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Court Administration

(Chapter 7)

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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 children's courts), coroners' courts and the Family Court of WA.
- In 2010-11, in the criminal jurisdiction of the supreme, district/county and magistrates' courts, approximately 802 000 cases were lodged, and 834 800 cases were finalised. In the civil jurisdiction of these same courts there were approximately 578 700 cases lodged and 567 700 cases finalised. In the Australian courts, approximately 113 400 cases were lodged, and approximately 112 700 cases finalised. In the Family Court of WA, 15 100 cases were lodged and 15 300 cases finalised **(pp. 7.17–21)**.
- Total court administration recurrent expenditure less income (excluding fines) by the court authorities covered in this chapter was \$1.31 billion in 2010-11, comprising \$1.06 billion for the State and Territory courts and \$246 million for the Australian courts **(p. 7.13)**.

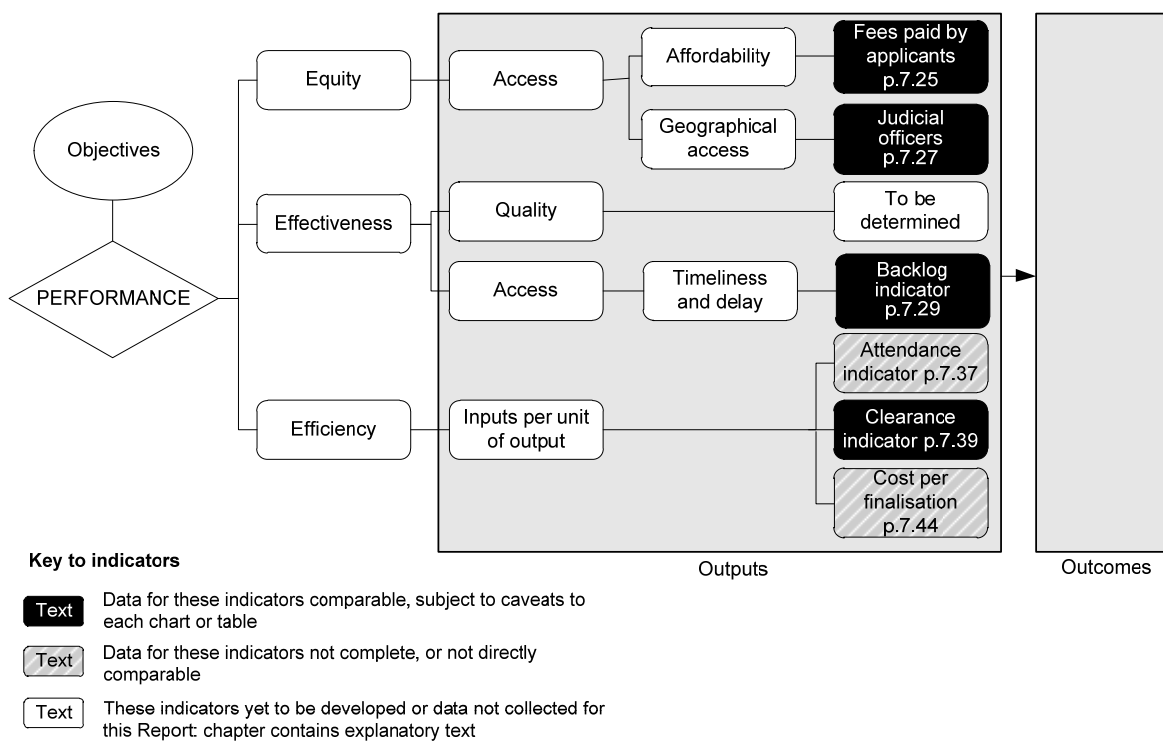
Objectives of Court Administration

- 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)**.

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Court administration performance indicator framework (figure 7.3, p. 7.24)

- 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.



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