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COURT ADMINISTRATION (CHAPTER 7)

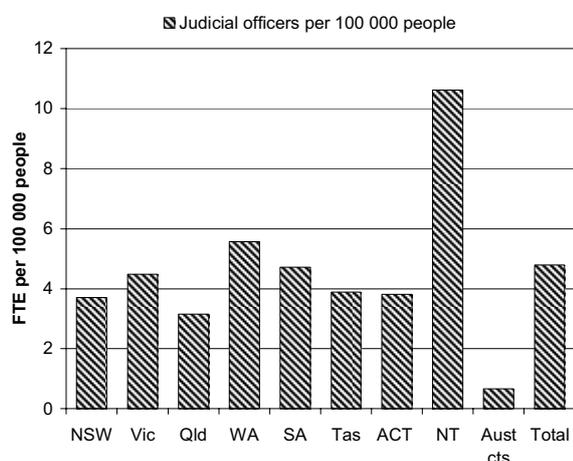
- The focus of this chapter is the court administration functions of Australian and State and Territory courts. Data are reported for the Federal Court, the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court, the criminal and civil jurisdictions of the supreme courts (including probate registries), district/county courts, magistrates’ courts (including electronic systems and children’s courts), coroners’ courts and the Family Court of WA.
- In 2009-10, in the criminal jurisdiction of the supreme, district/county and magistrates’ courts, approximately 854 100 cases were lodged, and 876 800 cases were finalised. In the civil jurisdiction of these same courts there were approximately 591 600 cases lodged and 585 500 cases finalised. In the Australian courts, approximately 114 600 cases were lodged, and approximately 112 000 cases finalised (pp. 7.17–21).
- Total court administration recurrent expenditure less income (excluding fines) by the court authorities covered in this chapter was almost \$1.16 billion in 2009-10, comprising \$900 million for the State and Territory courts and \$255 million for the Australian courts (p. 7.13).

Objectives of Court Administration

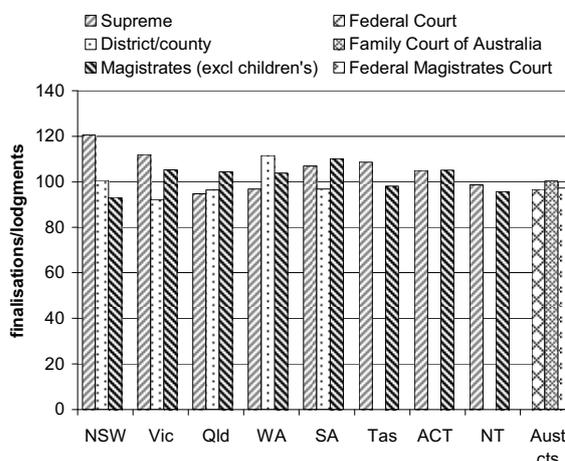
- Common objectives for court administration services across Australia are: to be open and accessible; to process matters in an expeditious and timely manner; to provide due process and equal protection before the law; and to be independent yet publicly accountable for performance (p. 7.22).

Selection of results

Judicial officers, full time equivalent, per 100 000 people, 2009-10^a (p. 7.34)



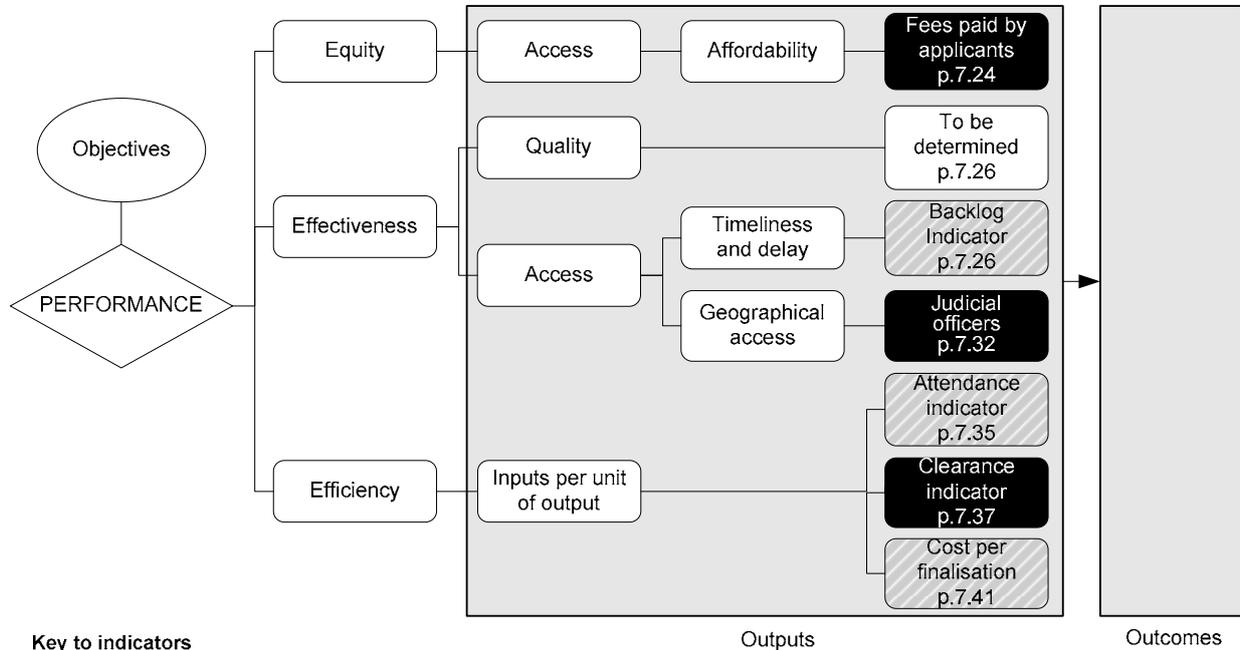
Clearance indicator (finalisations/ lodgments), all matters (criminal and civil), 2009-10^a (p. 7.40)



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2011). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for court administration (figure 7.3, p. 7.23)

- The Report’s framework of performance indicators for court administration is based on the common objectives for court administration services across Australia.
- The court administration chapter presents information about court workload (lodgments and finalisations), and resources (expenditure and staff), as well as data for six output indicators.



Key to indicators

- Text** Data for these indicators comparable, subject to caveats to each chart or table
- Text** Data for these indicators not complete, or not directly comparable
- Text** These indicators yet to be developed or data not collected for this Report: chapter contains explanatory text

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