

## 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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts										
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
1997-98	884	725	1 392	419	577	584	199	272	..	5 052
District/county courts										
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
1997-98	10 532	4 350	8 408	2 628	1 503	..	..	..	..	27 421
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (a)										
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										
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)										
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
1997-98	432 876	539 584	313 480	246 002	189 156	30 676	8 953	19 562	..	1 780 289

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All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
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
1997-98	444 292	544 659	323 280	249 049	191 236	31 260	9 152	19 834	..	1 812 762
Electronic courts (b)										
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 (c)										
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
1997-98	6 905	4 004	3 065	2 201	3 479	611	260	241	..	20 766
Fires reported (d)										
2001-02	171	–	1 342	–	–	–	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
1997-98	4 394	7	1 116	–	2 617	2	406	–	..	8 542
Coroners' courts (incl. deaths and fires reported) (c), (d)										
2001-02	6 358	4 009	4 192	1 448	3 740	618	1 881	309	..	22 555
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

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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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
1998-99	7 281	3 927	4 256	2 245	3 461	429	784	303	..	22 686
1997-98	11 299	4 011	4 181	2 201	6 096	613	666	241	..	29 308

- (a) Tasmanian Magistrates' Court data in 2001-02, are based on a 50 per cent sample using statistics for the southern region. In addition, due to information technology difficulties experienced by a major court user, approximately 8000 to 10 000 fewer lodgments were received by the Magistrates' Court.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Prior to 2000-01, WA data for deaths reported to the coroner included deaths not in alignment with the national counting rules.
- (d) 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.

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*Source:* Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (a), (b), (c)										
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
1997-98	8 911	5 131	4 724	2 162	1 692	2 955	1 319	614	7 015	34 523
District/county courts										
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
1997-98	14 047	9 281	7 559	5 908	2 483	..	..	..	..	39 278
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2001-02	226 627	176 253	86 851	53 915	30 852	13 682	7 656	<b>na</b>	..	595 836
2000-01	237 478	182 832	93 099	59 839	39 491	13 044	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	..	625 783
Children's courts										
2001-02	3 143	2 596	65	850	488	504	176	<b>na</b>	..	7 822
2000-01	3 569	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	870	783	78	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	..	5 300
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
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
1997-98	260 904	183 362	110 100	61 712	51 202	11 179	10 859	6 532	..	695 850

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All courts (excl. family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
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
1997-98	283 862	197 774	122 383	69 782	55 377	14 134	12 178	7 146	7 015	769 651
Federal Magistrates Service (f)										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50 266	50 266
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35 974	35 974
Family courts (a), (g)										
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
1997-98	..	..	..	14 321	..	..	..	..	121 599	135 920
<i>Probate</i>										
Supreme courts										
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
1997-98	20 574	14 653	3 629	4 700	4 805	1 944	457	85	..	50 847

(a) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court lodgment time series. The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service affects the 2000-01 and 2001-02 data series.

(b) 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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(c)	SA experienced a large increase in its Supreme Court civil lodgments in 2001-02. This year's data are a result of better data extraction techniques.									
(d)	In 2001-02, the Victorian data include 74 315 residential tenancies and civil claim applications lodged in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These tribunal matters are included because other States and Territories (such as NSW) deal with residential tenancy and civil claim matters in their magistrates' courts. These types of tribunal matter have also been included in past years data.									
(e)	Queensland data include lodgments at its small claims tribunal.									
(f)	Lodgments in the Federal Magistrates Service are made up of 46 873 family law forms and 3393 federal law cases.									
(g)	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 Service divorce applications. The Family Court of WA does elements of Family Court of Australia and Federal Magistrates Service work, so direct comparisons need to be made with caution.									
	<b>na</b> Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.									

Source: Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).

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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts										
2001-02	16	11	32	22	27	134	56	157	..	24
2000-01	15	15	39	24	18	99	68	183	..	25
District/county courts										
2001-02	140	82	218	157	102	..	..	..	..	139
2000-01	129	92	224	165	86	..	..	..	..	138
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (a)										
2001-02	3 718	2 355	4 221	3 329	5 372	11 313	1 408	6 010	..	3 733
2000-01	4 038	1 926	5 292	4 078	3 643	13 338	na	5 925	..	3 966
Children's courts										
2001-02	260	193	308	346	416	448	236	309	..	278
2000-01	289	176	371	472	266	449	na	323	..	297
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (a)										
2001-02	3 978	2 548	4 529	3 676	5 788	11 761	1 645	6 319	..	4 011
2000-01	4 327	2 102	5 662	4 550	3 909	13 787	3 270	6 248	..	4 247
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2001-02	4 135	2 642	4 778	3 854	5 917	11 895	1 701	6 476	..	4 167
2000-01	4 472	2 209	5 925	4 740	4 014	13 886	3 338	6 431	..	4 403

(a) Tasmanian Magistrates' Court data in 2001-02, are based on a 50 per cent sample using statistics for the southern region. In addition, due to information technology difficulties experienced by a major court user, approximately 8000 to 10 000 fewer lodgments were received by the Magistrates' Court.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished); ABS, *Estimated Residential Population*, Cat. no. 3101.0, Canberra, unpublished.



Table 6A.4

Table 6A.4 Lodgments, per 100 000 population, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate)										
2001-02	161	103	122	174	256	417	334	195	23	180
2000-01	154	101	120	193	108	571	299	217	28	176
District/county courts										
2001-02	314	145	266	208	225	..	..	..	..	242
2000-01	292	207	313	204	206	..	..	..	..	258
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (a), (b)										
2001-02	3 412	3 631	2 366	2 810	2 031	2 891	2 373	na	..	3 071
2000-01	3 615	3 816	2 584	3 160	2 613	2 762	na	na	..	3 321
Children's courts										
2001-02	47	53	2	44	32	106	55	na	..	40
2000-01	54	na	na	46	52	17	na	na	..	38
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (a), (b)										
2001-02	3 459	3 684	2 368	2 854	2 063	2 998	2 427	3 253	..	3 113
2000-01	3 670	3 816	2 707	3 206	2 665	2 778	3 103	1 987	..	3 354
All courts (excl. family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
2001-02	3 934	3 932	2 756	3 236	2 544	3 415	2 761	3 448	23	3 523
2000-01	4 116	4 123	3 140	3 603	2 979	3 349	3 402	2 203	28	3 774

(a) In 2001-02, the Victorian data include 74 315 residential tenancies and civil claim applications lodged in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These tribunal matters are included because other States and Territories (such as NSW) deal with residential tenancy and civil claim matters in their magistrates' courts. These tribunal matters have also been included in past years data.

(b) Queensland data include lodgments at its small claims tribunal.

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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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts										
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
1997-98	630	477	1 259	408	392	445	161	235	..	4 007
District/county courts										
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	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	25 191
1997-98	9 618	3 931	6 870	2 564	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	22 983
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (a), (b)										
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	<b>na</b>	12 318	..	584 053
Children's courts (c)										
2001-02	<b>na</b>	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	<b>na</b>	988	..	53 748
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (a), (b), (d)										
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	<b>na</b>	16 324	13 109	..	732 179
1997-98	274 411	541 650	304 810	98 330	194 820	40 619	14 440	13 727	..	1 482 807

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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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
All courts (exclud. electronic courts)										
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	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	16 531	13 329	..	761 744
1997-98	284 659	546 058	312 939	101 302	<b>na</b>	41 064	14 601	13 962	..	1 509 797
Electronic courts										
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)										
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
1997-98	11 299	3 886	3 811	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	452	321	575	..	20 344

- (a) The NSW committal proceedings part of the Magistrates' Court finalisations relate to 80 per cent of the committal matters captured in this jurisdiction.
- (b) In Tasmania in 20001-02, the number of lodgments declined by between 8000 and 10 000 matters due to information technology difficulties experienced by a major court user. This has had a considerable flow-on effect on finalisations. The matters lodged by this user are usually resolved within the year of lodgment. It is estimated, therefore, that finalisations are also affected by between 8000 and 10 000 matters.
- (c) Excludes finalisations for committals heard in the children's court.
- (d) NSW Magistrates' Court (total) data exclude children's court finalisations.
- (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.

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Table 6A.6

Table 6A.6 Finalisations, civil (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (b), (c)										
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
1997-98	11 536	3 401	1 263	2 269	na	1 248	1 075	423	7 603	28 818
District/county courts (d)										
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
1997-98	13 399	8 353	2 565	7 550	na	..	..	..	..	31 867
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (e), (f)										
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										
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)										
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

Table 6A.6

Table 6A.6 Finalisations, civil (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
1998-99	92 076	67 252	51 060	24 060	43 899	<b>na</b>	6 711	1 382	..	286 440
1997-98	94 486	62 980	48 807	7 403	32 407	<b>na</b>	7 299	2 018	..	255 400
All courts (excl. family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
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	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	8 134	1 748	7 441	338 491
1997-98	119 421	74 734	52 635	17 222	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	8 374	2 441	7 603	316 085
Federal Magistrates Service (h)										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 044	3 044
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
Family courts (b), (i)										
2001-02	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
2000-01	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	4 431	4 431

- (a) Cases withdrawn after initial lodgment may not be recorded as a finalisation in some jurisdictions.
- (b) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court finalisation time series. The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service affects the 2000-01 and 2001-02 data series.
- (c) The 1999-2000 SA Supreme Court civil finalisations are extrapolated from a 40 per cent sample.
- (d) Civil appeal data are not available for the NSW District Court in 2000-01.
- (e) In 2001-02, the Victorian data include 72 778 residential tenancy and civil claims applications that were finalised in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These tribunal matters are included because other States and Territories (such as NSW) deal with residential tenancy and civil claims matters in their magistrates' courts. These types of tribunal matter have been included in past years data.

Table 6A.6

Table 6A.6      **Finalisations, civil (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
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- (f) Queensland data includes finalisations at their small claims tribunal.
- (g) NSW, Queensland and SA magistrates' court (total) data exclude children's court finalisations.
- (h) Federal Magistrates Service results are based on the number of cases finalised in the federal law jurisdiction. Data on finalisations in the Federal Magistrates Service family law jurisdiction are not available. The results published here, therefore, are likely to significantly underestimate the true level of finalisations.
- (i) During the family courts transition to its new case management system (Casetrack), data from the old case management system cannot be used to complete information in this area.

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

*Source:* Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts										
2001-02	17	13	28	21	25	103	61	154	..	23
2000-01	16	11	34	23	13	92	81	192	..	23
District/county courts										
2001-02	139	72	216	156	78	..	..	..	..	133
2000-01	141	76	235	160	86	..	..	..	..	140
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (a), (b)										
2001-02	1 996	2 257	3 929	3 129	3 626	8 160	1 608	5 968	..	2 842
2000-01	1 772	1 979	4 726	4 226	3 524	12 059	na	6 206	..	3 067
Children's courts (c)										
2001-02	na	174	229	341	311	387	188	342	..	241
2000-01	249	176	338	454	335	450	na	498	..	282
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (a), (b), (d)										
2001-02	1 996	2 431	4 158	3 469	3 936	8 547	1 795	6 310	..	3 002
2000-01	2 021	2 156	5 063	4 680	3 858	12 508	4 403	6 704	..	3 367
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2001-02	2 152	2 515	4 402	3 646	4 040	8 650	1 856	6 464	..	3 151
2000-01	2 178	2 242	5 332	4 863	3 958	12 600	4 484	6 896	..	3 523
Electronic courts										
2001-02	..	15 267	7 780	5 704	6 719	..	..	..	..	10 350

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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
2000-01	..	13 819	4 862	4 975	7 486	..	..	..	..	8 853
Coroners' courts (e)										
2001-02	78	92	106	71	246	132	564	107	..	109
2000-01	85	77	84	112	201	69	93	111	..	94

- (a) The NSW committal proceedings part of the Magistrates' Court finalisations relate to 80 per cent of the committal matters captured in this jurisdiction.
- (b) In Tasmania in 2001-02, the number of lodgments declined by between 8000 and 10 000 matters due to information technology difficulties experienced by a major court user. This has had a considerable flow-on effect on finalisations. The matters lodged by this user are usually resolved within the year of lodgment. It is estimated, therefore, that finalisations are also affected by between 8000 and 10 000 matters.
- (c) Excludes finalisations for committals heard in the children's court.
- (d) NSW Magistrates' Court (total) data exclude children's court finalisations.
- (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 governments (unpublished).



Table 6A.8

Table 6A.8 **Finalisations, per 100 000 population, civil (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (b), (c)										
2001-02	172	79	98	101	81	346	246	192	24	151
2000-01	166	44	141	137	86	311	262	197	27	155
District/county courts (d)										
2001-02	260	166	204	198	93	..	..	..	..	204
2000-01	197	159	207	266	94	..	..	..	..	188
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (e), (f)										
2001-02	1 197	3 152	1 048	1 405	1 581	756	3 372	<b>na</b>	..	1 734
2000-01	490	3 775	<b>na</b>	1 084	2 496	386	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	..	1 792
Children's courts										
2001-02	<b>na</b>	42	<b>na</b>	43	<b>na</b>	85	46	<b>na</b>	..	45
2000-01	46	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	44	<b>na</b>	17	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	..	44
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (e), (f), (g)										
2001-02	1 197	3 194	1 048	1 448	1 581	841	3 418	1 968	..	1 753
2000-01	536	3 775	1 064	1 128	2 496	403	2 121	878	..	1 673
All courts (excl. family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
2001-02	1 629	3 439	1 349	1 747	1 755	1 187	3 664	2 160	24	2 098
2000-01	899	3 978	1 412	1 531	2 676	714	2 383	1 075	27	2 006
Federal Magistrates Service (h)										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	16

Table 6A.8

Table 6A.8 Finalisations, per 100 000 population, civil (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
Family courts (b)										
2001-02	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
2000-01	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	23	23

- (a) Cases withdrawn after initial lodgment may not be recorded as a finalisation in some jurisdictions.
- (b) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court time series.
- (c) The 1999-2000 SA Supreme Court civil finalisations are extrapolated from a 40 per cent sample.
- (d) Civil appeal data are not available for the NSW District Court in 2000-01.
- (e) In 2001-02, the Victorian data include 72 778 residential tenancy and civil claims applications that were finalised in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These tribunal matters are included because other States and Territories (such as NSW) deal with residential tenancy and civil claims matters in their magistrates' courts. These types of matter are included in past years data.
- (f) Queensland data include finalisations at its small claims tribunal.
- (g) NSW, Queensland and SA magistrates' court (total) data exclude children's court finalisations.
- (h) Federal Magistrate Service results are based on the number of cases finalised in the federal law jurisdiction. Data on finalisations in the Federal Magistrates Service family law jurisdiction are not available. The results published here, therefore, are likely to significantly underestimate the true level of finalisations.

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.9

Table 6A.9 **Hearings, criminal (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (c)										
2001-02	1 013	467	<b>na</b>	201	333	<b>na</b>	168	275	..	2 457
2000-01	864	478	<b>na</b>	292	270	<b>na</b>	208	145	..	2 257
1999-2000	841	361	993	247	240	548	224	343	135	3 932
1998-99	720	398	857	250	494	<b>na</b>	302	446	..	3 467
1997-98	716	451	795	298	1 300	<b>na</b>	144	53	..	3 757
District/county courts (d)										
2001-02	9 104	–	<b>na</b>	866	461	..	..	..	..	10 431
2000-01	9 411	<b>na</b>	4 705	998	249	..	..	..	..	15 363
1999-2000	11 917	<b>na</b>	7 874	1 033	344	..	..	..	..	21 168
1998-99	19 018	4 008	7 896	467	361	..	..	..	..	31 750
1997-98	10 710	1 778	7 332	469	1 420	..	..	..	..	21 709
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (c)										
2001-02	344 126	284 791	144 654	128 218	608	<b>na</b>	547	2 359	..	905 303
2000-01	300 423	95 121	<b>na</b>	13 346	638	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	3 399	..	412 927
Children's courts										
2001-02	27 046	23 623	<b>na</b>	16 422	111	<b>na</b>	–	174	..	67 376
2000-01	22 338	8 445	<b>na</b>	17 862	66	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	264	..	48 975
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c), (d)										
2001-02	371 172	308 414	144 654	144 640	719	<b>na</b>	547	2 533	..	972 679
2000-01	322 761	103 566	<b>na</b>	31 208	704	<b>na</b>	3 959	3 663	..	465 861
1999-2000	249 044	110 045	155 347	13 417	118 723	<b>na</b>	9 838	2 890	..	659 304

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Table 6A.9 **Hearings, criminal (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
1998-99	280 055	114 226	187 725	12 263	1 108	<b>na</b>	11 088	7 230	..	613 695
1997-98	49 484	127 040	161 473	13 434	1 751	1 901	3 020	7 214	..	365 317

## Coroners' courts (e)

2001-02	173	260	476	47	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	61	10	..	1 027
2000-01	209	326	130	70	<b>na</b>	21	83	28	..	867
1999-2000	218	321	249	78	31	15	207	6	..	1 125
1998-99	387	321	204	93	47	429	100	19	..	1 600
1997-98	519	275	293	65	52	452	100	11	..	1 767

(a) Hearings data suffer from comparability problems. The definition of hearings is often interpreted differently across jurisdictions and within jurisdictions over time.

(b) Data for 1999-2000 and 2000-01 include all hearings. Previous years data include trials only.

(c) Tasmania is unable to provide hearings data due to the limitations of its present information technology systems. It is unlikely that this problem will be overcome in the near future.

(d) The NT data for 1997-98 and 1998-99 include all adjournments from interlocutory applications, bail and injunctions.

(e) Tasmania coronial hearings before 1999-2000 included coronial inquests that were not hearings.

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

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.10

Table 6A.10 **Hearings, civil (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (b), (c), (d)										
2001-02	2 110	2 149	<b>na</b>	301	20	<b>na</b>	205	143	22 357	27 285
2000-01	1 590	1 870	474	330	163	<b>na</b>	108	131	22 249	26 915
1999-2000	1 951	1 398	639	343	158	412	595	150	28 359	34 005
1998-99	1 957	1 848	297	216	254	564	1 013	1 054	28 315	35 518
1997-98	2 575	1 453	240	245	188	883	796	1 182	1 588	9 150
District/county courts (e)										
2001-02	7 865	18 162	<b>na</b>	18 305	1 286	..	..	..	..	45 618
2000-01	9 022	21 556	571	456	510	..	..	..	..	32 115
1999-2000	9 950	20 311	960	384	550	..	..	..	..	32 155
1998-99	7 608	4 341	406	313	388	..	..	..	..	13 056
1997-98	5 168	4 298	456	208	216	..	..	..	..	10 346
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)										
2001-02	106 550	119 751	28 861	16 229	1 527	<b>na</b>	1 433	720	..	275 071
2000-01	109 870	117 372	<b>na</b>	3 274	1 713	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	..	232 229
Children's courts										
2001-02	3 018	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	3 676	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	37	<b>na</b>	..	6 731
2000-01	3 018	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	3 438	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	..	6 456
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2001-02	109 568	119 751	28 861	19 905	1 527	<b>na</b>	1 470	720	..	281 802
2000-01	112 888	117 372	13 732	6 712	1 713	<b>na</b>	1 862	753	..	255 032
1999-2000	106 613	123 782	15 396	3 020	33 511	<b>na</b>	6 295	658	..	289 275

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Table 6A.10 **Hearings, civil (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
1998-99	117 361	108 371	17 236	2 512	3 083	<b>na</b>	5 473	1 333	..	255 369
1997-98	3 146	100 411	15 648	2 139	3 159	<b>na</b>	1 009	2 037	..	127 549
Federal Magistrates Service										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
Family courts (b), (f)										
2001-02	..	..	..	3 960	..	..	..	..	90 687	94 647
2000-01	..	..	..	3 963	..	..	..	..	101 036	104 999
1999-2000	..	..	..	3 358	..	..	..	..	83 387	86 745
1998-99	..	..	..	306	..	..	..	..	5 683	5 989
1997-98	..	..	..	351	..	..	..	..	4 736	5 087

- (a) Hearings data suffer from comparability problems. The definition of hearings is often interpreted differently across jurisdictions and within jurisdictions over time.
- (b) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court time series. The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service affects the 2000-01 and 2001-02 data series.
- (c) The WA data for 1999-2000 and 2000-01 include all hearings. Data before this time only include hearings proceeded.
- (d) Tasmania is unable to provide hearings data due to the limitations of its present information technology systems. It is unlikely that this problem will be overcome in the near future.
- (e) The NT data for 1997-98 and 1998-99 include all adjournments from interlocutory applications, bail and injunctions.
- (f) The Family Court of Australia's transition to its new case management system has required the final orders hearings component of the 2001-02 figure to be estimated by doubling the six-monthly figure to December 2001.

**na** Not available .. Not applicable.

Source: Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.11

Table 6A.11	Real recurrent expenditure, criminal (\$'000)									
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
<i>Excluding payroll tax (a)</i>										
Supreme courts										
2001-02	14 393	8 601	8 878	6 003	5 247	3 361	3 336	4 776	..	54 594
2000-01	14 230	8 698	9 474	6 057	5 182	3 428	3 958	5 885	..	56 912
District/county courts										
2001-02	42 933	26 729	17 151	11 468	9 584	..	..	..	..	107 865
2000-01	43 779	21 973	18 423	12 954	9 437	..	..	..	..	106 566
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2001-02	89 552	36 044	48 843	28 542	19 977	5 142	2 958	6 689	..	237 747
2000-01	85 995	36 127	45 340	30 696	17 854	4 989	na	4 385	..	225 387
Children's courts										
2001-02	8 772	701	3 431	4 142	1 769	170	739	459	..	20 182
2000-01	10 431	703	3 813	3 665	1 759	276	na	783	..	21 429
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2001-02	98 324	36 745	52 274	32 684	21 745	5 312	3 697	7 148	..	257 929
2000-01	96 426	36 830	49 153	34 361	19 614	5 265	7 635	5 168	..	254 450
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2001-02	155 650	72 075	78 303	50 155	36 576	8 673	7 032	11 924	..	420 389
2000-01	154 436	67 501	77 050	53 372	34 233	8 693	11 593	11 052	..	417 929

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Table 6A.11		Real recurrent expenditure, criminal (\$'000)								
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
Electronic courts										
2001-02	..	3 983	7 897	3 891	3 435	..	..	..	..	19 206
2000-01	..	1 788	9 909	3 697	5 579	..	..	..	..	20 972
Coroners' courts										
2001-02	7 214	4 024	2 590	5 491	3 234	477	760	1 267	..	25 057
2000-01	6 779	4 671	2 221	5 450	3 432	388	750	1 793	..	25 483
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme courts										
2001-02	14 795	8 838	9 077	6 003	5 450	3 422	3 336	4 887	..	55 808
2000-01	14 593	8 957	9 672	6 057	5 384	3 509	3 958	6 009	..	58 138
District/county courts										
2001-02	43 989	27 433	17 555	11 468	9 967	..	..	..	..	110 412
2000-01	44 793	22 676	18 874	12 954	9 819	..	..	..	..	109 116
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2001-02	91 947	37 096	50 395	28 542	20 720	5 274	2 958	6 894	..	243 826
2000-01	88 320	37 408	46 810	30 696	18 591	5 106	na	4 552	..	231 485
Children's courts										
2001-02	9 051	726	3 533	4 142	1 847	175	739	473	..	20 686
2000-01	10 723	728	3 934	3 665	1 843	282	na	800	..	21 975
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2001-02	100 998	37 822	53 928	32 684	22 567	5 449	3 697	7 367	..	264 512
2000-01	99 043	38 137	50 744	34 361	20 434	5 388	7 942	5 352	..	261 402



Table 6A.11

Table 6A.11 **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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2001-02	159 782	74 093	80 560	50 155	37 985	8 871	7 032	12 254	..	430 732
2000-01	158 430	69 769	79 290	53 372	35 637	8 897	11 901	11 361	..	428 656
Electronic courts										
2001-02	..	4 029	8 029	3 891	3 535	..	..	..	..	19 485
2000-01	..	1 788	10 032	3 697	5 748	..	..	..	..	21 264
Coroners' courts (b)										
2001-02	7 332	4 141	2 647	5 491	3 279	486	760	1 300	..	25 436
2000-01	6 869	4 760	2 271	5 450	3 479	404	750	1 817	..	25 799

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

(b) WA expenditure includes \$1.7 million and \$1.4 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 governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.12

Table 6A.12 Real recurrent expenditure, civil (\$'000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
<i>Excluding payroll tax (a)</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (b), (c)										
2001-02	49 587	16 482	13 440	13 227	9 082	2 789	2 993	7 175	73 237	188 012
2000-01	45 860	13 872	12 656	13 610	9 192	2 488	4 154	6 477	76 864	185 175
District/county courts										
2001-02	26 270	15 248	11 737	12 693	6 926	..	..	..	..	72 874
2000-01	24 050	12 974	10 986	11 717	6 943	..	..	..	..	66 669
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2001-02	44 386	24 582	13 766	15 125	10 233	1 014	3 612	na	..	112 718
2000-01	36 177	23 809	na	16 339	9 434	1 101	na	na	..	86 860
Children's courts										
2001-02	2 501	2 824	na	338	588	114	341	na	..	6 706
2000-01	2 727	2 776	na	162	518	25	na	na	..	6 207
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2001-02	46 887	27 406	13 766	15 463	10 821	1 128	3 953	2 276	..	121 700
2000-01	38 904	26 585	13 367	16 501	9 952	1 126	3 540	3 276	..	113 250
All courts (excl. family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
2001-02	122 744	59 136	38 943	41 383	26 829	3 917	6 945	9 451	73 237	382 585
2000-01	108 814	53 430	37 009	41 828	26 086	3 614	7 694	9 754	76 864	365 094

Table 6A.12

Table 6A.12 Real recurrent expenditure, civil (\$'000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
Federal Magistrates Service (d)										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21 185	21 185
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (b), (c)										
2001-02	..	..	..	11 978	..	..	..	..	107 155	119 133
2000-01	..	..	..	12 053	..	..	..	..	106 168	118 222
Probate (e)										
Supreme courts										
2001-02	1 337	425	82	371	408	99	-	-	..	2 722
2000-01	1 083	435	89	290	366	108	-	6	..	2 377
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (b), (c)										
2001-02	51 044	17 081	13 756	13 227	9 483	2 862	2 993	7 342	73 237	191 024
2000-01	47 276	14 443	12 974	13 610	9 597	2 543	4 154	6 607	76 864	188 068
District/county courts										
2001-02	27 021	15 613	11 986	12 693	7 222	..	..	..	..	74 535
2000-01	24 839	13 337	11 247	11 717	7 243	..	..	..	..	68 382
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2001-02	46 172	25 379	14 201	15 125	10 538	1 040	3 612	2 350	..	118 417
2000-01	37 895	24 707	na	16 339	9 737	1 125	na	na	..	89 803

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Table 6A.12 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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2001-02	2 562	2 926	na	338	613	117	341	na	..	6 897
2000-01	2 790	2 877	na	162	542	25	na	na	..	6 397
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2001-02	48 734	28 305	14 201	15 463	11 151	1 157	3 953	2 350	..	125 314
2000-01	40 686	27 584	13 441	16 501	10 279	1 151	3 451	3 323	..	116 415
All courts (excl. family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
2001-02	126 799	60 999	39 943	41 383	27 856	4 019	6 945	9 692	73 237	390 873
2000-01	112 800	55 364	37 663	41 828	27 118	3 693	7 605	9 930	76 864	372 866
Federal Magistrates Service (d)										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21 185	21 185
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (b), (c)										
2001-02	..	..	..	11 978	..	..	..	..	107 155	119 133
2000-01	..	..	..	12 053	..	..	..	..	106 168	118 222
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2001-02	1 337	425	82	371	408	99	–	–	..	2 722
2000-01	1 083	435	89	290	366	108	–	6	..	2 377

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

Table 6A.12

Table 6A.12 **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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
(b) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court expenditure time series. The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service affects the 2000-01 and 2001-02 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 Service. Data for the Federal Court include the cost of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Magistrates Service.										
(d) The Federal Magistrates Service notes that its expenditure data contains \$9 981 000 worth of resources received free of charge from the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia.										
(e) Payroll tax could not be estimated and deducted for probate registries.										
<b>na</b> Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.										
<i>Source:</i> Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).										

Table 6A.13

Table 6A.13 <b>Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil (\$'000) (a)</b>		NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwth	Total
<i>Criminal income</i>											
Supreme courts											
2001-02		868	37	103	52	381	–	3	38	..	1 483
2000-01		802	18	51	114	456	–	3	42	..	1 486
District/county courts											
2001-02		2 058	103	295	87	394	..	..	..	..	2 937
2000-01		2 078	57	196	194	688	..	..	..	..	3 213
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)											
2001-02		3 810	706	383	1 114	256	200	76	66	..	6 611
2000-01		5 602	12	235	6 142	328	25	404	11	..	12 761
Children's courts											
2001-02		11	–	34	6	19	8	–	10	..	88
2000-01		53	–	21	30	41	1	–	–	..	146
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)											
2001-02		3 821	706	417	1 120	275	208	76	76	..	6 699
2000-01		5 656	12	255	6 172	369	27	404	11	..	12 906
All courts (excl. electronic courts)											
2001-02		6 747	846	815	1 259	1 051	208	79	114	..	11 119
2000-01		8 536	87	503	6 480	1 514	27	407	53	..	17 606

Table 6A.13

Table 6A.13 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil (\$'000) (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwth	Total
<b>Electronic courts (b)</b>										
2001-02	..	17 947	19 050	7 215	8 341	..	..	..	..	52 553
2000-01	..	19 454	7 785	7 516	8 436	..	..	..	..	43 191
<i>Coronial income</i>										
<b>Coroners' courts</b>										
2001-02	142	24	108	92	23	5	1	23	..	417
2000-01	76	–	8	56	39	–	27	–	..	207
<i>Civil income</i>										
<b>Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (c)</b>										
2001-02	22 014	5 985	2 817	2 225	1 382	336	737	225	6 028	41 749
2000-01	18 907	6 229	2 051	1 029	1 418	358	796	183	6 568	37 539
<b>District/county courts</b>										
2001-02	20 820	5 521	2 768	2 337	1 008	..	..	..	..	32 454
2000-01	16 526	5 394	2 712	1 616	1 189	..	..	..	..	27 438
<b>Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)</b>										
2001-02	26 332	18 161	7 031	5 817	2 993	821	1 083	815	..	63 053
2000-01	24 914	17 772	6 005	5 435	3 357	714	1 264	804	..	60 265
<b>Children's courts</b>										
2001-02	6	–	na	9	–	4	–	–	..	19
2000-01	23	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	..	29

Table 6A.13

Table 6A.13 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil (\$'000) (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2001-02	26 338	18 161	7 031	5 826	2 993	825	1 083	815	..	63 072
2000-01	24 938	17 772	6 005	5 440	3 357	714	1 264	804	..	60 294
All courts (excl. family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
2001-02	69 172	29 667	12 616	10 388	5 383	1 161	1 820	1 040	6 028	137 275
2000-01	60 372	29 395	10 768	8 085	5 964	1 072	2 060	987	6 568	125 270
Federal Magistrates Service										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 099	9 099
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
Family courts (c)										
2001-02	..	..	..	1 589	..	..	..	..	7 832	9 421
2000-01	..	..	..	1 880	..	..	..	..	6 927	8 807
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2001-02	12 050	3 502	–	1 343	2 435	208	300	–	..	19 838
2000-01	11 611	3 336	–	771	2 357	201	245	33	..	18 554

(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 Service has implications for the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia income time series.

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

Source: Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).



Table 6A.14

Table 6A.14 **Real recurrent expenditure less income, criminal (\$'000) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Excluding payroll tax (c)</i>										
Supreme courts										
2001-02	13 525	8 564	8 775	5 951	4 865	3 361	3 333	4 738	..	53 112
2000-01	13 428	8 680	9 422	5 943	4 726	3 428	3 955	5 843	..	55 426
District/county courts										
2001-02	40 875	26 626	16 856	11 381	9 190	..	..	..	..	104 928
2000-01	41 701	21 916	18 227	12 760	8 749	..	..	..	..	103 353
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)										
2001-02	85 742	35 338	48 460	27 428	19 721	4 942	2 882	6 623	..	231 136
2000-01	80 393	36 115	45 105	24 554	17 526	4 963	na	4 374	..	213 030
Children's courts										
2001-02	8 761	701	3 397	4 136	1 750	162	739	449	..	20 094
2000-01	10 377	703	3 792	3 635	1 718	275	na	783	..	21 283
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d)										
2001-02	94 503	36 039	51 857	31 564	21 470	5 104	3 621	7 072	..	251 230
2000-01	90 770	36 818	48 898	28 189	19 244	5 238	7 230	5 156	..	241 544
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2001-02	148 903	71 229	77 488	48 896	35 526	8 465	6 953	11 810	..	409 269
2000-01	145 900	67 414	76 547	46 892	32 719	8 666	11 186	10 999	..	400 323

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Table 6A.14 **Real recurrent expenditure less income, criminal (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
Electronic courts										
2001-02	..	- 13 964	- 11 153	- 3 324	- 4 907	..	..	..	..	- 33 347
2000-01	..	- 17 666	2 123	- 3 819	- 2 857	..	..	..	..	- 22 219
Coroners' courts (e)										
2001-02	7 072	4 000	2 482	5 399	3 212	472	759	1 244	..	24 640
2000-01	6 703	4 671	2 213	5 393	3 393	388	723	1 793	..	25 277
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme courts										
2001-02	13 927	8 801	8 974	5 951	5 069	3 422	3 333	4 849	..	54 325
2000-01	13 791	8 939	9 620	5 943	4 927	3 509	3 955	5 967	..	56 652
1999-2000	13 113	10 003	9 296	6 010	5 031	3 467	3 857	6 072	..	56 849
1998-99	11 389	8 857	8 806	4 251	6 080	3 090	4 794	4 922	..	52 188
1997-98	9 112	8 891	7 835	3 891	5 592	2 797	2 664	4 928	..	45 710
District/county courts										
2001-02	41 931	27 330	17 260	11 381	9 573	..	..	..	..	107 475
2000-01	42 715	22 618	18 679	12 760	9 131	..	..	..	..	105 902
1999-2000	42 913	23 976	19 964	14 548	9 931	..	..	..	..	111 331
1998-99	40 701	23 364	19 368	9 865	10 841	..	..	..	..	104 138
1997-98	37 535	21 761	19 211	8 160	9 599	..	..	..	..	96 267
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)										
2001-02	88 137	36 390	50 012	27 428	20 464	5 074	2 882	6 828	..	237 215
2000-01	82 718	37 396	46 575	24 554	18 263	5 081	na	4 541	..	219 128

Table 6A.14

Table 6A.14 **Real recurrent expenditure less income, criminal (\$'000) (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>Cwth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2001-02	9 040	726	3 499	4 136	1 828	167	739	463	..	20 598
2000-01	10 670	728	3 913	3 635	1 802	281	<b>na</b>	800	..	21 829
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (f)										
2001-02	97 177	37 116	53 511	31 564	22 292	5 241	3 621	7 291	..	257 813
2000-01	93 388	57 578	58 273	28 189	28 416	5 362	7 230	5 341	..	283 777
1999-2000	92 982	38 007	52 912	26 038	25 205	5 153	3 440	5 771	..	249 508
1998-99	108 419	41 012	51 103	30 567	19 850	5 269	2 811	5 521	..	264 551
1997-98	97 283	37 743	52 542	30 766	17 342	4 594	3 558	5 493	..	249 322
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2001-02	153 035	73 247	79 745	48 896	36 934	8 663	6 953	12 140	..	419 613
2000-01	149 894	89 136	86 572	46 892	42 474	8 871	11 186	11 308	..	446 331
1999-2000	149 008	71 986	82 173	46 596	40 166	8 621	7 297	11 843	..	417 688
1998-99	160 509	73 232	79 277	44 683	36 771	8 359	7 605	10 443	..	420 878
1997-98	143 930	68 395	79 587	42 818	32 533	7 391	6 222	10 421	..	391 298
Electronic courts										
2001-02	..	- 13 918	- 11 021	- 3 324	- 4 806	..	..	..	..	- 33 069
2000-01	..	- 17 666	2 246	- 3 819	- 2 688	..	..	..	..	- 21 927
Coroners' courts (e)										
2001-02	7 190	4 117	2 539	5 399	3 257	481	759	1 277	..	25 019
2000-01	6 793	4 760	2 263	5 393	3 440	404	723	1 817	..	25 592

Table 6A.14

Table 6A.14 **Real recurrent expenditure less income, criminal (\$'000) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
1999-2000	6 604	4 154	2 076	5 512	3 514	582	1 054	725	..	22 103
1998-99	5 883	3 379	2 601	2 296	1 500	366	1 184	1 290	..	18 499
1997-98	4 842	3 316	3 944	1 573	1 741	249	761	1 236	..	17 662

- (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 2001-02 and 2000-01 data with previous years data. The 2001-02 and 2000-01 data are expenditure less income, whereas the previous years data are expenditure less in-house revenue (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) Five per cent of the total operating costs of the Tasmanian Magistrates' Court was attributable to other work undertaken by that Court, such as anti-discrimination tribunal work. These costs are excluded from data for 1999-2000 to 2001-02.
- (e) WA expenditure includes \$1.7 million and \$1.4 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.
- (f) The change in the ACT over 1999-2000 to 2000-01, needs to be treated with caution because it has been caused by ACT Magistrates' Court salary liabilities being formulated for the first time under the accrual accounting methodology (\$2.4 million), as well as reflecting a significant increase in the Magistrates' Court cost overheads (\$1.6 million). As a result, comparability between 1999-2000 and 2000-01 ACT expenditure figures is unreliable.

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

*Source:* State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.15

Table 6A.15 Real recurrent expenditure less income, civil (\$'000) (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
<i>Excluding payroll tax (c)</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (d), (e)										
2001-02	27 573	10 497	10 623	11 002	7 700	2 453	2 256	6 950	67 209	146 263
2000-01	26 953	7 643	10 605	12 582	7 774	2 130	3 358	6 295	70 296	147 636
District/county courts										
2001-02	5 450	9 727	8 969	10 356	5 918	..	..	..	..	40 420
2000-01	7 524	7 579	8 274	10 101	5 753	..	..	..	..	39 231
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f)										
2001-02	18 054	6 421	6 735	9 308	7 239	193	2 529	na	..	50 479
2000-01	11 263	6 037	na	10 904	6 077	387	na	na	..	34 667
Children's courts										
2001-02	2 495	2 824	na	329	588	110	341	na	..	6 687
2000-01	2 703	2 776	na	157	518	25	na	na	..	6 179
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (f)										
2001-02	20 549	9 245	6 735	9 637	7 828	303	2 870	1 461	..	58 627
2000-01	13 966	8 813	7 363	11 060	6 594	412	2 276	2 472	..	52 956
All courts (excl. family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
2001-02	53 572	29 469	26 327	30 995	21 446	2 756	5 125	8 411	67 209	245 310
2000-01	48 443	24 035	26 241	33 743	20 121	2 542	5 634	8 767	70 296	239 824
Federal Magistrates Service (g)										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 086	12 086
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na

Table 6A.15

Table 6A.15 Real recurrent expenditure less income, civil (\$'000) (a), (b)										
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
Family courts (d), (e)										
2001-02	..	..	..	10 389	..	..	..	..	99 323	109 712
2000-01	..	..	..	10 173	..	..	..	..	99 241	109 415
Probate (h)										
Supreme courts										
2001-02	- 10 713	- 3 077	82	- 972	- 2 028	- 109	- 300	-	..	- 17 117
2000-01	- 10 237	- 2 817	89	- 462	- 1 932	- 88	- 239	- 26	..	- 15 712
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (d), (e)										
2001-02	29 030	11 096	10 939	11 002	8 101	2 526	2 256	7 117	67 209	149 276
2000-01	28 368	8 214	10 923	12 582	8 179	2 185	3 358	6 424	70 296	150 530
1999-2000	46 929	15 243	12 074	15 054	9 204	2 530	4 060	5 492	74 116	184 702
1998-99	43 556	14 794	10 524	14 961	9 006	2 865	5 085	2 809	65 163	168 762
1997-98	43 726	13 563	11 287	11 992	9 365	2 620	3 812	2 613	57 059	156 038
District/county courts										
2001-02	6 201	10 092	9 218	10 356	6 214	..	..	..	..	42 081
2000-01	8 312	7 942	8 535	10 101	6 053	..	..	..	..	40 945
1999-2000	23 768	14 946	10 960	9 053	7 054	..	..	..	..	65 782
1998-99	26 648	14 182	10 935	10 720	8 211	..	..	..	..	70 696
1997-98	24 253	12 772	11 646	6 052	8 223	..	..	..	..	62 947
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f)										
2001-02	19 840	7 218	7 170	9 308	7 544	219	2 529	na	..	53 828
2000-01	12 981	6 935	na	10 904	6 380	411	na	na	..	37 611

Table 6A.15

Table 6A.15 Real recurrent expenditure less income, civil (\$'000) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2001-02	2 556	2 926	na	329	613	113	341	na	..	6 878
2000-01	2 767	2 877	na	157	542	25	na	na	..	6 368
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (f)										
2001-02	22 396	10 144	7 170	9 637	8 158	332	2 870	1 535	..	62 242
2000-01	15 748	9 812	7 782	11 060	6 922	437	2 276	2 604	..	56 641
1999-2000	36 005	24 321	13 092	16 755	9 988	1 154	3 211	5 104	..	109 630
1998-99	30 742	24 728	12 373	12 366	9 830	1 859	2 881	2 546	..	97 326
1997-98	30 281	22 042	13 101	10 154	9 155	1 006	3 363	3 002	..	92 104
All courts (excl. family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
2001-02	57 627	31 332	27 327	30 995	22 473	2 858	5 125	8 652	67 209	253 599
2000-01	52 429	25 968	27 240	33 743	21 154	2 621	5 634	9 028	70 296	248 116
1999-2000	106 703	54 510	36 126	40 862	26 246	3 683	7 271	10 596	74 116	360 114
1998-99	100 946	53 704	33 832	38 047	27 047	4 723	7 966	5 355	65 163	336 784
1997-98	98 260	48 378	36 034	28 198	26 743	3 625	7 176	5 615	57 059	311 089
Federal Magistrates Service (g)										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 086	12 086
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (d), (e)										
2001-02	..	..	..	10 389	..	..	..	..	99 323	109 712
2000-01	..	..	..	10 173	..	..	..	..	99 241	109 415
1999-2000	..	..	..	11 162	..	..	..	..	121 451	132 613
1998-99	..	..	..	10 562	..	..	..	..	128 254	138 815
1997-98	..	..	..	10 098	..	..	..	..	114 355	124 453

Table 6A.15

Table 6A.15 **Real recurrent expenditure less income, civil (\$'000) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2001-02	- 10 713	- 3 077	82	- 972	- 2 028	- 109	- 300	-	..	- 17 117
2000-01	- 10 237	- 2 817	89	- 462	- 1 932	- 88	- 239	- 26	..	- 15 712

- (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 2001-02 and 2000-01 data with previous years data. The 2001-02 and 2000-01 data is expenditure less income, whereas the previous years data are expenditure less in-house revenue (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) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service will have implications for the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia expenditure time series. The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service affects the 2000-01 and 2001-02 data series.
- (e) Data for the Family Court of Australia exclude a preliminary estimate of the 'free' allocation of the Court's resources to the Federal Magistrates Service. Data for the Federal Court of Australia include the cost of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Magistrates Service.
- (f) Five per cent of the total operating costs of the Tasmanian Magistrates' Court was attributable to other work undertaken by that Court, such as anti-discrimination tribunal work. These costs are excluded from the data for 1999-2000 to 2001-02.
- (g) The Federal Magistrates Service notes that its expenditure data contains \$9 981 000 worth of resources received free of charge from the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia.
- (h) Payroll tax could not be estimated and deducted for probate registries.

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

*Source:* Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).



Table 6A.16

Table 6A.16	Real recurrent expenditure less income, criminal and civil (\$'000) (a), (b)									
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
<i>Excluding payroll tax (c)</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (d), (e)										
2001-02	41 098	19 061	19 398	16 953	12 565	5 814	5 588	11 688	67 209	199 375
2000-01	40 381	16 323	20 027	18 525	12 500	5 558	7 313	12 137	70 296	203 062
District/county courts										
2001-02	46 325	36 353	25 825	21 737	15 108	..	..	..	..	145 348
2000-01	49 225	29 495	26 501	22 861	14 502	..	..	..	..	142 584
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f)										
2001-02	103 796	41 759	55 195	36 736	26 960	5 135	5 411	6 623	..	281 615
2000-01	91 656	42 152	na	35 457	23 602	5 350	na	na	..	198 218
Children's courts										
2001-02	11 256	3 525	na	4 465	2 338	272	1 079	na	..	22 935
2000-01	13 081	3 478	na	3 792	2 236	300	na	na	..	22 887
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (f)										
2001-02	115 052	45 284	58 592	41 201	29 298	5 407	6 490	8 533	..	309 857
2000-01	104 736	45 631	56 260	39 250	25 839	5 650	9 506	7 628	..	294 500
All courts (excl. electronic and family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
2001-02	202 475	100 698	103 815	79 891	56 971	11 221	12 078	20 221	67 209	654 580
2000-01	194 342	91 449	102 788	80 636	52 840	11 208	16 820	19 766	70 296	640 146

Table 6A.16

Table 6A.16 **Real recurrent expenditure less income, criminal and civil (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
Electronic courts										
2001-02	..	- 13 964	- 11 153	- 3 324	- 4 907	..	..	..	..	- 19 383
2000-01	..	- 17 666	2 123	- 3 819	- 2 857	..	..	..	..	- 4 553
Federal Magistrates Service (g)										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 086	12 086
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
Family courts (d), (e)										
2001-02	..	..	..	10 389	..	..	..	..	99 323	109 712
2000-01	..	..	..	10 173	..	..	..	..	99 241	109 415
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (d), (e)										
2001-02	42 957	19 897	19 913	16 953	13 170	5 948	5 588	11 966	67 209	203 601
2000-01	42 160	17 153	20 543	18 525	13 106	5 694	7 313	12 391	70 296	207 182
1999-2000	60 042	25 247	21 370	21 064	14 235	5 997	7 916	11 564	74 116	241 551
1998-99	54 944	23 651	19 330	19 212	15 086	5 955	9 878	7 731	65 163	220 951
1997-98	52 838	22 454	19 122	15 884	14 957	5 416	6 476	7 541	57 059	201 747
District/county courts										
2001-02	48 132	37 422	26 478	21 737	15 787	..	..	..	..	149 556
2000-01	51 027	30 561	27 214	22 861	15 184	..	..	..	..	146 847
1999-2000	66 681	38 922	30 925	23 601	16 985	..	..	..	..	177 113
1998-99	67 349	37 546	30 303	20 585	19 051	..	..	..	..	174 835
1997-98	61 788	34 534	30 857	14 213	17 822	..	..	..	..	159 213

Table 6A.16

Table 6A.16 **Real recurrent expenditure less income, criminal and civil (\$'000) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f), (h)										
2001-02	107 977	43 608	57 182	36 736	28 008	5 293	5 411	6 828	..	291 043
2000-01	95 699	44 331	na	35 457	24 643	5 492	na	na	..	205 623
Children's courts										
2001-02	11 596	3 652	na	4 465	2 442	280	1 079	na	..	23 514
2000-01	13 436	3 605	na	3 792	2 344	306	na	na	..	23 484
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (f), (h)										
2001-02	119 573	47 260	60 681	41 201	30 450	5 573	6 490	8 826	..	320 055
2000-01	109 136	67 391	66 055	39 250	35 337	5 798	9 506	7 945	..	340 418
1999-2000	128 988	62 327	66 005	42 793	35 193	6 307	6 651	10 875	..	359 138
1998-99	139 161	65 740	63 476	42 933	29 680	7 128	5 692	8 067	..	361 877
1997-98	127 564	59 785	65 643	40 920	26 496	5 600	6 921	8 496	..	341 426
All courts (excl. electronic and family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
2001-02	210 662	104 579	107 072	79 891	59 407	11 521	12 078	20 792	67 209	673 212
2000-01	202 322	115 104	113 812	80 636	63 628	11 492	16 820	20 336	70 296	694 447
1999-2000	255 710	126 496	118 299	87 458	66 413	12 304	14 567	22 439	74 116	777 802
1998-99	261 455	126 937	113 109	82 730	63 818	13 083	15 570	15 798	65 163	757 662
1997-98	242 190	116 772	115 622	71 017	59 276	11 016	13 397	16 037	57 059	702 387
Electronic courts										
2001-02	..	- 13 918	- 11 021	- 3 324	- 4 806	..	..	..	..	- 33 069
2000-01	..	- 17 666	2 246	- 3 819	- 2 688	..	..	..	..	- 21 927

Table 6A.16

Table 6A.16 **Real recurrent expenditure less income, criminal and civil (\$'000) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Federal Magistrates Service (g)										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 086	12 086
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
Family courts (d), (e)										
2001-02	..	..	..	10 389	..	..	..	..	99 323	109 712
2000-01	..	..	..	10 173	..	..	..	..	99 241	109 415
1999-2000	..	..	..	11 162	..	..	..	..	121 451	132 613
1998-99	..	..	..	10 562	..	..	..	..	128 254	138 815
1997-98	..	..	..	10 098	..	..	..	..	114 355	124 453

(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 2001-02 and 2000-01 data with previous years data. The 2001-02 and 2000-01 data are expenditure less income, whereas the previous years data are expenditure less in-house revenue (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) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service has implications for the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia expenditure time series. The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service affects the 2000-01 and 2001-02 data series.

(e) Data for the Family Court of Australia excludes a preliminary estimate of the 'free' allocation of the Court's resources to the Federal Magistrates Service. Data for the Federal Court include the cost of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Magistrates Service.

(f) Five per cent of the total operating costs of the Tasmanian Magistrates' Court was attributable to other work undertaken by that Court, such as anti-discrimination tribunal work. These costs are excluded from data for 1999-2000 to 2001-02.

(g) The Federal Magistrates Service notes that its expenditure data contains \$9 981 000 worth of resources received free of charge from the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia.

Table 6A.16 **Real recurrent expenditure less income, criminal and civil (\$'000) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
(h) The change in the ACT over 1999-2000 to 2000-01 needs to be treated with caution because it has been caused by ACT Magistrates' Court salary liabilities being formulated for the first time under the accrual accounting methodology (\$2.4 million), as well as reflecting a significant increase in Magistrates' Court cost overheads (\$1.6 million). As a result, comparability between 1999-2000 and 2000-01 ACT expenditure figures is unreliable.										

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

*Source:* Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.17

Table 6A.17 **Staffing levels, criminal and civil, Full-Time Equivalent (FTE), 2001-02 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Criminal</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts										
<i>Total FTE staff (no.)</i>	117	72	69	42	46	27	27	18	..	417
Judicial staff (%)	39.4	52.4	38.8	57.8	38.1	46.3	30.3	42.2	..	43.2
Registry staff (%)	6.8	7.0	21.7	27.1	10.1	10.1	4.1	13.9	..	12.0
Other staff (%)	5.1	12.0	28.1	15.1	51.8	43.6	47.1	40.6	..	23.0
Umbrella department (%)	48.7	28.7	11.4	–	–	–	18.5	3.3	..	21.8
District/County courts										
<i>Total FTE staff (no.)</i>	281	199	154	95	85	..	..	..	..	814
Judicial staff (%)	30.6	50.3	24.4	47.4	43.2	..	..	..	..	37.5
Registry staff (%)	8.2	5.0	23.5	15.9	9.7	..	..	..	..	11.4
Other staff (%)	6.8	31.7	40.9	31.4	47.0	..	..	..	..	26.4
Umbrella department (%)	54.4	13.1	11.2	5.3	–	..	..	..	..	24.7
Magistrates' courts (only) (g)										
<i>Total FTE staff (no.)</i>	785	336	600	222	215	52	35	43	..	2 288
Judicial staff (%)	14.6	18.2	12.9	27.5	16.3	35.5	21.6	24.5	..	16.8
Registry staff (%)	59.9	64.6	62.0	61.8	44.5	52.2	34.5	34.2	..	58.8
Other staff (%)	0.8	8.6	14.3	4.8	39.2	12.3	11.7	38.3	..	10.7
Umbrella department (%)	24.7	8.6	10.7	6.0	–	–	32.2	2.9	..	13.7
Coroners' courts										
<i>Total FTE staff (no.)</i>	52	38	21	16	16	4	2	8	..	157
Judicial staff (%)	8.9	15.7	24.2	27.9	12.8	35.8	17.8	60.9	..	18.5
Registry staff (%)	42.4	44.6	27.1	43.3	65.1	51.8	66.7	10.7	..	42.1
Other staff (%)	0.6	23.6	39.1	15.5	22.1	12.4	9.8	26.1	..	16.7
Umbrella department (%)	48.2	16.0	9.7	13.3	–	–	5.8	2.4	..	22.7

Table 6A.17

Table 6A.17 **Staffing levels, criminal and civil, Full-Time Equivalent (FTE), 2001-02 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Civil</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts										
<i>Total FTE staff (no.)</i>	411	149	109	89	86	29	25	27	387	1 312
Judicial staff (%)	33.0	58.7	33.8	60.8	48.3	36.3	25.9	42.2	39.5	40.9
Registry staff (%)	17.2	25.5	23.9	36.9	18.9	40.3	38.7	13.7	49.9	30.6
Other staff (%)	10.9	11.0	30.7	2.3	32.8	23.4	28.4	40.7	10.6	14.5
Umbrella department (%)	38.9	4.8	11.6	–	–	–	6.9	3.3	–	13.9
District/County courts										
<i>Total FTE staff (no.)</i>	213	123	93	49	66	..	..	..	..	544
Judicial staff (%)	23.9	55.3	32.0	46.6	40.7	..	..	..	..	36.5
Registry staff (%)	24.4	25.2	28.0	39.9	18.9	..	..	..	..	25.9
Other staff (%)	7.0	5.7	27.8	–	40.4	..	..	..	..	13.7
Umbrella department (%)	44.6	13.8	12.2	13.5	–	..	..	..	..	23.9
Magistrates' courts (only) (h), (i)										
<i>Total FTE staff (no.)</i>	594	231	159	100	93	12	43	24	..	1 256
Judicial staff (%)	1.7	17.3	14.4	17.3	11.7	30.7	19.6	16.7	..	9.3
Registry staff (%)	72.8	71.0	55.9	70.6	57.4	46.7	61.5	56.4	..	68.1
Other staff (%)	0.8	5.6	19.0	4.1	30.9	22.5	10.5	25.0	..	7.5
Umbrella department (%)	24.7	6.1	10.8	8.0	–	–	8.5	1.9	..	15.1
Family courts (j)										
<i>Total FTE staff (no.)</i>	..	..	..	102	..	..	..	..	666	768
Judicial staff (%)	..	..	..	29.4	..	..	..	..	18.2	19.6
Registry staff (%)	..	..	..	42.9	..	..	..	..	52.8	51.5
Other staff (%)	..	..	..	20.2	..	..	..	..	29.1	27.9
Umbrella department (%)	..	..	..	7.6	..	..	..	..	–	1.0

Table 6A.17

Table 6A.17 **Staffing levels, criminal and civil, Full-Time Equivalent (FTE), 2001-02 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Federal Magistrates Service (k)										
<i>Total FTE staff (no.)</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	70
Judicial staff (%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78.4	78.4
Registry staff (%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	–	–
Other staff (%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21.6	21.6
Umbrella department (%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	–	–

(a) This is the first time that staffing data have been included in the chapter. It should be viewed, especially as it pertains to the staffing breakdown, as preliminary data that will continue to be refined in future year's.

(b) Staffing based on full-time equivalence (FTE). If, for example, a staff member works part time for two days a week, then they will be counted as 0.4.

(c) Judicial staff include judicial officers (for example, judges, magistrates, masters, coroners and judicial registrars) and judicial support staff (persons employed primarily as assistants to judicial officers, including associates, secretaries, tipstaff/orderlies and personal support staff).

(d) Registry staff includes: the registrar, deputy registrar, clerks of the court, clerks of arraign, registry counter staff, probate staff and administration staff.

(e) Other staff include information technology staff, first-line support staff, court security and sheriff-type staff, court reporters, library staff and interpreters, cleaning/gardening/maintenance staff and counsellors/mediators.

(f) Umbrella department staff include staff employed by umbrella and other departments whose time is primarily devoted to court administration and related functions but who are not paid (in part or full) by the court administration authority. These staffing functions may incorporate corporate administration, court security, information technology, library, and court reporting.

(g) Victorian data include staff at the electronic court.

(h) Victorian staffing data include residential tenancies tribunals staff. Residential tenancy matters are heard in the magistrates' court of other jurisdictions.

(i) Queensland staffing data include staff from its small claims tribunal.

(j) Family Court of Australia staffing figures include effort for services to the Federal Magistrates Service provided free of charge. Staffing numbers include 14 mediators/counsellors in the Family Court of WA and 87 mediators/counsellors in the Family Court of Australia.

(k) In the Federal Magistrates Service, Family Court of Australia and Federal Court staff provide registry support services.

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

Source: Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).



Table 6A.18

Table 6A.18 **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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Excluding payroll tax (b)</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (c)										
2001-02	39.8	35.7	19.8	12.1	8.9	7.7	23.7	2.3	5.8	19.2
2000-01	34.8	44.9	15.6	5.5	8.7	10.8	18.5	2.2	6.4	17.2
District/county courts										
2001-02	61.8	36.2	22.2	16.6	9.6	..	..	..	..	37.2
2000-01	55.8	41.6	24.3	13.0	9.1	..	..	..	..	35.4
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2001-02	58.1	54.0	49.4	27.3	21.1	56.1	13.5	na	..	47.2
2000-01	64.5	55.3	na	22.3	25.2	51.3	na	na	..	49.6
Children's courts										
2001-02	–	na	na	–	–	–	na	na	..	–
2000-01	–	–	na	3.2	–	–	na	na	..	0.1
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2001-02	55.0	48.5	49.4	26.7	20.0	50.4	12.3	29.9	..	45.1
2000-01	60.0	49.6	43.9	22.1	23.9	50.1	13.8	14.2	..	53.7
Federal Magistrates Service										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41.3	41.3
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (c)										
2001-02	..	..	..	13.3	..	..	..	..	3.4	4.4
2000-01	..	..	..	15.6	..	..	..	..	5.2	6.3

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Table 6A.18 **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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (c)										
2001-02	38.7	34.5	19.3	12.1	8.5	7.5	23.7	2.3	5.8	18.9
2000-01	33.8	43.1	15.2	5.5	8.3	10.6	18.5	2.2	6.4	16.9
District/county courts										
2001-02	60.0	35.4	21.7	16.6	9.2	..	..	..	..	36.4
2000-01	54.0	40.4	23.7	13.0	8.8	..	..	..	..	34.5
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2001-02	55.9	52.3	47.9	27.3	20.5	54.7	13.5	na	..	45.0
2000-01	61.6	53.3	na	22.3	24.4	50.1	na	na	..	48.0
Children's courts										
2001-02	–	na	na	–	–	–	na	na	..	–
2000-01	–	–	na	3.2	–	–	na	na	..	0.1
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2001-02	53.0	46.9	47.9	26.7	19.4	49.2	12.3	29.0	..	43.0
2000-01	57.4	47.8	42.6	22.1	23.2	49.0	13.9	13.7	..	51.9
Federal Magistrates Service										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41.3	41.3
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (c)										
2001-02	..	..	..	13.3	..	..	..	..	3.4	4.4
2000-01	..	..	..	15.6	..	..	..	..	5.2	6.3

(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.

Table 6A.18 **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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
(c)	The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service 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 Service and the Family Court of Australia, so direct comparisons with each are not possible.									
(d)	ACT Magistrates' Court fees rise with inflation and are not charged for hearings in civil matters. Fees are only placed on lodgments and enforcements.									
(e)	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.									
	<b>na</b> Not available .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.									
	<i>Source:</i> Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).									

Table 6A.19

Table 6A.19 **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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (a)										
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										
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), (d)										
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										
2001-02	–	na	–	–	–	–	na	na	..	–
2000-01	–	na	na	6	–	–	na	na	..	1
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (b), (c), (d)										
2001-02	112	74	78	75	69	40	62	105	..	89
2000-01	94	70	59	58	58	42	48	115	..	75
Federal Magistrates Service (e)										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	174	174
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (a)										
2001-02	..	..	..	106	..	..	..	..	45	54

Table 6A.19

Table 6A.19 **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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
2000-01	..	..	..	126	..	..	..	..	60	70
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2001-02	578	227	na	286	492	98	548	300	..	379
2000-01	554	218	na	148	478	98	543	296	..	356

- (a) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service has reduced fees received by the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court. The Family Court of WA does elements of work of both the Federal Magistrates Service and the Family Court of Australia, so direct comparisons with each are not possible.
- (b) The ACT Magistrates' Court fees rise with inflation and are not charged for hearings in civil matters. ACT fees are only placed on lodgments and enforcements.
- (c) 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 74 315 residential tenancies and civil claim applications lodged in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These tribunal matters are included because other States and Territories (such as NSW) deal with residential tenancy and civil claim matters in their magistrates' courts.
- (d) Queensland data include lodgments (and fees) at its small claims tribunal.
- (e) Lodgments in the Federal Magistrates Service are made up of 46 873 family law forms and 3393 federal law cases.

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

Source: Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.20

Table 6A.20 **Timeliness, all non-appeal matters finalised (criminal), 2001-02 (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts (d), (e)	no.	145	226	685	131	79	466	163	275	..	2 170
< 6 months	%	33.8	69.9	78.2	80.2	54.4	64.4	39.9	67.6	..	66.5
6–12 months	%	45.5	27.4	17.1	17.6	31.6	20.4	33.1	18.2	..	22.7
>12–18 months	%	11.7	1.8	4.2	1.5	6.3	6.9	11.0	10.2	..	6.2
>18 months	%	9.0	0.9	0.4	0.8	7.6	8.4	16.0	4.0	..	4.7
District/county courts	no.	3 856	1 831	7 716	2 988	1 192	..	..	..	..	17 583
< 6 months	%	74.9	58.9	80.1	61.6	67.2	..	..	..	..	72.7
6–12 months	%	17.8	25.9	12.6	12.8	22.2	..	..	..	..	15.8
>12–18 months	%	3.5	9.4	5.4	17.0	6.2	..	..	..	..	7.4
>18 months	%	3.8	5.7	2.0	8.6	4.4	..	..	..	..	4.0
Magistrates' courts only (e), (f) (excl. children's courts)	no.	128 594	107 357	135 342	58 419	53 945	38 618	4 997	11 714	..	538 986
< 6 months	%	96.0	92.4	93.9	92.6	79.3	76.1	74.2	77.2	..	90.7
6–12 months	%	2.2	5.2	4.2	5.4	11.2	14.8	14.9	10.4	..	5.7
>12–18 months (g)	%	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.0	2.9	3.8	4.2	4.0	..	1.8
>18 months	%	0.5	0.9	0.4	1.0	6.6	5.3	6.7	8.3	..	1.8
Children's courts (h)	no.	<b>na</b>	8 428	8 396	6 538	4 719	1 830	605	684	..	31 200
< 6 months	%	<b>na</b>	95.5	93.8	93.5	73.0	60.9	84.0	43.7	..	87.8
6–12 months	%	<b>na</b>	3.9	4.8	4.7	16.6	21.7	7.3	19.6	..	7.7
>12–18 months	%	<b>na</b>	0.6	1.1	0.8	4.8	8.3	1.7	10.5	..	2.1
>18 months	%	<b>na</b>	–	0.2	1.0	5.6	9.1	7.1	26.2	..	2.4

Table 6A.20

Table 6A.20 **Timeliness, all non-appeal matters finalised (criminal), 2001-02 (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total magistrates' courts (e), (f), (i) (incl. children's courts)	no.	128 594	115 785	143 738	64 957	58 664	40 448	5 602	12 398	..	570 186
< 6 months	%	96.0	92.6	93.9	92.6	78.8	75.4	75.2	75.4	..	90.5
6–12 months	%	2.2	5.1	4.2	5.4	11.6	15.1	14.1	10.9	..	5.8
>12–18 months (g)	%	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.0	3.1	4.0	3.9	4.4	..	1.8
>18 months	%	0.5	0.8	0.4	1.0	6.5	5.5	6.8	9.3	..	1.8
Coroners' courts (j)	no.	5 158	4 455	3 897	1 368	3 740	627	1 821	214	..	21 280
< 6 months	%	82.6	66.0	67.9	66.6	84.1	43.5	97.7	89.3	..	75.9
6–12 months	%	8.7	17.1	18.8	21.9	9.8	28.4	1.7	1.9	..	13.3
>12–18 months	%	4.7	6.5	6.8	4.5	2.5	9.3	0.4	7.5	..	4.9
>18 months	%	4.0	10.3	6.5	7.0	3.5	18.8	0.2	1.4	..	6.0

(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 Tasmania, in 2001-02, the number of lodgments declined by between 8000 and 10 000 matters due to information technology difficulties experienced by a major court user. This has had a considerable flow-on effect on finalisations. The matters lodged by this user are usually resolved within the year of lodgment. It is estimated, therefore, that finalisations are also affected by between 8000 and 10 000 matters.

(g) The Victorian Magistrates' Court can only provide data for the period greater than 12 months and less than 24 months. As a result, some data for matters finalised after more than 18 months are included in the data for the period 12–18 months.

(h) Excludes committals heard in the children's court.

(i) NSW data exclude children's court timeliness.

Table 6A.20 **Timeliness, all non-appeal matters finalised (criminal), 2001-02 (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
(j)	Timeliness data include finalisations of fires for NSW, Queensland and the ACT. The ACT estimated the number of fire finalisations as the number of lodgments (1575 fires). The ACT fires are reported and finalised within a week unless there is an inquiry. There were no fire inquiries during the reporting period.										

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

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).



Table 6A.21

Table 6A.21 **Timeliness, all non-appeal matters finalised (civil), 2001-02 (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (c)	no.	10 569	3 501	3 358	1 628	1 084	1 588	756	257	3 949	26 690
< 6 months	%	57.1	59.8	61.0	72.4	78.0	45.0	24.5	38.5	63.8	58.9
6–12 months	%	17.8	13.5	8.1	21.9	8.9	14.0	23.5	7.8	17.0	15.6
>12–18 months	%	7.7	13.7	8.0	1.4	8.5	10.5	14.8	12.8	7.3	8.5
>18 months	%	17.4	13.0	22.9	4.4	4.7	30.5	37.2	40.9	11.9	17.0
District/county courts	no.	17 221	7 985	7 127	3 677	1 335	..	..	..	..	37 345
< 6 months	%	19.5	23.0	39.4	29.4	31.5	..	..	..	..	25.4
6–12 months	%	39.2	23.0	23.1	21.8	24.9	..	..	..	..	30.4
>12–18 months	%	23.6	37.0	30.7	20.5	15.1	..	..	..	..	27.2
>18 months	%	17.8	17.0	6.8	28.4	28.5	..	..	..	..	16.9
Magistrates' courts only (c), (d), (e), (f) (excl. children's courts)	no.	79 508	153 016	38 455	26 952	24 020	3 576	10 880	<b>na</b>	..	336 407
< 6 months	%	82.3	95.7	86.8	94.3	49.4	91.3	43.0	<b>na</b>	..	86.4
6–12 months	%	12.3	3.2	8.6	4.0	16.4	6.2	3.5	<b>na</b>	..	7.0
>12–18 months	%	2.8	0.6	2.1	1.0	23.1	2.1	9.0	<b>na</b>	..	3.2
>18 months	%	2.5	0.5	2.5	0.7	11.0	0.5	44.6	<b>na</b>	..	3.4
Children's courts (g)	no.	<b>na</b>	2 017	<b>na</b>	829	<b>na</b>	404	147	<b>na</b>	..	3 397
< 6 months	%	<b>na</b>	100.0	<b>na</b>	74.9	<b>na</b>	87.1	92.5	<b>na</b>	..	92.0
6–12 months	%	<b>na</b>	–	<b>na</b>	18.0	<b>na</b>	7.9	7.5	<b>na</b>	..	5.7
>12–18 months	%	<b>na</b>	–	<b>na</b>	4.6	<b>na</b>	3.5	–	<b>na</b>	..	1.5
>18 months	%	<b>na</b>	–	<b>na</b>	2.5	<b>na</b>	1.5	–	<b>na</b>	..	0.8

Table 6A.21

Table 6A.21 **Timeliness, all non-appeal matters finalised (civil), 2001-02 (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total magistrates' courts (c), (d), (e), (f), (h) (incl. children's courts)	no.	79 508	155 033	38 455	27 781	24 020	3 980	11 027	3 934	..	343 738
< 6 months	%	82.3	95.8	86.8	93.7	49.4	90.9	43.6	77.8	..	86.3
6–12 months	%	12.3	3.1	8.6	4.4	16.4	6.3	3.5	10.3	..	7.0
>12–18 months	%	2.8	0.6	2.1	1.1	23.1	2.2	8.8	4.1	..	3.2
>18 months	%	2.5	0.4	2.5	0.7	11.0	0.6	44.0	7.8	..	3.4
Federal Magistrates Service (i)	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 044	3 044
< 6 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	88.6	88.6
6–12 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.5	9.5
>12–18 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.8	1.8
>18 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.1
Family courts (j)	no.	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
< 6 months	%	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
6–12 months	%	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
>12–18 months	%	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
>18 months	%	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

(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) The Victorian data include 72 778 residential tenancy and civil claims applications that were finalised in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These tribunal matters are included because other States and Territories (such as NSW) deal with residential tenancy and civil claims matters in their magistrates' courts. All of the Victorian tribunal matters were finalised in six months or less.

(e) Queensland data include finalisations at its small claims tribunal.

Table 6A.21 **Timeliness, all non-appeal matters finalised (civil), 2001-02 (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>	
(f)	For the first time this year, ACT Magistrates' Court cases are automatically finalised if there has been no activity for 18 months. Other jurisdictions use the expiry dates recognised by their court, or the national rule of two years after the last action on the case.											
(g)	Victorian Children's Court finalised 2017 cases in the reporting year. The Children's Court is unable to report case processing times in the format required, but can report average times between issue and finalisation for 2001-02. These average times ranged between 4 and 14 weeks, depending on the type of matter.											
(h)	The magistrates' court (total) data exclude children's court timeliness in NSW, Queensland and SA.											
(i)	The Federal Magistrates Service data provided deals only with cases under federal law. The data do not include timeliness for family law cases.											
(j)	During the family courts transition to its new case management system (Casetrack), data from the old case management system cannot be used to obtain complete information in this area.											

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

*Source:* Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.22

Table 6A.22 **Defended non-appeal civil matters finalised according to benchmark (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts										
<i>Benchmark: &lt;12 months</i>										
2001-02	67.5	58.5	42.0	41.6	22.8	44.9	22.6	13.3	80.8	63.2
2000-01	66.8	72.8	29.0	41.0	21.5	36.7	26.7	15.6	81.4	60.5
1999-2000	57.0	58.3	36.3	35.4	24.0	31.5	25.0	11.8	82.8	61.5
1998-99	62.0	50.0	<b>na</b>	45.0	<b>na</b>	32.0	19.0	29.0	85.0	69.0
1997-98	53.0	71.0	<b>na</b>	39.0	<b>na</b>	43.0	16.0	30.0	87.0	67.0
District/county courts										
<i>Benchmark: &lt;12 months</i>										
2001-02	51.2	40.8	58.2	43.2	43.0	..	..	..	..	49.7
2000-01	53.1	52.2	39.8	75.2	44.3	..	..	..	..	51.2
1999-2000	55.7	39.0	32.0	77.3	39.8	..	..	..	..	48.1
1998-99	49.0	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	89.0	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	51.0
1997-98	39.0	36.0	<b>na</b>	74.0	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	41.0
Magistrates' courts only (b), (c)										
(excl. children's courts)										
<i>Benchmark: &lt;6 months</i>										
2001-02	54.8	71.2	90.9	80.5	53.6	58.9	25.7	59.6	..	69.3
2000-01	53.2	69.8	<b>na</b>	76.9	62.0	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	..	76.4
Children's courts										
<i>Benchmark: &lt;6 months</i>										
2001-02	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	41.3	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	..	41.3
2000-01	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	83.5	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	..	83.5

Table 6A.22

Table 6A.22 **Defended non-appeal civil matters finalised according to benchmark (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total magistrates' courts (b), (c)										
(incl. children's courts)										
<i>Benchmark: &lt;6 months</i>										
2001-02	54.8	71.2	90.9	79.2	53.6	58.9	25.7	59.6	..	69.3
2000-01	53.2	69.8	90.9	78.9	62.0	66.0	52.0	70.5	..	76.6
1999-2000	60.5	<b>na</b>	90.3	82.4	63.0	72.1	44.9	57.8	..	75.4
1998-99	61.0	67.0	89.0	85.0	61.0	77.0	41.0	76.0	..	75.0
1997-98	61.0	69.0	86.0	<b>na</b>	65.0	<b>na</b>	42.0	76.0	..	53.0
Federal Magistrates Service										
<i>Benchmark: &lt;6 months</i>										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
Family courts										
<i>Benchmark: &lt;12 months</i>										
2001-02	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
2000-01	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
1999-2000	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
1998-99	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
1997-98	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

Table 6A.22

Table 6A.22 **Defended non-appeal civil matters finalised according to benchmark (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
All courts (excl. family courts)										
<i>Benchmark: &lt;6 months</i>										
2001-02	36.2	54.6	71.8	44.1	36.0	36.0	22.4	49.6	63.8	49.1
2000-01	32.8	31.4	68.3	67.0	50.1	29.6	43.4	56.1	61.5	48.4
1999-2000	37.3	29.4	76.3	69.5	51.3	28.0	36.1	53.0	65.3	51.2
1998-99	37.0	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	71.0	<b>na</b>	29.0	33.0	63.0	<b>na</b>	58.0
1997-98	34.0	30.0	<b>na</b>	21.0	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	32.0	67.0	<b>na</b>	40.0
All courts (excl. family courts)										
<i>Benchmark: &lt;12 months</i>										
2001-02	66.4	80.3	83.5	67.0	62.6	54.1	31.3	69.1	80.8	71.9
2000-01	60.8	62.4	76.9	85.1	73.1	47.8	66.7	74.3	81.4	69.3
1999-2000	64.7	50.9	83.8	87.1	69.0	44.7	61.8	76.3	82.8	70.5
1998-99	63.0	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	90.0	<b>na</b>	47.0	57.0	75.0	<b>na</b>	77.0
1997-98	57.0	51.0	<b>na</b>	71.0	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	58.0	79.0	<b>na</b>	59.0

- (a) Care needs to be taken when comparing timeliness data across jurisdictions because both the complexity and distribution of cases may vary.
- (b) The Victorian data include 72 778 residential tenancy and civil claims applications that were finalised in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These tribunal matters are included because other States and Territories (such as NSW) deal with residential tenancy and civil claims matters in their magistrates' courts. All of the Victorian tribunal matters were finalised in six months or less.
- (c) Queensland data include finalisations at its small claims tribunal.

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

*Source:* Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.23

Table 6A.23 **Timeliness, cases finalised by trial (criminal), 2001-02 (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>Cw/ith</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts (d)	no.	102	58	138	na	23	116	132	33	..	602
< 6 months	%	28.4	20.7	73.9	na	8.7	41.4	42.4	3.0	..	41.5
6–12 months	%	50.0	74.1	19.6	na	65.2	25.0	30.3	45.5	..	36.5
>12–18 months	%	11.8	1.7	4.3	na	13.0	16.4	10.6	36.4	..	11.1
>18 months	%	9.8	3.4	2.2	na	13.0	17.2	16.7	15.2	..	10.8
District/county courts (e)	no.	727	410	1 940	594	179	..	..	..	..	3 850
< 6 months	%	50.9	16.1	79.8	3.0	27.9	..	..	..	..	53.3
6–12 months	%	33.1	52.9	13.1	19.9	40.8	..	..	..	..	23.5
>12–18 months	%	7.6	19.8	4.6	52.2	20.1	..	..	..	..	14.9
>18 months	%	8.4	11.2	2.5	24.9	11.2	..	..	..	..	8.4
Magistrates' courts only (d), (f), (g), (h), (i) (excl. children's courts)	no.	9 807	7 890	9 303	7 248	580	na	547	na	..	35 375
< 6 months	%	85.4	70.1	90.4	64.2	22.6	na	41.1	na	..	77.2
6–12 months	%	8.1	22.8	7.0	28.1	48.6	na	44.1	na	..	16.4
>12–18 months	%	4.9	4.8	1.9	4.8	17.2	na	7.9	na	..	4.3
>18 months	%	1.6	2.4	0.7	2.9	11.6	na	6.9	na	..	2.0
Children's courts (h), (i), (j)	no.	na	556	410	883	76	na	229	39	..	2 193
< 6 months	%	na	78.6	93.2	73.6	15.8	na	79.5	43.6	..	76.6
6–12 months	%	na	18.5	6.1	22.2	50.0	na	15.3	46.2	..	18.9
>12–18 months	%	na	2.9	0.7	2.4	28.9	na	2.6	5.1	..	3.2
>18 months	%	na	–	–	1.8	5.3	na	2.6	5.1	..	1.3

Table 6A.23

Table 6A.23 **Timeliness, cases finalised by trial (criminal), 2001-02 (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>Cwth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total magistrates' courts (d), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k) (incl. children's courts)	no.	9 807	8 446	9 713	8 131	656	na	547	na	..	37 300
< 6 months	%	85.4	70.6	90.5	65.2	21.8	na	74.4	na	..	77.7
6-12 months	%	8.1	22.5	6.9	27.5	48.8	na	50.5	na	..	16.6
>12-18 months	%	4.9	4.6	1.9	4.6	18.6	na	9.0	na	..	4.3
>18 months	%	1.6	2.2	0.6	2.8	10.8	na	8.0	na	..	2.0
Coroners' courts	no.	173	260	285	47	36	14	61	10	..	886
< 6 months	%	11.6	16.2	13.0	-	100.0	-	62.3	10.0	..	19.6
6-12 months	%	9.2	20.4	29.1	12.8	-	35.7	29.5	50.0	..	21.0
>12-18 months	%	24.9	20.8	22.8	34.0	-	42.9	4.9	20.0	..	21.3
>18 months	%	54.3	42.7	35.1	53.2	-	21.4	3.3	20.0	..	38.0

- (a) Data are regarded as preliminary only. Jurisdictions have expressed concerns regarding the comparability of the data. 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 'where criminal charges are finally determined by Judge and jury, or by Judge (Magistrate) alone 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 and Territories. In NSW, in the Supreme Court, almost all indictments are for offences of murder or manslaughter; in other States and Territories, the range of indictments routinely presented is broader.
- (e) The WA District Court figures do not include fast-track cases due to issues of interpretation of the national counting rule.
- (f) Victorian data may not be in alignment with the definition. The data represent finalisations of hearings booked as a 'contested hearing'. The case might not have proceeded further if the defendant pleaded guilty at this stage. As well, Victorian Magistrates' Court can only provide data for the period greater than 12 months and less than 24 months. As a result, some data provided for matters finalised after 18 months are included in the data provided for the period 12 - 18 months.
- (g) WA Magistrates' Court data includes all matters 'listed for trial.'
- (h) Tasmania is unable to provide trial data due to the limitations of its present information technology systems. With the roll-out of a new criminal case management system in 2002-03, this limitation will be overcome.
- (i) ACT data for the Children's Court and Magistrates' Court represent matters 'listed for trial.'
- (j) The Victorian Children's Court interpretation of 'trials' here are those cases that were finalised where the hearing booking was a contested hearing where the defendant was pleading 'not guilty' (although this plead might have changed on the hearing date).



Table 6A.23 **Timeliness, cases finalised by trial (criminal), 2001-02 (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>Cwth</i>	<i>Total</i>
(k) NSW Magistrates' Court (total) data exclude children's court timeliness.											

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

*Source:* State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.24

Table 6A.24 **Timeliness, cases finalised by trial (civil), 2001-02 (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal courts (d), (e)	no.	1 067	153	377	na	20	na	63	30	1 595	3 305
< 6 months	%	14.6	11.8	18.3	na	–	na	12.7	20.0	47.4	30.7
6–12 months	%	14.3	15.0	10.9	na	10.0	na	14.3	23.3	30.6	21.9
>12–18 months	%	13.6	15.0	59.4	na	50.0	na	9.5	3.3	8.3	16.4
>18 months	%	57.5	58.2	11.4	na	40.0	na	63.5	53.3	13.7	31.1
District/county courts	no.	5 392	na	790	107	182	..	..	..	..	6 471
< 6 months	%	13.9	na	34.4	–	3.8	..	..	..	..	15.9
6–12 months	%	28.3	na	13.8	1.9	18.1	..	..	..	..	25.8
>12–18 months	%	23.4	na	45.1	17.8	12.1	..	..	..	..	25.7
>18 months	%	34.3	na	6.7	80.4	65.9	..	..	..	..	32.6
Magistrates' courts only (d), (e), (f), (g) (excl. children's courts)	no.	3 264	106 853	13 141	8 797	387	na	218	na	..	132 660
< 6 months	%	29.7	94.7	92.2	97.4	27.4	na	61.9	na	..	92.7
6–12 months	%	44.9	3.8	4.9	1.7	39.5	na	18.3	na	..	4.9
>12–18 months	%	14.6	0.9	1.3	0.6	16.3	na	7.3	na	..	1.3
>18 months	%	10.8	0.6	1.6	0.4	16.8	na	12.4	na	..	1.0
Children's courts (e), (g)	no.	na	na	na	465	na	na	36	na	..	501
< 6 months	%	na	na	na	88.2	na	na	94.4	na	..	88.6
6–12 months	%	na	na	na	6.7	na	na	5.6	na	..	6.6
>12–18 months	%	na	na	na	2.6	na	na	–	na	..	2.4
>18 months	%	na	na	na	2.6	na	na	–	na	..	2.4

Table 6A.24

Table 6A.24 **Timeliness, cases finalised by trial (civil), 2001-02 (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total Magistrates' courts (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) (incl. children's courts)	no.	3 264	106 853	13 141	9 262	387	na	254	na	..	133 161
< 6 months	%	29.7	94.7	92.2	96.9	27.4	na	66.5	na	..	92.7
6–12 months	%	44.9	3.8	4.9	1.9	39.5	na	16.5	na	..	4.9
>12–18 months	%	14.6	0.9	1.3	0.7	16.3	na	6.3	na	..	1.3
>18 months	%	10.8	0.6	1.6	0.5	16.8	na	10.6	na	..	1.0
Federal Magistrates Service	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
< 6 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
6–12 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
>12–18 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
>18 months	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (i), (j)	no.	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	3 297	3 297
< 6 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	14.3	14.3
6–12 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	30.8	30.8
>12–18 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	26.0	26.0
>18 months	%	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	29.0	29.0

(a) Data are regarded as preliminary only. Jurisdictions have expressed concerns regarding the comparability of the data. 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 is unable to provide trial data due to the limitations of its present information technology systems. It is unlikely that this problem will be overcome in the near future.

Table 6A.24

Table 6A.24 **Timeliness, cases finalised by trial (civil), 2001-02 (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
(f)	WA Magistrates' Court data include trials finalised by clerks of the court because the statistics provided could not be separated between those finalised by a judicial officer and those finalised by a quasi-judicial officer. The figures, therefore, will be slightly exaggerated.										
(g)	ACT Children's Court and Magistrates' Court data represent matters 'listed for trial.'										
(h)	The magistrates' court (total) data exclude children's court timeliness in NSW, Queensland and SA.										
(i)	In the Family Court of Australia, data include only 'final orders' applications listed for final defended hearing. Due to the implementation of the Family Court's new case management system (commenced 1 January 2002), the data for matters finalised by final hearing have been estimated by using 6 months data and extrapolating for the 12 months.										
(j)	WA Family Court data will be available when the new case management system has been implemented.										

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

*Source:* Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.25

Table 6A.25 **Appeal matters finalised, 2001-02 (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Supreme courts</i>											
Criminal	no.	989	385	338	264	299	23	34	33	..	2 365
< 6 months	%	32.7	44.7	81.1	45.1	91.0	43.5	73.5	84.8	..	51.7
6–12 months	%	42.7	29.1	16.9	28.4	7.7	52.2	20.6	9.1	..	30.1
>12–18 months	%	16.0	15.1	2.1	15.9	0.7	4.3	2.9	3.0	..	11.4
>18 months	%	8.7	11.2	–	10.6	0.7	–	2.9	3.0	..	6.8
Civil	no.	885	321	223	313	140	49	39	127	717	2 814
< 6 months	%	39.0	48.3	55.2	44.1	87.9	71.4	61.5	70.1	54.4	50.5
6–12 months	%	40.6	19.0	35.4	33.2	10.0	14.3	30.8	24.4	34.6	32.5
>12–18 months	%	13.6	10.3	9.4	12.8	1.4	10.2	2.6	3.9	6.1	9.6
>18 months	%	6.9	22.4	–	9.9	0.7	4.1	5.1	1.6	4.9	7.3
<i>District/county courts</i>											
Criminal	no.	5 367	1 650	225	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 242
< 6 months	%	94.3	88.8	48.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	91.7
6–12 months	%	4.5	5.9	36.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.8
>12–18 months	%	0.6	1.9	10.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.2
>18 months	%	0.6	3.3	4.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.3
Civil	no.	49	81	368	124	80	..	..	..	..	702
< 6 months	%	63.3	85.2	49.7	26.6	100.0	..	..	..	..	56.4
6–12 months	%	10.2	11.1	28.8	23.4	–	..	..	..	..	21.2
>12–18 months	%	6.1	2.5	19.6	15.3	–	..	..	..	..	13.7
>18 months	%	20.4	1.2	1.9	34.7	–	..	..	..	..	8.7

Table 6A.25

Table 6A.25 **Appeal matters finalised, 2001-02 (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>Cwth</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Family courts</i>											
Civil	no.	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	383	383
< 6 months	%	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	59.8	59.8
6–12 months	%	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	27.9	27.9
>12–18 months	%	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	9.9	9.9
>18 months	%	..	..	..	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	2.3	2.3

(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: Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.26

Table 6A.26 **Committal matters finalised, magistrates' courts, 2001-02**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW (a)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (c)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts	no.	3 986	2 202	8 888	1 614	1 126	<b>na</b>	190	214	..	18 220
< 3 months	%	33.1	35.1	37.5	28.1	43.7	<b>na</b>	40.0	43.0	..	35.9
3-6 months	%	31.3	31.2	37.4	48.9	42.0	<b>na</b>	32.6	22.4	..	36.4
>6-12 months	%	23.1	27.2	21.2	18.5	11.7	<b>na</b>	24.7	19.2	..	21.5
>12 months	%	12.4	6.5	3.9	4.6	2.6	<b>na</b>	2.6	15.4	..	6.2

(a) NSW data relate to 80 per cent of the criminal matters captured in this jurisdiction.

(b) WA data relate to contested cases only; it does not include fast-track committals (that is, where the defendant pleads guilty in the magistrates' court and is committed to the district court for sentencing).

(c) Tasmania is unable to provide data due to the limitations of its present information technology system. This problem will be overcome with the roll-out of a new criminal case management system in 2002-03.

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

*Source:* State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.27

Table 6A.27 **Adjournments on the first day of hearing as a proportion of total hearings, 2001-02 (per cent) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (c)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Cwlth (d)</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Requested by parties</i>										
Criminal										
Supreme courts	8.9	5.6	na	12.9	3.9	na	19.6	35.6	..	11.6
District/county courts	3.9	na	na	14.5	44.9	..	..	..	..	6.6
Civil										
Supreme/Federal courts	6.5	6.5	na	10.6	–	na	15.6	24.5	–	1.4
District/county courts	9.0	2.1	na	0.3	12.7	..	..	..	..	2.9
Federal Magistrates Service	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na	na
<i>Ordered by court</i>										
Criminal										
Supreme courts	0.1	6.6	na	–	na	na	1.2	12.4	..	3.2
District/county courts	1.0	na	na	5.5	6.3	..	..	..	..	1.6
Civil										
Supreme/Federal courts	1.8	4.0	na	–	na	na	5.9	1.4	–	0.5
District/county courts	5.9	1.3	na	–	0.7	..	..	..	..	1.6
Federal Magistrates Service	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts	..	..	..	1.9	..	..	..	..	na	na

(a) This data needs to be viewed with caution. Hearings data suffer from comparability problems. The definition of hearings is often interpreted differently across jurisdictions and within jurisdictions over time.

(b) Victorian Supreme Court adjournment by parties as a result of the unavailability of witnesses and parties.

(c) Tasmania is unable to provide adjournment data due to the limitations of its present information technology systems. It is unlikely that this problem will be overcome in the near future.



Table 6A.27 **Adjournments on the first day of hearing as a proportion of total hearings, 2001-02 (per cent) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (c)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Cwlth (d)</i>	<i>Total</i>
(d) The Family Court of Australia had 90 867 hearings listed and 25 907 adjournments recorded (that is, a 28.5 per cent rate). It was not possible for the Family Court of Australia to identify whether these adjournments were made by the parties or by the court. As well, the transition to the Court's new case management system has required that the 'final orders hearings' component of this figure to be estimated by doubling the year to date 6 monthly figure to December 2001.										

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

*Source:* Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.28

Table 6A.28 **Magistrates' court locations and proportion of population living in a non-urban area, 2001-02 (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Proportion of population living in a non-urban area	%	24.3	24.3	40.4	26.7	35.7	58.2	–	53.8	29.2	29.2
Criminal court locations (d)	no.	148	53	107	131	37	40	1	25	..	542
Urban	%	21.6	20.8	16.8	8.4	18.9	5.0	100.0	4.0	..	15.3
Non-urban	%	78.4	79.2	83.2	91.6	81.1	95.0	–	96.0	..	84.7
Civil court locations (d)	no.	145	53	83	37	37	40	1	22	..	418
Urban	%	20.0	20.8	21.7	16.2	18.9	5.0	100.0	4.5	..	17.9
Non-urban	%	80.0	79.2	78.3	83.8	81.1	95.0	–	95.5	..	82.1

(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.

Source: ABS, *Estimated Resident Population by Age and Sex in Statistical Local Areas, Australia*, Cat no. 3227.0, Canberra, unpublished; DPIE (Department of Primary Industries and Energy) and DSHS (Department of Human Services and Health) 1994, *Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Classification 1991 Census Edition*, AGPS, Canberra.

Table 6A.29

Table 6A.29	Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, criminal (2001-02\$) (a), (b)									
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
<i>Excluding payroll tax (c)</i>										
Supreme courts										
2001-02	11 927	14 016	8 578	15 066	12 871	6 873	16 916	15 383	..	11 711
2000-01	12 789	16 503	7 648	13 725	23 989	7 899	15 271	15 295	..	12 281
District/county courts										
2001-02	4 432	7 649	2 123	3 809	7 710	..	..	..	..	4 227
2000-01	4 518	6 036	2 157	4 215	6 699	..	..	..	..	4 030
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)										
2001-02	647	323	336	457	358	128	556	555	..	415
2000-01	691	381	265	307	329	87	na	355	..	365
Children's courts (e)										
2001-02	na	83	405	633	371	88	1 221	656	..	363
2000-01	635	83	312	422	340	129	na	792	..	396
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (f)										
2001-02	713	305	340	474	359	126	625	561	..	427
2000-01	684	356	268	318	330	89	514	388	..	371
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2001-02	1 042	583	480	699	579	207	1 161	914	..	662
2000-01	1 020	627	398	509	547	146	781	804	..	587

Table 6A.29

Table 6A.29 **Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, criminal (2001-02\$) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Electronic courts (g)										
2001-02	..	- 19	- 39	- 30	- 48	..	..	..	..	- 27
2000-01	..	- 27	12	- 41	- 25	..	..	..	..	- 21
Total magistrates' courts (incl. electronic courts)										
2001-02	..	26	93	160	102	..	..	..	..	119
2000-01	..	25	143	133	96	..	..	..	..	129
Coroners' courts (h), (i)										
2001-02	1 371	898	637	3 947	859	753	417	5 813	..	1 158
2000-01	1 204	1 261	733	2 550	1 119	1 197	2 442	8 150	..	1 383
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme courts										
2001-02	12 281	14 404	8 772	15 066	13 410	6 998	16 916	15 744	..	11 979
2000-01	13 135	16 994	7 809	13 725	25 012	8 085	15 271	15 620	..	12 553
1999-2000	13 394	23 988	6 654	15 025	15 338	5 183	18 721	27 600	..	12 244
1998-99	14 771	21 088	6 779	11 070	10 611	6 180	23 158	22 373	..	11 932
1997-98	14 463	18 639	6 223	9 538	14 266	6 285	16 544	20 970	..	11 407
District/county courts										
2001-02	4 546	7 851	2 174	3 809	8 031	..	..	..	..	4 329
2000-01	4 628	6 229	2 210	4 215	6 991	..	..	..	..	4 130
1999-2000	3 929	5 694	2 454	5 036	7 983	..	..	..	..	4 063
1998-99	4 480	4 952	2 217	3 720	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	3 704
1997-98	3 903	5 536	2 796	3 183	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	3 771

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Table 6A.29	Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, criminal (2001-02\$) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)										
2001-02	665	332	347	457	372	131	556	572	..	426
2000-01	711	394	274	307	343	89	na	369	..	375
Children's courts (e)										
2001-02	na	86	417	633	387	91	1 221	677	..	370
2000-01	652	86	321	422	356	132	na	810	..	406
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (f), (j)										
2001-02	733	315	351	474	373	130	625	578	..	438
2000-01	703	557	319	318	487	91	514	401	..	435
1999-2000	748	348	341	302	127	97	248	319	..	329
1998-99	856	361	272	351	106	na	172	421	..	361
1997-98	355	70	172	313	89	113	246	400	..	168
All courts (excl. electronic courts)										
2001-02	1 071	600	494	699	602	212	1 161	940	..	679
2000-01	1 048	830	451	509	710	149	781	826	..	654
1999-2000	1 094	632	498	520	200	161	519	647	..	528
1998-99	1 176	617	401	496	na	na	460	783	..	553
1997-98	506	125	254	423	na	180	426	746	..	259
Electronic courts (g)										
2001-02	..	- 19	- 39	- 30	- 47	..	..	..	..	- 27
2000-01	..	- 27	13	- 41	- 24	..	..	..	..	- 21

Table 6A.29

Table 6A.29 **Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, criminal (2001-02\$) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total magistrates' courts (incl. electronic courts)										
2001-02	..	27	97	160	108	..	..	..	..	123
2000-01	..	52	169	133	150	..	..	..	..	154
Coroners' courts (h), (i)										
2001-02	1 394	924	652	3 947	871	767	417	5 967	..	1 176
2000-01	1 220	1 285	749	2 550	1 134	1 247	2 442	8 257	..	1 400
1999-2000	1 111	1 206	569	2 527	1 301	1 876	3 560	2 572	..	1 175
1998-99	808	874	624	1 063	492	853	3 987	3 956	..	857
1997-98	429	853	1 035	na	na	550	2 372	2 149	..	868

- (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 2001-02 and 2000-01 data with previous years data. The 2001-02 and 2000-01 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) The increase in expenditure per finalisation in Tasmania in 2001-02 may partly be due to lower than normal finalisations. Five per cent of the total operating costs of the Tasmanian Magistrates' Court was attributable to other work undertaken by that Court, such as anti-discrimination tribunal work. These costs are excluded from data for 1999-2000 to 2001-02.
- (e) Children's court finalisations do not include finalisations for committals heard in the children's court.
- (f) NSW Magistrates' Court finalisations exclude Children's Court finalisations but include Children's Court expenditure. This will create a slightly increased expenditure per finalisation for the NSW Magistrates' Court.
- (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.

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Table 6A.29 **Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, criminal (2001-02\$) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>	
(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 expenditure includes \$1.7 million and \$1.4 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.										
(j)	The change in the ACT data from 1999-2000 to 2000-01 needs to be treated with caution because it has been caused by ACT Magistrates' Court salary liabilities being formulated for the first time under the accrual accounting methodology (\$2.4 million), as well as reflecting a significant increase in Magistrates' Court cost overheads (\$1.6 million). As a result, comparability between 1999-2000 and 2000-01 ACT expenditure data are unreliable.										
	<b>na</b> Not available. .. Not applicable.										

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.30

Table 6A.30 Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, civil (2001-02\$) (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwth	Total
<i>Excluding payroll tax (c)</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (d)										
2001-02	2 407	2 746	2 966	5 668	6 291	1 498	2 837	18 099	14 404	4 957
2000-01	2 472	3 592	2 088	4 854	5 998	1 450	4 017	16 100	13 408	4 932
District/county courts										
2001-02	316	1 206	1 197	2 725	4 182	..	..	..	..	1 062
2000-01	581	994	1 108	2 004	4 072	..	..	..	..	1 137
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (e), (f), (g)										
2001-02	227	42	175	345	301	54	232	na	..	150
2000-01	350	33	na	531	161	212	na	na	..	127
Children's courts										
2001-02	na	1 400	na	397	na	273	2 318	na	..	1 061
2000-01	896	na	na	188	na	304	na	na	..	733
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (e), (f), (g), (h), (i)										
2001-02	258	60	175	347	326	76	260	371	..	171
2000-01	397	49	192	518	175	216	336	1 418	..	163
All courts (excl. family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
2001-02	495	177	532	925	804	491	434	1 948	14 404	596
2000-01	820	126	516	1 164	498	754	740	4 108	13 408	618



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Table 6A.30 Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, civil (2001-02\$) (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Cwlth	Total
Federal Magistrates Service (j)										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 970	3 970
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (d)										
2001-02	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na	na
2000-01	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na	na
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate) (d)										
2001-02	2 534	2 903	3 055	5 668	6 618	1 543	2 837	18 534	14 404	5 060
2000-01	2 602	3 860	2 151	4 854	6 311	1 487	4 017	16 430	13 408	5 028
1999-2000	5 351	6 512	2 800	5 833	5 996	2 115	3 482	12 539	11 624	6 432
1998-99	6 849	7 295	8 077	6 244	na	2 480	3 573	7 674	8 757	7 510
1997-98	3 790	3 988	8 937	5 285	na	2 099	3 546	6 177	7 505	5 415
District/county courts										
2001-02	359	1 251	1 230	2 725	4 392	..	..	..	..	1 106
2000-01	642	1 042	1 143	2 004	4 284	..	..	..	..	1 187
1999-2000	1 825	1 648	1 782	936	4 398	..	..	..	..	1 665
1998-99	2 085	1 790	3 922	1 761	na	..	..	..	..	2 112
1997-98	1 810	1 529	4 540	802	na	..	..	..	..	1 717
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (e), (f), (g)										
2001-02	250	47	186	345	314	61	232	na	..	160
2000-01	403	38	na	531	169	226	na	na	..	138

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Table 6A.30 Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, civil (2001-02\$) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2001-02	na	1 451	na	397	na	280	2 318	na	..	1 092
2000-01	917	na	na	188	na	309	na	na	..	750
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (e), (f), (g), (h), (i)										
2001-02	282	65	186	347	340	83	260	390	..	181
2000-01	447	54	203	518	183	229	336	1 494	..	175
1999-2000	438	161	318	832	254	571	580	1 807	..	318
1998-99	334	368	242	514	224	na	429	1 842	..	333
1997-98	320	350	268	1 372	282	na	461	1 488	..	357
All courts (excl. family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
2001-02	532	188	552	925	843	509	434	2 004	14 404	617
2000-01	888	136	535	1 164	523	777	740	4 231	13 408	639
1999-2000	1 027	335	699	1 262	619	1 145	1 085	3 247	11 624	872
1998-99	908	696	613	1 169	na	na	979	3 063	8 757	901
1997-98	823	647	685	1 637	na	na	857	2 300	7 505	888
Federal Magistrates Service (j)										
2001-02	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 970	3 970
2000-01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Family courts (d)										
2001-02	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na	na
2000-01	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na	na

Table 6A.30

Table 6A.30 **Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, civil (2001-02\$) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
(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 2001-02 and 2000-01 data with previous years data. The 2001-02 and 2000-01 data are expenditure less income, whereas the previous years data are expenditure less in-house revenue (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)	The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service 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 Service. The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Service affects the 2000-01 and 2001-02 data series.									
(e)	In 2001-02, the Victorian data include 72 778 residential tenancy and civil claims applications that were finalised in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These tribunal matters are included because other States and Territories (such as NSW) deal with residential tenancy and civil claims matters in their magistrates' courts. These types of tribunal matter have been included in past Victorian data.									
(f)	Queensland includes finalisations, and associated expenditure, from its small claims tribunal.									
(g)	Five per cent of the total operating costs of the Tasmanian Magistrates' Court was attributable to other work undertaken by that Court, such as anti-discrimination tribunal work. These costs are excluded from data for 1999-2000 to 2001-02.									
(h)	Queensland civil finalisations exclude Children's Court finalisations and expenditure.									
(i)	NSW 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 these magistrates' court (total). All other jurisdictions include civil children's court data.									
(j)	Federal Magistrates Service results are based on the number of cases finalised in the federal law jurisdiction. Data on finalisations in the Federal Magistrates Service family law jurisdiction are not available. The results published here, therefore, are likely to significantly overestimate the true level of expenditure per finalisation. In addition, the Federal Magistrates Service notes that its expenditure data contains \$9 981 000 worth of resources received free of charge from the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia.									
	<b>na</b> Not available. .. Not applicable.									

Source: Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.31

Table 6A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, criminal and civil (\$2001-02) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Excluding payroll tax (c)</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate)										
2001-02	3 265	4 300	4 213	7 257	7 844	2 735	5 633	16 890	14 404	5 857
2000-01	3 379	6 150	3 173	6 124	8 372	2 921	6 679	15 702	13 408	5 895
District/county courts										
2001-02	1 749	3 148	1 673	3 202	5 795	..	..	..	..	2 312
2000-01	2 219	2 621	1 665	2 834	5 333	..	..	..	..	2 371
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d), (e), (f)										
2001-02	489	159	302	422	341	122	337	na	..	315
2000-01	617	153	na	353	259	91	na	na	..	294
Children's courts										
2001-02	na	337	na	606	na	122	1 435	na	..	449
2000-01	675	na	na	402	na	136	na	na	..	554
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i)										
2001-02	542	166	307	437	350	122	386	516	..	332
2000-01	624	161	255	357	269	93	456	507	..	302
All courts (excl. electronic and family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)										
2001-02	806	348	492	772	647	241	678	1 173	14 404	636
2000-01	962	307	423	666	527	178	767	1 249	13 408	598

Table 6A.31

Table 6A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, criminal and civil (\$2001-02) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Including payroll tax where applicable</i>										
Supreme/Federal courts (excl. probate)										
2001-02	3 413	4 488	4 325	7 257	8 221	2 798	5 633	17 292	14 404	5 981
2000-01	3 527	6 463	3 255	6 124	8 779	2 992	6 679	16 030	13 408	6 014
1999-2000	6 159	9 154	3 743	7 066	7 641	3 216	5 770	17 575	11 575	7 241
1998-99	7 706	9 661	7 429	6 911	<b>na</b>	3 598	6 060	13 193	8 757	7 836
1997-98	4 343	5 790	7 582	5 933	<b>na</b>	3 199	5 239	11 460	7 505	5 759
District/county courts										
2001-02	1 817	3 241	1 715	3 202	6 056	..	..	..	..	2 379
2000-01	2 300	2 716	1 710	2 834	5 584	..	..	..	..	2 442
1999-2000	2 785	2 931	2 165	1 879	5 964	..	..	..	..	2 647
1998-99	3 080	2 971	2 630	2 355	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	2 844
1997-98	2 684	2 811	3 270	1 405	<b>na</b>	..	..	..	..	2 578
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d), (e), (f)										
2001-02	509	166	313	422	354	125	337	<b>na</b>	..	326
2000-01	644	161	<b>na</b>	353	271	93	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	..	305
Children's courts										
2001-02	<b>na</b>	350	<b>na</b>	606	<b>na</b>	125	1 435	<b>na</b>	..	456
2000-01	694	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	402	<b>na</b>	139	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	..	565
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)										
2001-02	564	173	318	437	363	125	386	533	..	343
2000-01	650	237	299	357	368	95	456	528	..	349

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Table 6A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, criminal and civil (\$2001-02) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
1999-2000	625	239	336	402	148	115	343	520	..	325
1998-99	636	363	266	386	128	<b>na</b>	247	557	..	355
1997-98	346	99	186	387	117	<b>na</b>	318	540	..	196

All courts (excl. electronic and family courts and the Federal Magistrates Service)

2001-02	839	362	507	772	675	247	678	1 206	14 404	654
2000-01	1 001	386	468	666	635	183	767	1 285	13 408	649
1999-2000	1 065	457	546	717	273	217	702	1 040	11 575	646
1998-99	1 055	648	447	674	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	631	1 048	8 757	689
1997-98	599	188	316	599	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	583	978	7 505	385

- (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 2001-02 and 2000-01 data with previous years data. The 2001-02 and 2000-01 data are expenditure less income, whereas the previous years data are expenditure less in-house revenue (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 2001-02, the Victorian data include 72 778 residential tenancy and civil claims applications that were finalised in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. These tribunal matters are included because other States and Territories (such as NSW) deal with residential tenancy and civil claims matters in their magistrates' courts. These types of 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. Five per cent of the total operating costs of the Tasmanian Magistrates' Court was attributable to other work undertaken by that Court, such as anti-discrimination tribunal work. These costs are excluded from data for 1999-2000 to 2001-02.
- (g) NSW criminal Magistrates' Court finalisations exclude Children's Court finalisations but include Children's Court expenditure. This will create a slightly increased expenditure per finalisation for the Magistrates' Court.

Table 6A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure less income per finalisation, criminal and civil (\$2001-02) (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>Cwlth</i>	<i>Total</i>
(h) Queensland civil finalisations data exclude Children's Court finalisations and expenditure.										
(i) NSW 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.										
(j) The change in the ACT data over 1999-2000 to 2000-01 needs to be treated with caution because it has been caused by ACT Magistrates' Court salary liabilities being formulated for the first time under the accrual accounting methodology (\$2.4 million), as well as reflecting a significant increase in Magistrates' Court cost overheads (\$1.6 million). As a result, comparability between 1999-2000 and 2000-01 ACT expenditure data are unreliable.										

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

*Source:* Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 6A.32

Table 6A.32 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.



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- (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.

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*Source:* Department annual reports.