil jurisdiction, total number of attendances based on total number of listings.										
(h) Excludes responses to applications.										
(i) Includes Alternative Dispute Resolution court and conference events held. Contains events that may not typically require attendance of parties, however these are included as they form part of the lodgments and finalised figures. Excludes responses to applications.										

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.26

Table 6A.26 **Judicial officers, 2002-03 (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Criminal										
<i>Number of FTE judicial officers</i>										
Supreme court	15.0	11.0	9.1	8.0	4.9	4.0	2.8	2.4	..	57.2
District/county court	46.0	32.0	17.6	16.0	11.3	..	..	..	..	122.9
Magistrates' court	112.0	65.0	51.4	29.0	24.8	9.4	4.2	6.9	..	302.8
Children's court	7.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	0.3	1.0	0.5	..	21.8
Electronic court (c)	..	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	na
Coroner's court	5.0	5.0	3.3	2.0	1.0	0.5	0.8	1.5	..	19.1
Total	185.0	115.0	85.4	59.0	45.0	14.3	8.8	11.3	..	523.7
Civil										
<i>Number of FTE judicial officers</i>										
Supreme/Federal Court	46.3	28.0	13.6	18.0	11.5	3.0	2.3	5.5	45.0	173.2
District/county court	28.0	22.0	14.0	10.6	9.5	..	..	..	..	84.1
Magistrates' court	10.0	41.0	15.1	11.7	8.3	1.6	3.0	5.3	..	96.0
Children's court	3.0	6.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	..	12.4
Federal Magistrates Court	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21.0	21.0
Family court	..	..	..	12.0	..	..	..	..	59.7	71.7
Total	87.3	97.0	43.7	53.3	30.3	4.8	5.4	10.9	125.7	458.4
Criminal and civil										
<i>Number of FTE judicial officers</i>										
Supreme court	61.3	39.0	22.7	26.0	16.4	7.0	5.1	7.9	45.0	230.4
District/county court	74.0	54.0	31.6	26.6	20.8	..	..	..	..	207.0

Table 6A.26

Table 6A.26 **Judicial officers, 2002-03 (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' court	122.0	106.0	66.5	40.7	33.1	11.0	7.3	12.2	..	398.8
Children's court	10.0	8.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	0.5	1.0	0.6	..	34.2
Total	267.3	207.0	125.8	98.3	74.3	18.5	13.4	20.7	45.0	870.3
Criminal										
<i>Rate per 100 000 people</i>										
Supreme court	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.9	1.2	..	0.3
District/county court	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	..	..	..	..	0.6
Magistrates' court	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.3	3.5	..	1.5
Children's court	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	..	0.1
Electronic court (c)	..	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	na
Coroner's court	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.8	..	0.1
Total	2.8	2.4	2.3	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.7	5.7	..	2.7
Civil										
<i>Rate per 100 000 people</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.7	2.8	0.2	0.9
District/county court	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.4
Magistrates' court	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.9	2.7	..	0.5
Children's court	–	0.1	–	0.1	0.1	–	–	0.1	..	0.1
Federal Magistrates Court	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.1
Family court	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.4
Total	1.3	2.0	1.1	2.8	2.0	1.0	1.6	5.5	0.6	2.3

Table 6A.26

Table 6A.26 **Judicial officers, 2002-03 (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Criminal and civil										
<i>Rate per 100 000 people</i>										
Supreme court	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.6	4.0	..	1.2
District/county court	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.4	..	..	..	..	1.1
Magistrates' court	1.8	2.2	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	6.2	..	2.0
Children's court	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	..	0.3	0.3	..	0.2
Total	4.0	4.2	3.4	5.1	4.9	3.8	4.2	10.5	..	4.4

Aust cts = Australian courts.

(a) FTE = full time equivalent.

(b) A judicial officer is defined as: judges; magistrates; masters; coroners; judicial registrars; and all other officers who, following argument and giving of evidence, make enforceable orders of the court. The data is provided on the basis of the proportion of time spent on the judicial activity.

(c) No electronic courts have open court sittings.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished), *Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat. no. 3101.0.

Table 6A.27

Table 6A.27 **Magistrates' court locations and proportion of population living in a non-urban area, 2002-03 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Proportion of population living in a non-urban area	%	24.3	24.3	40.1	26.6	35.7	58.0	–	53.8	..	29.1
Criminal court locations (d)	no.	151	52	107	131	37	22	1	27	..	528
Urban	%	21.9	17.3	16.8	8.4	18.9	9.1	100.0	3.7	..	15.5
Non-urban	%	78.1	82.7	83.2	91.6	81.1	90.9	–	96.3	..	84.5
Civil court locations (d)	no.	134	54	84	39	37	22	1	24	..	395
Urban	%	20.9	20.4	21.4	20.5	18.9	9.1	100.0	4.2	..	19.2
Non-urban	%	79.1	79.6	78.6	79.5	81.1	90.9	–	95.8	..	80.8

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Court locations include permanent locations, temporary locations and registries without hearings.
- (b) Urban areas include State and Territory capital city statistical divisions and other urban areas (with populations of 100 000 or more). Non-urban areas include remote areas (defined in terms of low population density and long distances to large population centres) and rural areas (includes the remainder of non-urban statistical local areas).
- (c) The ACT magistrates' court is housed in one building - which provides administration and resources for the criminal, civil, coroner's and children's court jurisdictions – but there are no non-urban areas within the ACT.
- (d) In Tasmania, all civil and criminal courts are co-located. Victoria, SA and the ACT either have their courts co-located or cannot split between their criminal and civil locations.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Sources: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABSa (unpublished), *Estimated Resident Population by Age and Sex in Statistical Local Areas, Australia*, Cat. no. 3227.0; Department of Primary Industries and Energy (DPIE) and Department of Human Services and Health (DHS) 1994, *Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Classification 1991 Census Edition*, AGPS, Canberra.

Table 6A.28

Table 6A.28		Clearance index (finalisations/lodgments), criminal, 2002-03 (a)									
		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Note:	< 100: There were more lodgments than finalisations in the reported year.										
	100: There were the same number of lodgments as finalisations in the reported year.										
	>100: There were more finalisations than lodgments in the reported year.										
Supreme/Federal courts											
Appeal	223.7	83.9	75.8	98.3	125.4	124.2	77.8	54.2	..	115.3	
Non-appeal	68.3	118.8	95.7	81.7	128.0	114.6	134.9	90.6	..	100.0	
All matters	171.8	92.4	88.0	88.8	126.1	115.2	120.1	88.0	..	106.5	
District/county courts											
Appeal	106.3	99.4	59.6	np	na	..	..	..	..	102.4
Non-appeal	95.2	89.2	90.7	100.0	86.4	..	..	..	..	92.5
All matters	101.7	94.2	89.6	100.0	86.4	..	..	..	..	95.5
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)											
All matters	98.0	90.7	93.0	95.3	80.0	69.8	92.6	100.8	..	91.8	
Children's courts											
All matters	95.7	99.8	80.4	94.7	70.7	92.0	99.9	95.7	..	90.1	
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)											
All matters	97.8	91.3	92.1	95.2	79.1	70.6	93.3	100.5	..	91.7	
Electronic court											
All matters	..	127.8	125.3	53.6	75.7	..	..	..	..	113.7

Table 6A.28

Table 6A.28 **Clearance index (finalisations/lodgments), criminal, 2002-03 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Coroners' courts										
All matters	93.1	96.2	82.8	91.9	96.5	129.3	98.3	83.6	..	93.6

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) The clearance index is the number of finalisations in the reporting period divided by the number of lodgments in the same period (multiplied by 100 to convert to a percentage). The following should assist in understanding the clearance index: a figure of 100 per cent indicates that a court is keeping up with its workload; a higher figure means that it is reducing its pending caseload (and it can be expected that a decrease in case processing times will follow); and a figure of less than 100 per cent means that the court is accumulating cases (and it can be expected that case processing times will increase in the immediate future).

na Not available. **..** Not applicable. **np** Not published.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.29

Table 6A.29 Clearance index (finalisations/lodgments), civil, 2002-03 (a)

	NSW	Vic (b)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Note:	< 100: There were more lodgments than finalisations in the reported year.									
	100: There were the same number of lodgments as finalisations in the reported year.									
	>100: There were more finalisations than lodgments in the reported year.									
Supreme/Federal courts										
Appeal	90.7	90.7	85.6	122.4	64.5	26.0	101.3	73.9	97.9	89.4
Non-appeal	102.8	63.4	96.5	103.4	55.7	132.5	95.5	114.7	108.0	94.6
All matters	101.8	65.0	95.8	105.5	56.6	123.4	95.9	91.7	106.3	94.1
District/county courts										
Appeal	76.8	106.7	50.3	73.2	101.2	..	..	..	..	64.8
Non-appeal	181.7	102.2	74.3	100.7	84.9	..	..	..	..	118.3
All matters	180.6	102.3	71.7	99.8	85.3	..	..	..	..	116.2
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
All matters	na	na	53.7	55.3	87.0	100.6	146.9	55.8	..	49.8
Children's courts										
All matters	79.8	na	na	115.2	na	22.5	80.1	na	..	83.6
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
All matters	na	86.8	53.0	56.0	85.5	99.5	145.7	55.0	..	60.6
Federal Magistrates Court										
All matters	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	88.5	88.5

Table 6A.29

Table 6A.29 Clearance index (finalisations/lodgments), civil, 2002-03 (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Family courts										
Appeal	na	..	..	..	..	95.0	95.0
Non-appeal	na	..	..	..	..	88.4	88.4
All matters	na	..	..	..	..	88.5	88.5

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) The clearance index is the number of finalisations in the reporting period divided by the number of lodgments in the same period (multiplied by 100 to convert to a percentage). The following should assist in understanding the clearance index: a figure of 100 per cent indicates that a court is keeping up with its workload; a higher figure means that it is reducing its pending caseload (and it can be expected that a decrease in case processing times will follow); and a figure of less than 100 per cent means that the court is accumulating cases (and it can be expected that case processing times will increase in the immediate future).
- (b) In the supreme and county courts, the 12 month deeming rule has not been used for civil timeliness data. In the magistrates' court, Victoria cannot apply the clearance index to its civil jurisdiction (ie. debt recovery). The clearance index could be determined if reporting according to substantive matters finalised. In the children's court, due to structure of case management system data are unable to be provided.

na Not available .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.30

Table 6A.30 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal (2002-03 dollars) (a), (b)										
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Excluding payroll tax (c)</i>										
Supreme courts										
2002-03	17 566	17 179	7 172	13 444	13 847	5 300	15 072	10 825	..	11 886
2001-02	12 279	14 407	8 819	15 488	13 256	7 064	17 386	15 813	..	12 046
2000-01	13 116	16 925	7 844	14 076	24 603	8 101	15 662	15 686	..	12 595
District/county courts (d)										
2002-03	5 168	7 460	2 323	5 232	8 219	..	..	..	..	4 879
2001-02	4 561	7 862	2 183	3 915	7 933	..	..	..	..	4 347
2000-01	4 633	6 190	2 212	4 323	6 870	..	..	..	..	4 133
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (e)										
2002-03	370	313	321	448	373	150	522	478	..	348
2001-02	665	332	345	470	368	132	571	571	..	427
2000-01	708	391	272	315	338	89	na	364	..	374
Children's courts (f)										
2002-03	513	89	396	702	344	95	967	492	..	408
2001-02	na	85	416	650	381	91	1 255	675	..	662
2000-01	651	85	320	433	348	133	na	812	..	406
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2002-03	380	295	326	473	371	147	570	479	..	352
2001-02	733	314	349	488	369	130	643	576	..	439
2000-01	701	366	275	326	338	91	527	397	..	380

Table 6A.30

Table 6A.30 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal (2002-03 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>All courts (excl. electronic courts)</i>										
2002-03	581	602	457	746	621	229	992	721	..	563
2001-02	1 072	600	493	719	596	213	1 194	940	..	681
2000-01	1 046	644	409	522	561	149	801	824	..	602
<i>Electronic courts (g)</i>										
2002-03	..	- 31	- 25	- 60	- 61	..	..	..	..	- 33
2001-02	..	- 23	- 38	- 29	- 47	..	..	..	..	- 29
2000-01	..	- 27	12	- 42	- 26	..	..	..	..	- 22
<i>Total magistrates' courts (incl. electronic courts)</i>										
2002-03	..	3	72	150	105	..	..	..	..	84
2001-02	..	23	97	166	107	..	..	..	..	122
2000-01	..	26	146	137	98	..	..	..	..	133
<i>Coroners' courts (h), (i)</i>										
2002-03	1 302	1 139	673	4 846	947	669	615	2 823	..	1 283
2001-02	1 410	923	655	4 058	883	774	428	5 977	..	1 191
2000-01	1 235	1 293	751	2 615	1 147	1 227	2 504	8 358	..	1 418
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
<i>Supreme courts</i>										
2002-03	18 047	17 705	7 361	13 444	14 390	5 392	15 072	11 146	..	12 166
2001-02	12 643	14 806	9 019	15 488	13 810	7 192	17 386	16 184	..	9 159
2000-01	13 470	17 429	8 008	14 076	25 651	8 292	15 662	16 019	..	9 740

Table 6A.30

Table 6A.30 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal (2002-03 dollars) (a), (b)										
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts (d)										
2002-03	5 300	7 629	2 389	5 232	8 555	..	..	..	..	4 993
2001-02	4 679	8 070	2 235	3 915	8 263	..	..	..	..	4 453
2000-01	4 746	6 389	2 267	4 323	7 170	..	..	..	..	4 235
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (e)										
2002-03	380	323	331	448	388	156	522	493	..	357
2001-02	684	342	356	470	382	135	571	588	..	438
2000-01	729	404	281	315	352	92	na	378	..	397
Children's courts (f)										
2002-03	529	92	407	702	360	99	967	507	..	418
2001-02	na	89	428	650	398	94	1 255	696	..	679
2000-01	669	88	330	433	365	136	na	830	..	417
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2002-03	390	304	336	473	385	153	570	494	..	361
2001-02	754	323	360	488	383	133	643	594	..	451
2000-01	721	379	284	326	353	93	527	412	..	390
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2002-03	596	619	470	746	645	237	992	743	..	577
2001-02	1 102	617	507	719	619	218	1 194	966	..	699
2000-01	2 149	1 330	841	1 045	1 170	306	1 602	1 694	..	1 235

Table 6A.30

Table 6A.30 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal (2002-03 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Electronic courts (g)										
2002-03	..	- 31	- 25	- 60	- 60	..	..	..	..	- 33
2001-02	..	- 23	- 38	- 29	- 46	..	..	..	..	- 29
2000-01	..	- 27	13	- 42	- 24	..	..	..	..	- 22
Total magistrates' courts (incl. electronic courts)										
2002-03	..	4	75	150	112	..	..	..	..	86
2001-02	..	25	101	166	113	..	..	..	..	126
2000-01	..	na	151	137	104	..	..	..	..	137
Coroners' courts (h), (i)										
2002-03	1 326	1 169	684	4 846	962	682	615	2 898	..	1 301
2001-02	1 433	950	670	4 058	895	789	428	6 136	..	1 209
2000-01	1 251	1 318	768	2 615	1 163	1 279	2 504	8 468	..	1 436

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).
- (b) Care needs to be taken when comparing 2000-01 and 2001-02 data with previous years data. The 2000-01 and 2001-02 data are expenditure less income, whereas the previous years data are expenditure less in-house revenue (only library, court reporting, and sheriff and bailiff revenue).
- (c) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax was deducted from expenditure for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the NT.
- (d) In the criminal court jurisdiction in Queensland, some children's court expenditure and finalisations are heard in the district court. This has not been taken into account in the above analysis.
- (e) The increase in expenditure per finalisation in Tasmania in 2001-02 may partly be due to lower than normal finalisations.

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Table 6A.30 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal (2002-03 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(f)	Children's court finalisations do not include finalisations for committals heard in the children's court (except the ACT, which included four committals, and the NT, which included 13 committals).									
(g)	Fines enforcement registries only have the status of a court (so are counted as electronic courts) in Victoria, Queensland, WA and SA. The electronic court data are based on unpaid infringement notices.									
(h)	The large decrease in expenditure per finalisation in 2001-02 in the ACT is due to the inclusion of fires in the finalisation count. Prior to 2000-01, WA data for deaths reported to the coroner included deaths not in alignment with the national counting rules. This may affect expenditure per finalisation comparisons for WA.									
(i)	WA and ACT include expenditure on autopsy and chemical analysis work. WA expenditure includes \$1.1 million and \$2 million incurred directly and indirectly, respectively, for autopsy and chemical analysis work. Some jurisdictions are not able to ascertain autopsy and chemical analysis costs as they are incurred outside their immediate control.									
	na Not available. .. Not applicable.									

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.31

Table 6A.31 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil (2002-03 dollars) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Excluding payroll tax (b)</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (c)										
2002-03	3 320	2 676	1 484	4 163	7 937	1 038	2 056	11 033	13 004	4 674
2001-02	2 527	2 866	3 071	5 857	6 497	1 546	2 942	18 618	14 840	5 134
2000-01	2 535	3 683	2 141	4 978	6 152	1 487	4 120	16 511	13 750	5 058
District/county courts										
2002-03	826	1 595	1 453	2 706	2 375	..	..	..	..	1 385
2001-02	358	1 258	1 240	2 817	4 318	..	..	..	..	1 116
2000-01	596	1 020	1 136	2 055	4 176	..	..	..	..	1 166
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2002-03	284	49	155	328	269	26	203	765	..	165
2001-02	243	46	185	361	313	62	242	na	..	159
2000-01	359	34	na	545	165	218	na	na	..	130
Children's courts										
2002-03	1 066	1 114	na	377	na	19 114	2 864	na	..	1 141
2001-02	na	1 439	na	408	na	281	2 382	na	..	2 023
2000-01	919	na	na	193	na	312	na	na	..	1 611
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e), (f)										
2002-03	308	72	179	329	291	84	229	784	..	188
2001-02	275	65	184	362	338	84	270	387	..	180
2000-01	407	50	179	531	179	222	318	1 359	..	165

Table 6A.31

Table 6A.31 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil (2002-03 dollars) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All courts (excl. the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	676	201	407	835	722	219	370	1 974	13 004	608
2001-02	526	186	553	959	832	510	450	2 009	14 840	622
2000-01	841	129	516	1 194	510	773	736	4 135	13 750	631
Federal Magistrates Court (g)										
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	309	309
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 164	4 164
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (c)										
2002-03	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	1 818	1 818
2001-02	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na	na
2000-01	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na	na
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (c)										
2002-03	3 462	2 849	1 547	4 163	8 320	1 067	2 056	11 361	13 004	4 770
2001-02	2 658	3 027	3 161	5 857	6 833	1 592	2 942	19 064	14 840	5 239
2000-01	2 669	3 959	2 206	4 978	6 472	1 525	4 120	16 850	13 750	5 157
District/county courts										
2002-03	872	1 647	1 510	2 706	2 488	..	..	..	..	1 435
2001-02	402	1 305	1 274	2 817	4 533	..	..	..	..	1 160
2000-01	658	1 069	1 172	2 055	4 394	..	..	..	..	1 217

Table 6A.31

Table 6A.31 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil (2002-03 dollars) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2002-03	308	54	161	328	281	30	203	797	..	175
2001-02	266	52	197	361	326	69	242	na	..	174
2000-01	414	39	na	545	173	232	na	na	..	141
Children's courts										
2002-03	1 091	1 151	na	377	na	19 268	2 864	na	..	1 170
2001-02	na	1 491	na	408	na	288	2 382	na	..	2 081
2000-01	940	na	na	193	na	317	na	na	..	1 660
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e), (f)										
2002-03	331	78	186	329	303	88	229	816	..	198
2001-02	299	70	197	362	353	92	270	407	..	191
2000-01	459	56	208	531	188	235	345	1 532	..	179
All courts (excl. the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	714	213	423	835	756	226	370	2 040	13 004	627
2001-02	565	198	574	959	872	529	450	2 066	14 840	643
2000-01	911	140	549	1 194	537	797	759	4 339	13 750	655
Federal Magistrates Court (g)										
2002-03	309	309
2001-02	4 164	4 164
2000-01	na	na

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Table 6A.31 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil (2002-03 dollars) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Family courts (c)										
2002-03	na	..	..	..	..	1 818	1 818
2001-02	na	..	..	..	..	na	na
2000-01	na	..	..	..	..	na	na

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).
- (b) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax was deducted from expenditure for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the NT.
- (c) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court will have implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court time series. Data for the Federal Court include the cost of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Magistrates Court. The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court affects the 2000-01 and 2001-02 data series.
- (d) In 2002-03, the Victorian data include 68 103 residential tenancy matters and 4835 civil claims applications that were finalised in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These types of tribunal matter have been included in past Victorian data.
- (e) Queensland includes finalisations, and associated expenditure, from its Small Claims Tribunal.
- (f) Queensland and SA civil finalisations exclude children's court finalisations but include children's court expenditure. This will create a slightly increased expenditure per finalisations for the magistrates' court (total). All other jurisdictions include civil children's court data.
- (g) The Federal Magistrates Court results in 2001-02 are based on the number of cases finalised in the federal law jurisdiction. In 2002-03, the results are based on federal law cases and family law forms, hence the large reduction in cost per finalisation. The Federal Magistrates Court notes that its expenditure data contains \$4.488 worth of resources received free of charge from the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.32

Table 6A.32 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil (2002-03 dollars) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Excluding payroll tax (b)</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate)										
2002-03	4 396	4 477	2 510	5 441	9 598	2 055	4 232	10 949	13 004	5 571
2001-02	3 406	4 457	4 348	7 486	8 092	2 815	5 810	17 370	14 840	6 055
2000-01	3 465	6 308	3 255	6 280	8 586	2 996	6 850	16 103	13 750	6 045
District/county courts (c)										
2002-03	2 354	3 709	1 965	3 838	4 165	..	..	..	..	2 819
2001-02	1 821	3 249	1 725	3 301	5 971	..	..	..	..	2 392
2000-01	2 276	2 688	1 708	2 906	5 470	..	..	..	..	2 431
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (c), (d), (e), (f)										
2002-03	350	165	282	407	337	119	310	542	..	285
2001-02	507	165	312	436	351	126	348	na	..	326
2000-01	633	157	na	362	266	93	na	na	..	237
Children's courts										
2002-03	578	338	na	666	na	468	1 236	na	..	520
2001-02	na	347	na	623	na	125	1 475	na	..	681
2000-01	692	na	na	412	na	139	na	na	..	407
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)										
2002-03	363	173	293	426	345	132	351	544	..	298
2001-02	561	172	316	451	360	126	399	532	..	344
2000-01	640	165	258	366	276	95	459	509	..	308

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Table 6A.32 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil (2002-03 dollars) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All courts (excl. electronic and the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	607	380	444	778	656	226	586	1 008	..	525
2001-02	837	361	507	797	667	249	700	1 207	..	658
2000-01	986	315	431	683	541	183	778	1 271	..	612
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate)										
2002-03	4 563	4 693	2 596	5 441	10 026	2 098	4 232	11 274	13 004	5 689
2001-02	3 558	4 651	4 463	7 486	8 480	2 880	5 810	17 782	14 840	5 761
2000-01	3 618	6 628	3 338	6 280	9 003	3 069	6 850	16 439	13 750	5 757
District/county courts (c)										
2002-03	2 430	3 804	2 028	3 838	4 346	..	..	..	..	2 895
2001-02	1 891	3 344	1 768	3 301	6 239	..	..	..	..	2 460
2000-01	2 359	2 785	1 753	2 906	5 727	..	..	..	..	2 504
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (c), (d), (e), (f)										
2002-03	363	172	291	407	351	125	310	561	..	294
2001-02	527	173	323	436	365	130	348	na	..	339
2000-01	661	165	na	362	278	96	na	na	..	246
Children's courts										
2002-03	595	349	na	666	na	475	1 236	na	..	533
2001-02	na	359	na	623	na	129	1 475	na	..	816
2000-01	711	na	na	412	na	142	na	na	..	418

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Table 6A.32 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil (2002-03 dollars) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aus cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)										
2002-03	376	181	302	426	358	138	351	562	..	307
2001-02	583	180	327	451	374	130	399	550	..	355
2000-01	666	173	271	366	288	98	468	541	..	320
All courts (excl. electronic and the family courts and the Federal Magistrates Court)										
2002-03	628	394	458	778	684	234	586	1 040	13 004	595
2001-02	870	375	523	797	696	255	700	1 242	14 840	676
2000-01	1 027	329	447	683	566	187	787	1 318	13 750	631

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).
- (b) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax was deducted from expenditure for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the NT.
- (c) In the criminal court jurisdiction in Queensland, some children's court expenditure and finalisations are heard in the district court. This has not been taken into account in the above analysis.
- (d) In 2002-03, the Victorian data include 68 103 residential tenancy matters and 4835 civil claims applications that were finalised in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These types of tribunal matter have been included in past Victorian data.
- (e) Queensland includes finalisations, and associated expenditure, from its small claims tribunal.
- (f) The increase in expenditure per finalisation in Tasmania over 2001-02 may partly be due to lower than normal finalisations.
- (g) Queensland and SA civil finalisations data exclude children's court finalisations but include children's court expenditure. This will create a slightly increased expenditure per finalisation for the magistrates' court (total). All other jurisdictions include civil children's court data.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.33

Table 6A.33 Treatment of assets by court administration agencies

		<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>	<i>Family Court of Australia</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (a)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT (c)</i>
Revaluation method (d)	Land	Deprival	Deprival	Deprival or market	na	Deprival	Market	Deprival	Deprival	na	..
	Buildings	Deprival	Deprival	DRC	na	Deprival	Market	Deprival	Deprival	na	..
	Other assets	Deprival	Deprival	na	na	Deprival	..	Deprival	Deprival	na	..
Frequency of revaluations	Land, buildings	3 years	3 years	5 years	5 years	5 years	na	3 years	5 years	5 years	..
	Other assets	3 years	3 years	..	..	..	na	3 years	5 years	5 years	..
Useful asset lives (e), (f)	Buildings	na	na	40 years	40 years	50 years	40–50 years	60 years	50 years	na	..
	General equip.	na	na	5–16 years	5–10 years	3–7 years	5–10 years	2–10 years	5–20 years	na	..
	IT equipment	4 years	4 years	4 years	3-5 years	3 years	3-10 years	5–10 years	na	na	..
	Office equipment	8 years	8–10 years	4–10 years	10 years	5 years	5–10 years	10 years	na	na	..
	Vehicles	na	na	na	5 years	5 years	2–8 years	na	10 years	na	..
	Library material	80 years	80 years	10 years	na	Infinite	na	Infinite	na	na	..
	Buildings	2 000	2 000	na	na	2 000	1 000	1 000	5 000	2 000	..
	IT equipment	1 500	1 500	na	na	2 000	1 000	1 000	5 000	2 000	..
	Other assets	2 000	2 000	3 000	3 000	2 000	1 000	1 000	5 000	2 000	..

(a) Recognition threshold for revaluation of assets is \$500 000.

(b) Declining balance method of depreciation used in contrast to the straight-line method used by other jurisdictions.

(c) Services currently report under cash-based accounting.

Table 6A.33 Treatment of assets by court administration agencies

- (d) DRC is the depreciated replacement cost; market value is the current (net) value market selling price or exchange value; and deprival value may be either the DRC of an asset of a similar service potential or the stream of its future economic benefits. For some jurisdictions, office equipment includes furniture and fittings.
- (e) Estimated as 1/depreciation rate.
- (f) Asset lives for some assets have been grouped with other classifications. For some jurisdictions, IT equipment includes software.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Department annual reports.