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# 7 Courts

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### Attachment tables

Attachment tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by a '7A' prefix (for example, table 7A.1) and are available from the website [www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2018](http://www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2018).

This chapter focuses on performance information for court administrative support services for Australian, State and Territory courts, not on judicial decisions made in the courts.

Further information on the Report on Government Services including other reported service areas, the glossary and list of abbreviations is available at [www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2018](http://www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2018).

## 7.1 Profile of court services

### Service overview

The primary support functions of court administration services are to:

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

Court support services are reported for the State and Territory supreme, district/county and magistrates' (including children's) courts, coroners' courts and probate registries, and for

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the Federal Court of Australia, the Family Court of Australia, the Family Court of WA and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

The High Court of Australia, tribunals and specialist jurisdiction courts (for example, Indigenous courts, circle sentencing courts, drug courts and electronic infringement and enforcement systems) are excluded.

## **Roles and responsibilities**

### **State and Territory court levels**

There is a hierarchy of courts within each State and Territory (see figure 7.1). Supreme courts hear disputes of greater seriousness than those heard in the other courts. Supreme courts also develop the law and operate as courts of judicial review or appeal. For the majority of states and territories, the hierarchy of courts is as outlined below (although Tasmania, the ACT and the NT do not have a district/county court):

- supreme courts (includes probate)
- district/county courts
- magistrates' courts (includes children's and coroners' courts).

Differences in State and Territory court levels mean that the allocation of cases to courts and seriousness of cases heard varies across states and territories (further information about court levels is contained in tables 7A.33–37).

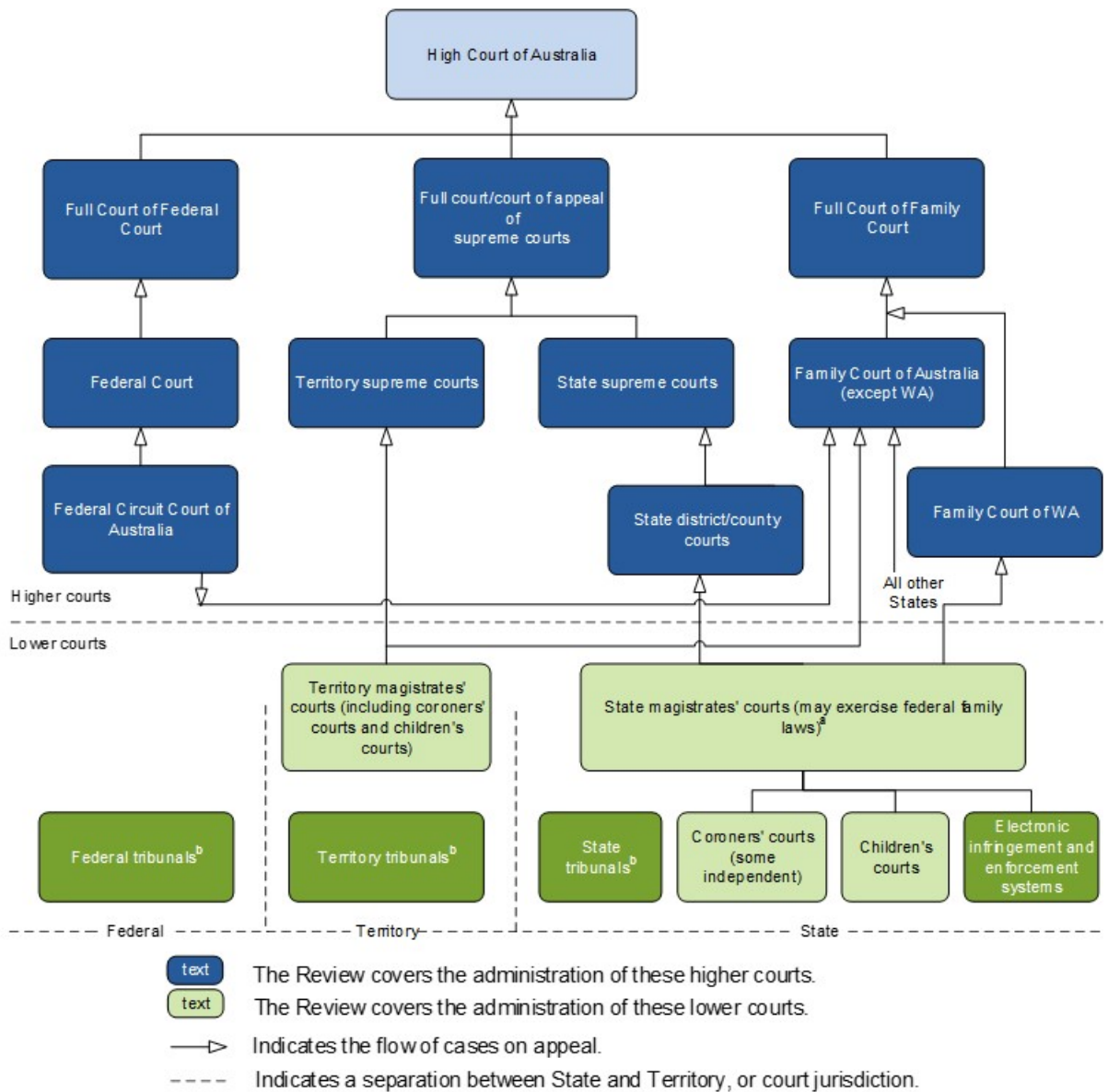
### **Australian court levels**

Australian courts hear and determine civil matters arising under laws made by the Australian Government. The hierarchy of Australian courts (see figure 7.1) is as follows:

- the High Court of Australia
- the Federal Court of Australia and the Family Court of Australia
- the Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

Detailed information about the Federal Court of Australia, the Family Court and the Federal Circuit Court is available in table 7A.37.

Figure 7.1 Major relationships of courts in Australia<sup>a, b</sup>



<sup>a</sup> In some jurisdictions, appeals from lower courts or district/county courts may go directly to the full court or court of appeal at the supreme/federal level; appeals from the Federal Circuit Court can also be heard by a single judge exercising the Federal/Family Courts' appellate jurisdiction. <sup>b</sup> Appeals from federal, State and Territory tribunals may go to any higher court in their jurisdiction.

## Funding

Nationally in 2016-17, total recurrent expenditure by Australian, State and Territory courts in this Report was almost \$1.82 billion (table 7.1). Expenditure in some states and territories is apportioned (estimated) between the criminal and civil jurisdictions of courts so caution should be used when comparing criminal and civil expenditure across states and territories.

Total recurrent expenditure less court income, for the Australian, State and Territory courts in this Report was approximately \$1.44 billion in 2016-17 (tables 7A.12–13). Court 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). The civil jurisdiction of courts accounts for the vast majority of income received (table 7A.13).

**Table 7.1 Courts' recurrent expenditure, 2016-17 (\$ million)<sup>a, b, c</sup>**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust courts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Civil	164.4	165.3	65.6	90.6	30.5	7.3	13.0	11.2	97.9	645.9
Criminal	235.5	220.2	167.6	131.5	72.7	17.7	18.0	29.5	..	892.7
Family	..	..	..	31.4	..	..	..	..	53.1	84.6
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	147.1	147.1
Coroners	6.8	13.2	10.7	6.8	3.3	1.3	1.0	1.0	..	44.0
Probate — Supreme	1.3	0.9	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.1	..	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>407.9</b>	<b>399.7</b>	<b>244.2</b>	<b>261.4</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>298.1</b>	<b>1 819.0</b>

<sup>a</sup> Totals may not sum as a result of rounding. <sup>b</sup> Payroll tax is excluded. <sup>c</sup> See tables 7A.9–10 for detailed footnotes and caveats for each jurisdiction. .. Not applicable.

*Source:* Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.9–10.

### *Cost recovery and fee relief in the civil courts*

Court fees are mainly collected in civil courts and in some jurisdictions are set by government rather than court administrators. The level of cost recovery from the collection of civil court fees varies across court levels. Across states and territories, approximately a third of costs in 2016-17 were recovered through court fees in the District and Magistrates' courts (table 7A.14). Cost recovery tends to be low in the children's courts — in these courts many applications do not attract a fee.

Most courts in Australia are able to waive or reduce court fees to ameliorate the impact on vulnerable or financially disadvantaged parties (fee relief). Table 7.2 shows that the proportions of total payable civil court fees which were waived or reduced were highest in the Family Court of WA (27.4 per cent) followed by the NT Magistrates' court (23.8 per cent) and the Federal Court of Australia (20.0 per cent).

Fee exemptions are also available in some courts — this is usually where legislation exists to exempt particular categories of fees from being payable. Fee exemptions are more common in the Australian Government courts than State and Territory courts (table 7A.16).

During 2016-17, approximately \$34.4 million of civil court fees were either waived, reduced or exempted and therefore not recovered by courts (table 7A.16).

**Table 7.2 Proportion of total payable civil court fees which were waived or reduced, 2016-17 (per cent)<sup>a, b, c</sup>**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust courts</i>
Supreme/Federal	1.2	1.8	na	5.0	3.6	1.7	2.5	0.9	20.0
District/County	0.5	0.6	na	6.8	2.2	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' (only)	0.3	na	na	2.4	0.4	na	0.6	23.8	..
Family	..	..	..	27.4	..	..	..	..	19.7
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19.4

<sup>a</sup> Total payable civil court fees include court fees collected, waived or reduced. Excludes enforcement, transcript, probate and mediation fees. <sup>b</sup> Queensland has no provision for waiving fees and is currently unable to provide data on fee reductions. <sup>c</sup> The NT Magistrates' court granted fee waivers for a large number of statements of claim lodged during the financial year. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

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

## Size and scope of court activity

### Staffing

Descriptive information on the numbers of judicial officers and full time equivalent staff can be found in tables 7A.24–26.

### Lodgments

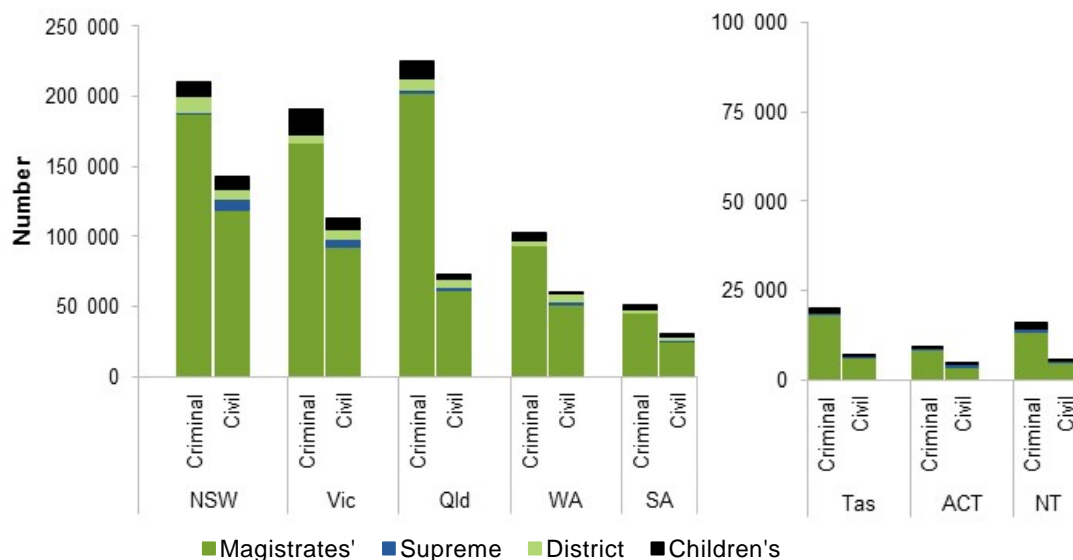
Lodgments are matters initiated in the court system and provide the basis for court workload as well as reflecting community demand for court services (see tables 7A.1–2 for further information).

#### *State and territory courts*

Nationally, there were 825 202 criminal lodgments registered in the supreme, district/county, magistrates' and children's courts in 2016-17 (table 7A.1) compared with 436 333 civil lodgments (table 7A.2). An additional 75 775 probate matters were lodged in the supreme courts (table 7A.2). Lodgments were higher in the criminal courts than civil courts across all states and territories (figure 7.2). In the coroners' courts, there were 24 296 deaths and fires reported, with rates varying across jurisdictions as a result of different reporting requirements (table 7A.2).

The vast majority of both criminal and civil matters in Australia in 2016-17 were lodged in magistrates' courts (see figure 7.2). The number of lodgments per 100 000 people can assist in understanding the comparative workload of a court in relation to the population of the State or Territory (see tables 7A.3 (criminal) and 7A.4 (civil) for data by State and Territory).

Figure 7.2 **Court lodgments – criminal and civil, by court level, 2016-17<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See tables 7A.1–2 for detailed footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> Excludes probate, coroners' and federal courts.  
 Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.1–2.

### Australian Government courts

In 2016-17 there were 5695 lodgments in the Federal Court of Australia, 21 085 lodgments in the Family Court of Australia and 95 181 lodgments in the Federal Circuit Court (table 7A.2).

### Finalisations

Finalisations represent the completion of matters in the court system so that they cease to be an item of work for the court. Each lodgment can be finalised only once. Matters may be finalised by adjudication, transfer, or another non-adjudicated method (such as withdrawal of a matter by the prosecution or settlement by the parties involved)<sup>1</sup>.

Most cases which are finalised in the criminal and civil courts do not proceed to trial. Generally, cases which proceed to trial are more time-consuming and resource intensive. In the criminal courts, the proportions of all finalised non-appeal cases which were finalised following the commencement of a trial in 2016-17 varied from 3 to 53 per cent in the

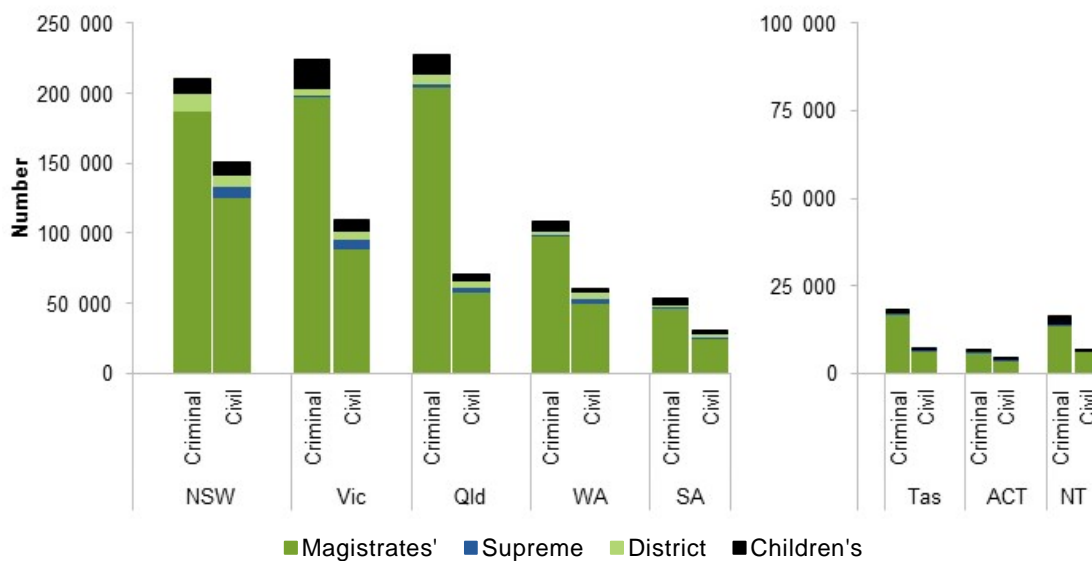
<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this Report, civil non-appeal lodgments that have had no court action in the past 12 months are counted (deemed) as finalised. The rationale for this is to focus on those matters that are active and part of a workload that the courts can progress. A case which is deemed finalised is considered closed — in the event that it becomes active again in the court after 12 months it is not counted again in this Report.

Supreme courts and from 8 to 18 per cent in the District courts. Proportions in the Magistrates' courts were lower still.

### State and territory courts

In 2016–17, there were 864 923 criminal finalisations in the supreme, district/county, magistrates' and children's courts and 440 523 civil finalisations in these courts (tables 7A.5–6). The pattern of finalisations across states and territories (figure 7.3) is similar to that of lodgments, but lodgments will not equal finalisations in any given year because not all matters lodged in one year will be finalised in the same year. There were an additional 22 779 cases finalised in the coroners' courts. The number of finalisations per 100 000 people is available in tables 7A.7–8.

Figure 7.3 **Court finalisations – criminal and civil, by court level, 2016-17<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See tables 7A.5–6 for detailed footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> Excludes probate, coroners' and federal courts.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.5–6.

### Australian Government courts

In 2016-17 there were 5633 cases finalised in the Federal Court of Australia, 20 624 cases finalised in the Family Court of Australia and 90 770 cases finalised in the Federal Circuit Court (table 7A.6).

## Lodgments and finalisations in criminal courts — Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians

The proportions of all criminal non-appeal matters lodged and finalised in the Supreme, District, Magistrates' and Children's courts involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defendants, show that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are overrepresented in the criminal courts relative to their representation in the community (table 7.3). Indigenous status is based on self-identification by the individual who comes into contact with police, with this information transferred from police systems to the courts when the defendant's matter is lodged in the courts. Data are presented for four jurisdictions only (Queensland, WA, SA and the NT) – for other jurisdictions information on Indigenous status is either not available or not currently considered to be of sufficient quality for publication.

**Table 7.3 Proportion of non-appeal criminal court lodgments and finalisations involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defendants, 2016-17 (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

	<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>Total</i>
<i>Lodgments</i>									
Supreme	na	na	5.8	35.7	7.5	na	na	61.2	na
District/county	na	na	17.1	28.6	8.4	..	..	..	na
Magistrates' (total)	na	na	19.6	31.4	15.4	na	na	76.6	na
Magistrates' (only)	na	na	17.7	29.3	13.8	na	na	74.2	na
Children's	na	na	48.2	61.1	37.5	na	na	91.4	na
<b>All criminal courts</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>na</b>
<i>Finalisations</i>									
Supreme	na	na	6.7	33.3	16.3	na	na	62.6	na
District/county	na	na	17.3	27.9	7.9	..	..	..	na
Magistrates' (total)	na	na	19.0	31.8	15.2	na	na	76.2	na
Magistrates' (only)	na	na	17.3	29.5	13.5	na	na	73.8	na
Children's	na	na	46.3	61.7	37.3	na	na	91.5	na
<b>All criminal courts</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Proportion in population<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>

<sup>a</sup> Totals may not add as a result of rounding. <sup>b</sup> As at June 2016, based on the 2011 Census. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

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



## Finalisations in civil courts – applications for domestic and family violence protection orders (experimental data)

Domestic and family violence matters<sup>2</sup> are generally dealt with at the Magistrates' court level (for applications and breaches of protection orders). Protection orders are the most broadly used justice response mechanisms for addressing the safety of women and children exposed to domestic and family violence (Taylor et al 2015).

In 2016-17, across all Magistrates' courts approximately 34 per cent of all finalised civil cases involved applications for domestic and family violence-related protection orders (excludes interim orders and applications for extension, revocation or variation) (table 7.4). Offences relating to domestic and family violence (including breaches of violence and protection orders) are dealt with in state and territory criminal courts.

The Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court do not issue family violence protection orders. Rather, the Family Court must consider and take action on notices of child abuse or risk of family violence when considering final order cases. Following a broadening of the definition of family violence in the Family Law Act in 2012, the number of notices being filed in the Family Court has steadily increased. In 2016-17, the proportion of final order cases in which a notice of child abuse or risk of family violence was filed was 23.8 per cent (Family Court of Australia Annual Report, 2016-17).

**Table 7.4 Finalised civil cases in the Magistrates' courts involving a finalised application for a domestic or family violence related protection order, 2016-17 — experimental data<sup>a, b</sup>**

	<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>Total</i>
All civil cases finalised ('000)	126.2	89.6	58.6	50.7	25.1	6.1	3.5	6.3	366.1
All finalised cases involving an application for a domestic or family violence related protection order ('000)	38.8	34.4	32.3	7.6	4.5	0.7	0.6	4.1	122.9
Percentage of all finalised cases involving an application for a domestic or family violence-related protection order (%)	30.7	38.4	55.2	14.9	17.9	10.8	17.3	65.3	33.6

<sup>a</sup> Includes originating applications only. <sup>b</sup> In Tasmania, police can issue Police Family Violence Orders (PFVOs) which are more numerous than court-issued orders. PFVOs are excluded from this table.

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

<sup>2</sup> While 'domestic' and 'family' violence are distinct concepts, the former referring to violence against an intimate partner, the latter referring to broader family and kinship relationships, the terms are often used interchangeably and their definitions generally incorporate both domestic and family-related violence.

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## 7.2 Framework of performance indicators

The framework of performance indicators for courts is based on common objectives for courts (box 7.1). The emphasis placed on each objective may vary across states and territories and court levels.

### Box 7.1 Objectives for courts

Courts aim to safeguard and maintain the rule of law and ensure equal justice for all. Court services support the courts and aim to encourage public confidence and trust in the courts by enabling them to:

- be open and accessible
- be affordable
- process matters in a high quality, expeditious and timely manner.

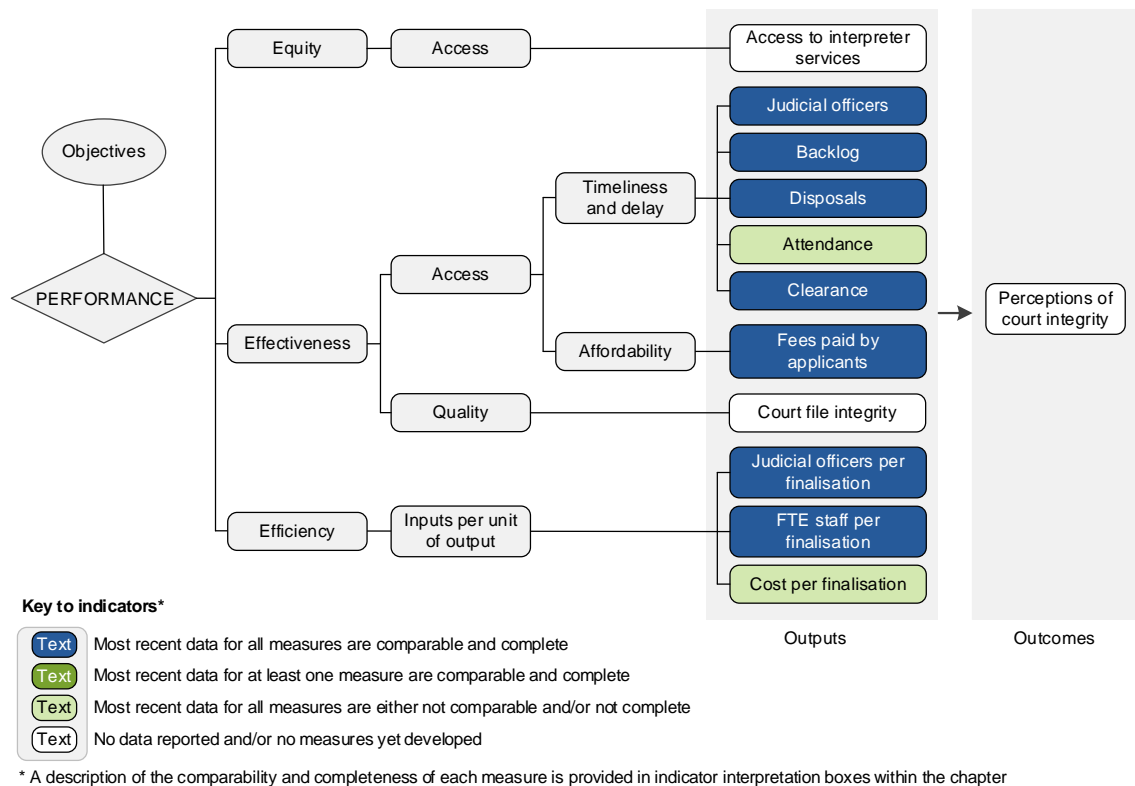
Governments aim for court services to meet these objectives in an equitable and efficient manner.

The performance indicator framework provides information on equity, efficiency and effectiveness, and distinguishes the outputs and outcomes of courts (figure 7.4). The performance indicator framework shows which data are complete and comparable in the 2018 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary. Chapter 1 discusses data comparability, data completeness and information on data quality from a Report-wide perspective. In addition to section 7.1, the Report's Statistical context chapter (chapter 2) contains data that may assist in interpreting the performance indicators presented in this chapter. Chapters 1 and 2 are available from the website at [www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2018](http://www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2018).

Improvements to performance reporting for Courts are ongoing and will include identifying data sources to fill gaps in reporting for performance indicators and measures, and improving the comparability and completeness of data.

The Steering Committee recognises that this courts data collection (unlike some other data collections) does not have an intermediary data collector or validator akin to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare or the ABS. The reporting process in this chapter is one of continual improvement and refinement, with the long-term aim of developing a national data collection that covers court activities across the Australian, State and Territory jurisdictions in a timely and comparable way.

Figure 7.4 Courts performance indicator framework



## 7.3 Key performance indicator results

Different delivery contexts, locations, caseloads, case mixes and government policies can affect the equity, effectiveness and efficiency of court services. The allocation of cases to different courts also differs across states and territories and Australian courts.

The courts data collection is based on national counting rules, so data presented in this chapter may differ from data published by individual jurisdictions in their annual reports. There also can be differences from the data reported in the ABS Criminal Courts publication (ABS 2017) — the ABS publication provides information about judicial decisions relating to finalised and adjudicated defendants.

### Outputs

Outputs are the services delivered while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group (see chapter 1). Output information is also critical for equitable, efficient and effective management of government services.

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## Equity

### Access — Interpreter services

‘Access to interpreter services’ is an indicator of government’s objective to provide court services in an equitable manner (box 7.2). One component of equity of access to court services in Australia is an ability to receive access to interpreter services for those who need assistance with understanding and communicating in the court system.

#### **Box 7.2 Access to interpreter services**

‘Access to interpreter services’ is defined as the proportion of people attending court who need an interpreter service who receive access to interpreter services.

High or increasing levels of access relative to need is desirable.

Data are not yet available for reporting against this indicator.

## Effectiveness

### Access — judicial officers

‘Judicial officers’ is an indicator of governments’ achievement against the objective of providing services that enable courts to be open, accessible and affordable. This indicator relates access to the number of judicial officers available to deal with cases in relation to population size (box 7.3).

#### **Box 7.3 Judicial officers**

‘Judicial officers’ is defined as the number of full time equivalent judicial officers divided by the relevant resident population, multiplied by 100 000.

Judicial officers can make enforceable orders of the court. For the purposes of this chapter, the definition of a judicial officer includes: judges; associate judges; magistrates; masters; coroners; judicial registrars; all other officers who, following argument and giving of evidence, make enforceable orders of the court. Where judicial officers have both judicial and non-judicial work, this refers to the proportion of time allocated to judicial work.

A high or increasing proportion of judicial officers in the population indicates potentially greater access to the judicial system.

Factors such as geographical dispersion, judicial workload and population density are also important to consider when comparing figures concerning judicial officers.

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### Box 7.3 (continued)

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period (subject to caveats). All required 2016–17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Table 7.5 shows the number of judicial officers per 100 000 people.

**Table 7.5 Judicial officers, full time equivalent, per 100 000 people, by court level, 2016-17<sup>a, b</sup>**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust courts	Total
<i>Population ('000)</i>	7 797	6 244	4 883	2 567	1 716	519	406	245	24 385	
<i>Judicial officers per 100 000 people</i>										
Supreme/Federal	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.6	3.4	0.2	1.0
District/County	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.1	..	..	..	..	0.9
Magistrates'	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.7	5.8	..	1.7
Children's	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.7	..	0.2
Family	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
Coroners	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	–	0.6	..	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>4.4</b>

<sup>a</sup> Population data for the financial year is the midpoint (31 December) estimate based on the 2016 Census.

<sup>b</sup> See box 7.3 and table 7A.24 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); table 7A.24.

### Access — backlog

'Backlog' is an indicator of governments' achievement against the objective of processing matters in an expeditious and timely manner (box 7.4).

### Box 7.4 Backlog

'Backlog' is a measure of the age of a court's active pending caseload at 30 June, against nominated time benchmarks. It is defined as the number of cases in the nominated age category as a percentage of the total pending caseload.

The following national benchmarks have been set.

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**Box 7.4** (continued)

For the Federal Circuit Court, magistrates' and children's courts:

- no more than 10 per cent of lodgments pending completion are to be more than 6 months old
- no lodgments pending completion are to be more than 12 months old.

For Supreme courts, the Federal Court, district/county, family and coroners' courts and all appeals:

- no more than 10 per cent of lodgments pending completion are to be more than 12 months old
- no lodgments pending completion are to be more than 24 months old.

Performance relative to the benchmarks indicates effective management of caseloads and timeliness of court services.

Time taken to process cases is not necessarily due to court delay. Some delays are caused by factors other than those related to the workload of the court (for example, a witness being unavailable). See tables 7A.17–18 for further information about factors which can impact on delay.

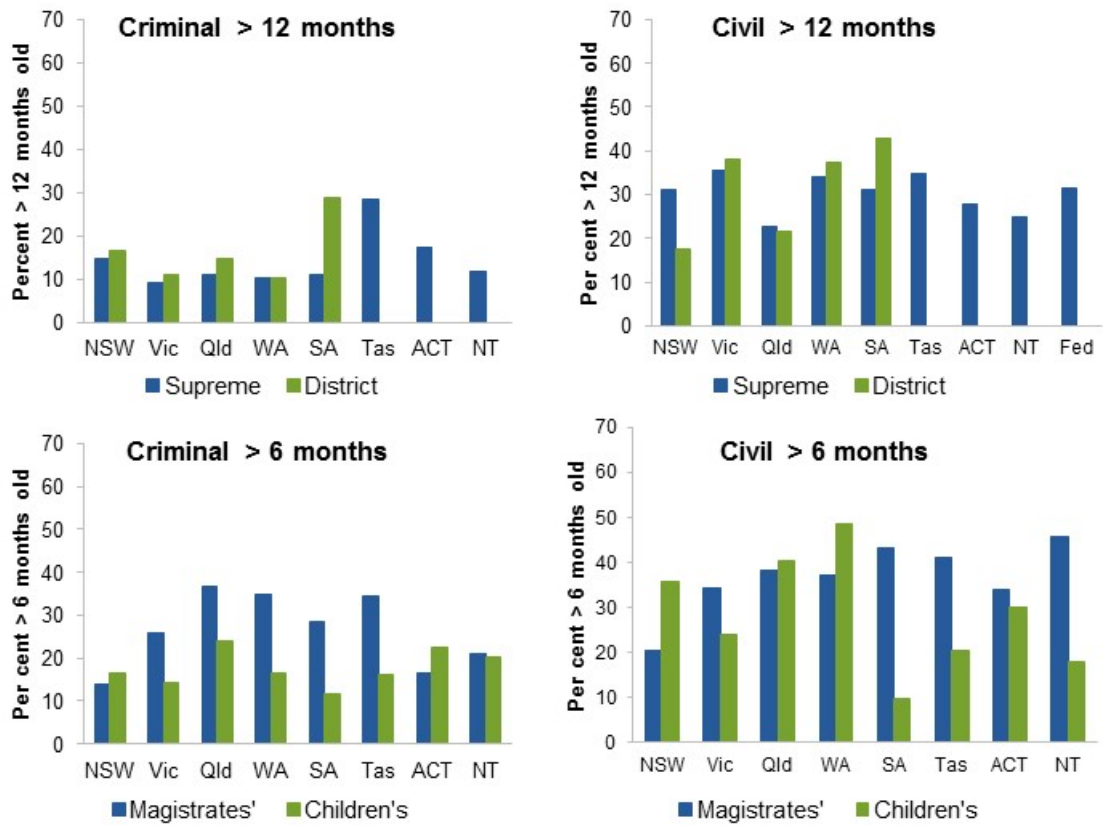
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period (subject to caveats). All required 2016–17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Figure 7.5 shows that at 30 June 2017 the backlog in civil courts for the Supreme, District and Magistrates' courts was higher than criminal courts across all states and territories.

Detailed data on the backlog for criminal and civil matters (including appeal and non-appeal disaggregations and historical data) for all court levels are available in tables 7A.17–18.

Figure 7.5 Backlog in the courts — criminal and civil, at 30 June 2017<sup>a, b</sup>



<sup>a</sup> See box 7.4 and tables 7A.17–18 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> Fed refers to Federal Court of Australia.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.17–18.

## Access — Disposals

‘Disposals’ is an indicator of governments’ achievement against the objective of processing matters in an expeditious and timely manner (box 7.5). This is a new indicator being presented for the first time in this Report.

### Box 7.5 Disposals

‘Disposals’ is a measure of the age of cases which have been finalised in the financial year, against nominated time categories. It is defined as the number of finalised cases at each court level which took longer than 6, 12 or 24 months to finalise (dependent on court level), as a percentage of the total cases finalised during the financial year.

Lower percentages of cases finalised in these time categories indicates effective management of caseloads and timeliness of court services. The disposals indicator should be considered in conjunction with the backlog indicator.

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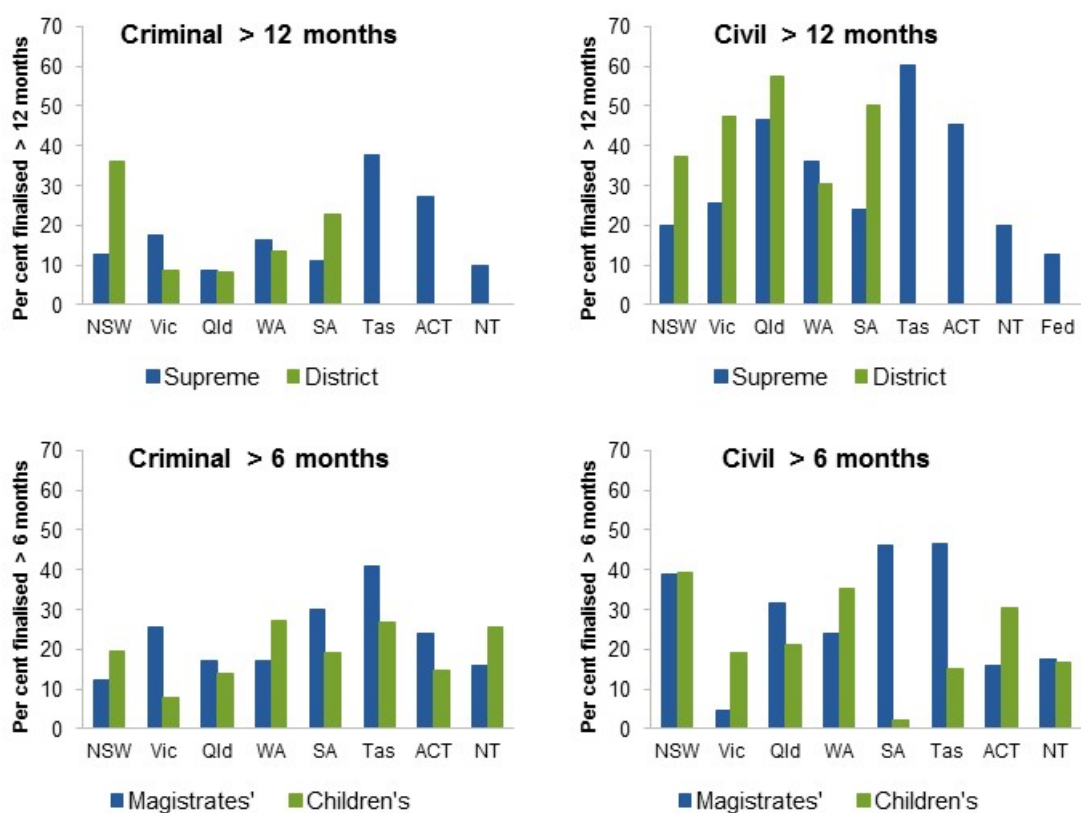
Time taken to process cases is not necessarily due to court delay. Some delays are caused by factors other than those related to the workload of the court (for example, a witness being unavailable). See tables 7A.17–18 for further information about factors which can impact on delay.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period (subject to caveats). All required 2016–17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Figure 7.6 shows the percentage of finalised cases in the Supreme and District courts (all matters) which took longer than 12 months to finalise, and the percentage of finalised cases in the Magistrates’ and Children’s courts which took longer than six months to finalise. Experimental data on time to disposal for criminal and civil matters for all court levels in 2016–17 are available in tables 7A.19–20.

**Figure 7.6 Time to disposal in the courts, criminal and civil, 2016–17 — experimental data<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See box 7.5 and tables 7A.19–20 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> Fed refers to Federal Court of Australia.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.19–20.



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## Access — attendance

‘Attendance’ is an indicator of governments’ achievement against the objective of processing matters in an expeditious and timely manner (box 7.6).

### Box 7.6 Attendance

‘Attendance’ is defined as the average number of attendances recorded (no matter when the attendance occurred) for those cases that were finalised during the year. The number of attendances is the number of times that parties or their representatives are required to be present in court to be heard by a judicial officer or mediator/arbitrator where binding orders can be made. The number includes appointments that are adjourned or rescheduled.

Fewer attendances may suggest a more effective process. However, this should be balanced against the likelihood that the number of attendances will increase if rehabilitation or diversionary programs are used, or if intensive case management is used. Both of these paths are believed to improve the quality of outcomes:

- rehabilitation and diversionary programs aim to provide therapeutic benefits for the offenders, and benefits of reduced recidivism for the community
- intensive case management is believed to maximise the prospects of settlement (and thereby reduce the litigant’s costs, the number of cases queuing for hearing, and the flow of work on to appellate courts); alternatively, it can narrow the issues for trial (thus shortening trial time and also reducing costs and the queuing time for other cases waiting for hearing).

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) can resolve some types of matters out of court and thereby reduce the need for judicial hearings. Accordingly, differences across jurisdictions in the availability and use of ADR can affect the comparability of the attendance indicator.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions
- incomplete for the current reporting period. Required 2016–17 data were not available for the NSW Supreme court. Data were not provided for the Victorian Supreme court.

Attendance data can be difficult to collect. Due to system limitations, some jurisdictions supply data on listed hearings rather than actual attendances in court (see table 7A.21 for details).

Attendance indicator results for criminal proceedings are reported in table 7.6 and for civil proceedings are reported in table 7.7.

**Table 7.6 Attendance — criminal, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>**

	<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>Average attendances per finalisation</i>								
Supreme	na	na	2.9	3.2	4.2	5.4	5.9	6.7
District/County	3.1	4.4	4.0	4.0	6.1	..	..	..
Magistrates'	2.7	2.6	3.5	2.7	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.3
Children's	3.9	2.0	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.9	4.7	5.3

<sup>a</sup> See box 7.6 and table 7A.21 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); table 7A.21.

**Table 7.7 Attendance — civil, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust courts</i>
<i>Average attendances per finalisation</i>									
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal	na	na	1.2	1.9	3.1	1.6	5.4	6.0	3.0
District/county	3.3	0.6	0.3	1.1	2.8	..	..	..	..
Magistrates'	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.2	2.1	1.3	..
Children's	4.8	1.8	3.6	5.0	2.8	4.8	8.7	4.3	..
Family	..	..	..	2.2	..	..	..	..	2.0
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.0
Coroners' courts	6.8	1.5	4.8	2.7	1.3	3.1	7.1	1.0	..

<sup>a</sup> See box 7.6 and table 7A.21 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); table 7A.21.

## Access — clearance

'Clearance' is an indicator of governments' achievement against the objective of processing matters in an expeditious and timely manner (box 7.7).

### Box 7.7 Clearance

'Clearance' indicates whether a court's pending caseload has increased or decreased over the measurement period, by comparing the volume of case finalisations and case lodgements during the reporting period. It is measured by dividing the number of finalisations in the reporting period by the number of lodgements in the same period, multiplied by 100.

The following can assist in interpretation of this indicator:

- a figure of 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised as many cases as were lodged, and the pending caseload should be similar to the pending caseload 12 months earlier

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**Box 7.7** (continued)

- a figure greater than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised more cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload should have decreased
- a figure less than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised fewer cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload should have increased.

The clearance indicator can be affected by external factors (such as those causing changes in lodgement rates), as well as by changes in a court's case management practices. Results for this indicator need to be interpreted within the context of changes in the volumes of lodgements, finalisations and pending caseloads over time.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period (subject to caveats). All required 2016–17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Clearance indicator data in 2016-17 are presented in table 7.8. Data are available by jurisdiction (civil and criminal) and appeal/non-appeal in tables 7A.22–23.

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**Table 7.8 Clearance — all matters, 2016-17 (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust courts</i>
Supreme/Federal	102.4	105.3	91.4	90.9	94.8	95.7	107.4	99.0	98.9
District/County	100.6	98.5	98.1	94.2	101.6	..	..	..	..
Magistrates'	102.5	111.1	100.1	103.5	103.1	95.3	79.9	109.4	..
Children's	102.0	107.2	96.4	109.2	108.3	90.5	99.1	98.0	..
Family	..	..	..	92.3	..	..	..	..	97.8
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95.4
Coroners' courts	94.5	100.6	89.7	99.9	72.9	100.5	102.0	118.5	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>96.0</b>

<sup>a</sup> See box 7.7 and tables 7A.22–23 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.1–2, 7A.5–6, 7A.22–23.

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### Access — affordability — fees paid by applicants

'Fees paid by applicants' is an indicator of governments' achievement against the objective of enabling courts to be open, accessible and affordable (box 7.8).

### Box 7.8 Fees paid by applicants

'Fees paid by applicants' is defined as the average civil court fees paid per lodgment. It is derived by dividing the total civil court fees collected (filing, sitting, hearing and deposition fees) by the number of civil lodgments in a year.

Providing court service quality is held constant, lower court fees help keep courts accessible.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period (subject to caveats). All required 2016–17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

In 2016-17, average civil court fees paid per lodgment were greater in supreme courts than in district/county and magistrates' courts (table 7.9). The average fees collected by the Australian, State and Territory courts vary for many reasons and caution should be used in making direct comparisons.

Table 7.9 Average civil court fees collected per lodgment, 2016-17 (dollars)<sup>a, b</sup>

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust courts	Total
Supreme (excl. probate) /Federal	3 818	2 110	2 282	2 646	2 941	710	3 092	2 525	2 661	2 780
District/county	1 899	1 889	1 059	1 213	1 055	..	..	..	..	1 535
Magistrates' (total)	202	209	114	150	123	82	258	17	..	172
<i>Magistrates' only</i>	217	227	122	155	134	86	271	18	..	185
<i>Children's</i>	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	..	–
Family	..	..	..	384	..	..	..	..	260	314
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	611	611
Probate — Supreme	1 450	383	660	347	1 611	687	1 322	1 215	..	922

<sup>a</sup> See box 7.8 and table 7A.15 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> Enforcement, transcript and mediation fees are excluded. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); table 7A.15.

### Quality — Court file integrity

'Court file integrity' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide court services in a high quality manner (box 7.9). Accurate, complete and readily available court files and records are critical for effective case management and daily court operations.

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**Box 7.9 Court file integrity**

'Court file integrity' is defined as the proportion of court files that are accessible, accurate and complete.

High or increasing levels of court file integrity are desirable.

Data are not yet available for reporting against this indicator.

### Homicide and related offences — selected indicators

Case-type can have a significant impact on performance against certain indicators – some case types will inherently require more court time and judicial resources than other case types, which may impact on backlog and clearance rates. Aggregating performance across all case-types can mask differences in case composition between jurisdictions and court levels.

Homicide data have been selected to be presented by indicator in the chapter because of the seriousness of the offence. Table 7.10 presents indicator data for backlog, attendance and clearance results for homicide and related matters processed by the Supreme, District, Magistrates' and Children's courts during 2016–17. Given that homicide-related lodgments are generally small in number, percentages in the table should be interpreted with caution.

A lodgment for homicide is counted where any criminal matter initiated, commenced, lodged or filed in a particular court level includes a charge of murder, attempted murder, manslaughter or driving causing death. Lodgments are based on a count of defendants, not a count of charges (a defendant may have multiple charges) and are counted independently at each court level. The charge(s) against a defendant may change once a matter has been lodged in the courts and proceeds through the court process and the data do not reflect whether or not a defendant has been found guilty.

Table 7.10 Homicide and related offences, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>

	<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>
<b>Supreme</b>									
Lodgments	no.	81	69	124	47	25	15	3	7
Finalisations	no.	86	73	109	40	23	8	3	20
Pending	no.	94	54	99	41	19	17	5	4
Backlog >12 mths	%	28.7	18.5	22.2	12.2	21.1	11.8	80.0	–
Backlog >24 mths	%	8.5	3.7	10.1	2.4	–	..	..	..
Attendance	no.	na	na	9.1	6.3	10.4	16.5	13.7	14.9
Clearance rate	%	106.2	105.8	87.9	85.1	92.0	53.3	100.0	285.7
<b>District/County<sup>b</sup></b>									
Lodgments	no.	51	35	na	27	9	..	..	..
Finalisations	no.	84	49	na	16	14	..	..	..
Pending	no.	58	13	na	25	9	..	..	..
Backlog >12 mths	%	34.5	84.6	na	8.0	22.2	..	..	..
Backlog >24 mths	%	6.9	38.5	na	4.0	11.1	..	..	..
Attendance	no.	5.5	6.1	na	3.4	12.8	..	..	..
Clearance rate	%	164.7	140.0	na	59.3	155.6	..	..	..
<b>Magistrates'</b>									
Lodgments	no.	230	132	131	131	63	18	5	15
Finalisations	no.	221	140	106	95	60	21	4	5
Pending	no.	198	116	163	58	30	2	3	10
Backlog >6 mths	%	50.0	44.0	69.3	31.0	23.3	–	–	40.0
Backlog >12 mths	%	13.6	14.7	35.0	5.2	6.7	–	–	–
Attendance	no.	10.0	7.7	10.6	4.6	6.1	3.1	4.3	10.8
Clearance rate	%	96.1	106.1	80.9	72.5	95.2	116.7	80.0	33.3
<b>Children's</b>									
Lodgments	no.	12	3	4	5	2	na	–	1
Finalisations	no.	7	6	5	8	1	na	–	–
Pending	no.	10	–	3	4	1	na	–	1
Backlog >6 mths	%	70.0	–	66.7	–	–	na	–	–
Backlog >12 mths	%	–	–	33.3	–	–	na	–	–
Attendance	no.	10.0	11.3	10.4	9.9	5.0	na	–	–
Clearance rate	%	58.3	200.0	125.0	160.0	50.0	na	–	–

<sup>a</sup> Homicide and related offences' is defined according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC) coding and includes murder, attempted murder, manslaughter and driving causing death. <sup>b</sup> Data for Queensland do not include offences for dangerous driving causing death. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

## Efficiency

Efficiency results need to be viewed in light of the performance indicator framework as a whole, as there can be trade-offs between efficiency on the one hand and equity and effectiveness on the other.

## Judicial officers per finalisation

‘Judicial officers per finalisation’ is an indicator of governments’ achievement against the objective of providing court services in an efficient manner (box 7.10).

### Box 7.10 Judicial officers per finalisation

‘Judicial officers per finalisation’ is measured by dividing the number of full time equivalent judicial officers within each court level for the financial year by the total number of finalisations for the same period, and multiplying by 100.

The following points need to be considered in interpreting the results for this indicator:

- some finalisations take a short time and require few resources, whereas other finalisations may be resource intensive and involve complicated trials and interlocutory decisions
- factors such as geographical dispersion, judicial workload and population density are important considerations when comparing figures on judicial officers.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period (subject to caveats). All required 2016-17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

The number of judicial officers per 100 finalisations is provided in table 7.11.

Table 7.11 Judicial officers per 100 finalisations, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust courts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal	0.70	0.89	0.44	0.70	0.95	0.55	0.64	1.06	0.79	0.72
District/County	0.36	0.55	0.29	0.37	0.48	..	..	..	..	0.40
Magistrates'	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.07	..	0.04
Children's	0.14	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.10	0.20	0.07	..	0.07
Family	..	..	..	0.10	..	..	..	..	0.16	0.13
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.07	0.07
Coroners	0.09	0.14	0.16	0.16	0.11	0.48	0.05	0.45	..	0.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.07</b>

<sup>a</sup> See box 7.10 and table 7A.25 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); table 7A.25.

## Full time equivalent staff (FTE) per finalisation

‘FTE staff per finalisation’ is an indicator of governments’ achievement against the objective of providing court services in an efficient manner (box 7.11).

### Box 7.11 Full time equivalent (FTE) staff per finalisation

'FTE staff per finalisation' is measured by dividing the total number of FTE staff employed by courts for the financial year by the total number of finalisations for the same period, and multiplying by 100.

FTE staff include those employed directly by court authorities or by umbrella and other departments (see section 7.4 for further details).

The following points need to be considered in interpreting the results for this indicator:

- some finalisations take a short time and require few resources, whereas other finalisations may be resource intensive and involve complicated trials and interlocutory decisions
- factors such as geographical dispersion, court workload and population density are important considerations when comparing figures on FTE staff.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period (subject to caveats). All required 2016-17 data are available for all jurisdictions except the ACT.

Data on FTE staff per 100 finalisations for 2016-17 are provided in table 7.12.

Table 7.12 Full time equivalent staff per 100 finalisations, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust courts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Criminal courts	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.5	..	0.5
Civil courts	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.3	0.6	5.4	0.6
Family	..	..	..	0.9	..	..	..	..	1.0	1.0
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.6	0.6
Coroners' courts	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.5	..	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>

<sup>a</sup> See box 7.11 and table 7A.26 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); table 7A.26.

### Cost per finalisation

'Cost per finalisation' is an indicator of governments' achievement against the objective of providing court services in an efficient manner (box 7.12).



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### Box 7.12 Cost per finalisation

'Cost per finalisation' is measured by dividing the total recurrent expenditure (gross and net – excluding payroll tax) within each court for the financial year by the total number of finalisations for the same period. This indicator is not a measure of the actual cost per case.

The following points need to be considered in interpreting the results for this indicator:

- some finalisations take a short time and require few resources, whereas other finalisations may be resource intensive and involve complicated trials and interlocutory decisions
- expenditure data may include arbitrary allocation between criminal and civil jurisdictions
- net expenditure is calculated by deducting income (court fees and other sources of revenue, excluding fines) from total expenditure, and for civil courts is impacted by court fee relief and exemptions
- a number of factors are beyond the control of jurisdictions, such as geographic dispersion, economies of scale and socioeconomic factors.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions
- complete for the current reporting period (subject to caveats). All required 2016-17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

In general, the net recurrent expenditure per finalisation for civil courts will be lower than criminal courts because relatively little income is generated by the criminal court system (tables 7A.27–29). Civil court fee structures can also affect cost per finalisation results.

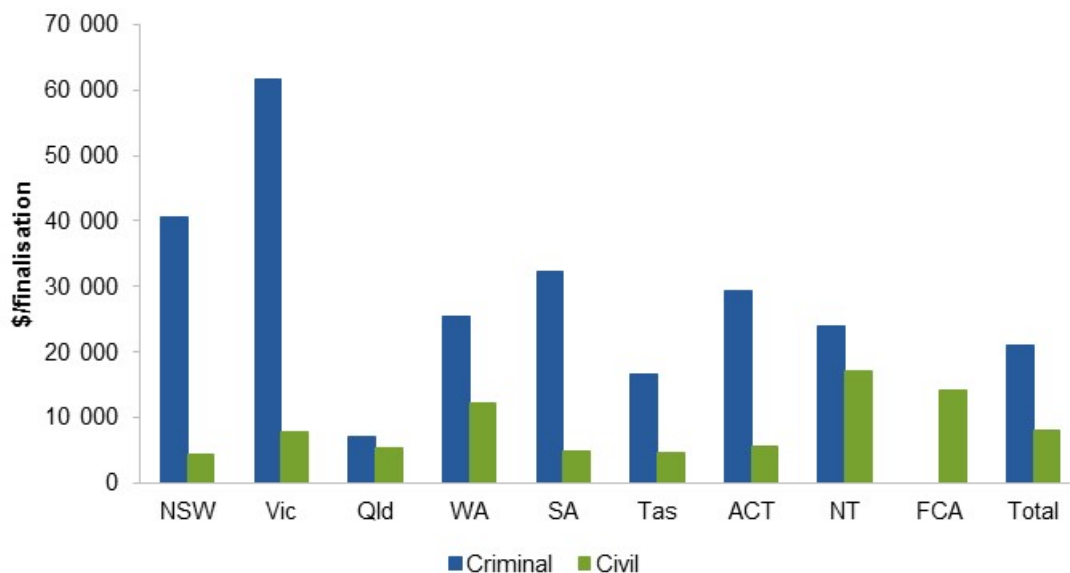
#### *Cost per finalisation for the Supreme courts and the Federal Court of Australia*

Nationally in 2016-17, the gross cost per finalisation in the criminal jurisdiction of supreme courts (\$21 332) was greater than the civil jurisdiction (\$10 996) (tables 7A.30–31). The net costs per finalisation were \$21 058 in the criminal courts and \$7978 in the civil courts (figure 7.7).

#### *Cost per finalisation for district/county courts*

Nationally in 2016-17, the gross cost per finalisation in the criminal jurisdiction of district/county courts (\$9880) was greater than the civil jurisdiction (\$4283) (tables 7A.30–31). The net cost per finalisation in the criminal jurisdiction (\$9703) was more than three times that in the civil jurisdiction (\$2661) (figure 7.8).

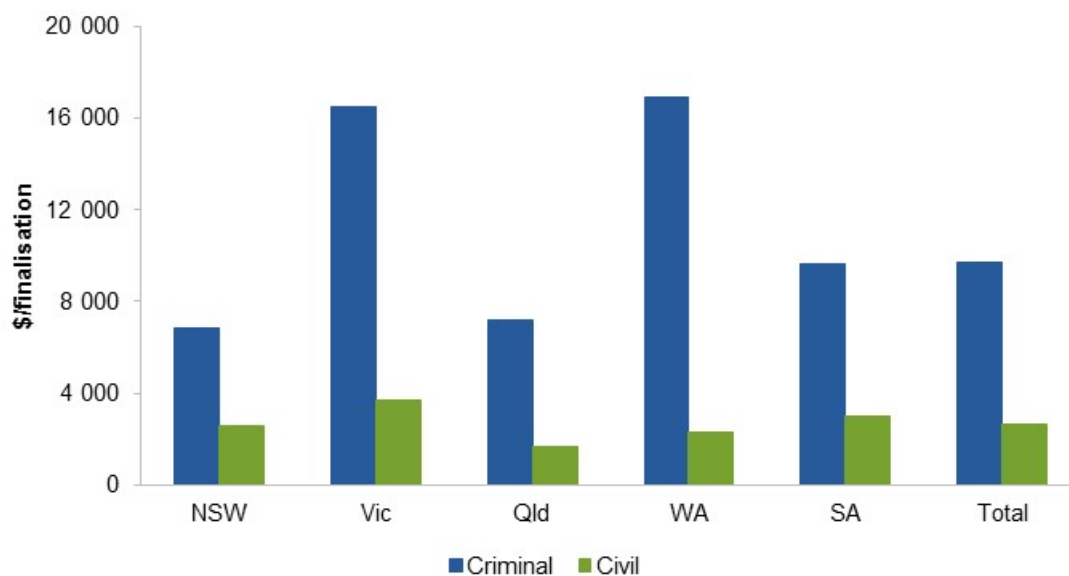
**Figure 7.7 Net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, supreme courts and the Federal Court of Australia, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See box 7.12 and tables 7A.27–28 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments and the Federal Court of Australia (unpublished); tables 7A.27–28.

**Figure 7.8 Net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, district/county courts, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See box 7.12 and tables 7A.27–28 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.27–28.

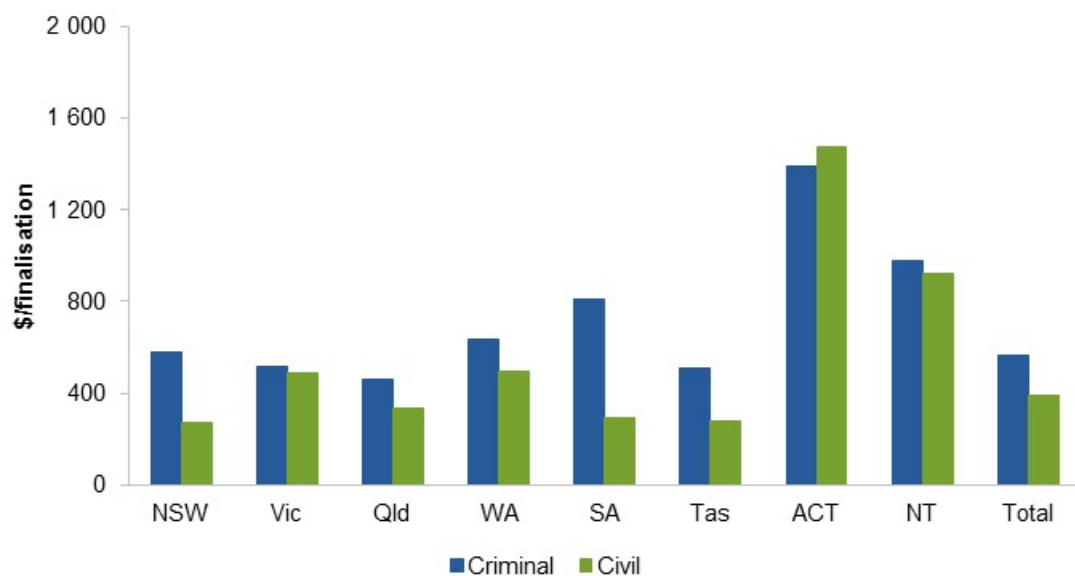
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*Cost per finalisation for magistrates' courts (including children's courts)*

Nationally in 2016-17 for magistrates' and children's courts combined, the gross cost per finalisation in the criminal jurisdiction (\$596) was similar to that in the civil jurisdiction (\$579) (tables 7A.30–31). The net cost per civil finalisation was reduced more than in the criminal jurisdiction (\$390 compared with \$564) (figure 7.9).

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**Figure 7.9 Net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, total magistrates' courts (including magistrates' and children's courts), 2016-17<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See box 7.12 and tables 7A.27–28 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.27–28.

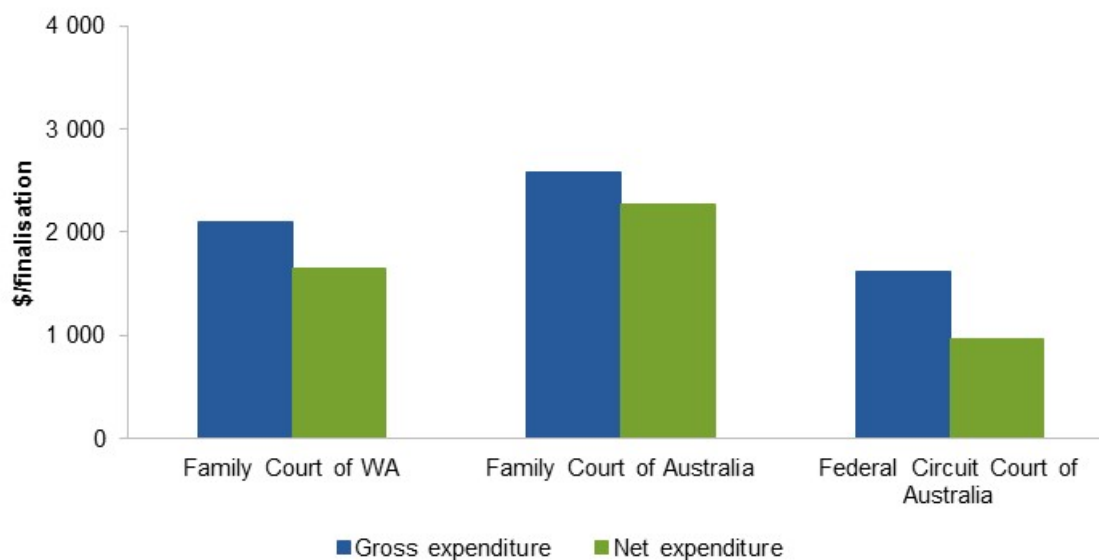
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Whilst finalisations in children's courts are smaller in number than the magistrates' courts, the net expenditure is higher in the civil than criminal courts (\$574 compared to \$1460 per case finalised) (tables 7A.27–28).

*Cost per finalisation for family courts and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia*

The Family Court of Australia, Family Court of WA and the Federal Circuit Court are responsible for determining matters related to family law and child support, but each court has a different focus, breadth and complexity of work, which contributes to the differences in recurrent expenditure per finalisation results presented in figure 7.10 (see table 7A.37 for details).

Figure 7.10 **Recurrent expenditure per finalisation, family courts and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See box 7.12 and tables 7A.28 and 7A.31 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: Australian and State court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.28 and 7A.31.

### *Expenditure per reported death and fire for coroners' courts*

Nationally, net expenditure per reported death and fire in coroners' courts (excluding costs associated with autopsy, forensic science, pathology tests and body conveyancing fees) was approximately \$1904 in 2016-17 (table 7A.28).

## **Outcomes**

### Perceptions of court integrity

'Perceptions of court integrity' is an indicator of government's objective to encourage public confidence and trust in the courts (box 7.13). Community confidence and trust in the fairness and equality of court processes and procedures is integral to a willingness to engage with courts and comply with court outcomes. High levels of perceived integrity of courts is an indicator of community confidence and trust that courts treat people fairly and appropriately and that court processes are administered in a consistent and unbiased manner.

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**Box 7.13 Perceptions of court integrity**

'Perceptions of court integrity' is defined as the proportion of the community who believe that courts in Australia treat people fairly, equally and respectfully.

High or increasing proportions of perceived court integrity are desirable.

Data are not yet available for reporting against this indicator.

## 7.4 Definitions of key terms

<b>Active pending population</b>	A lodgment that is yet to be finalised but is part of the active case management of court administrators.
<b>Attendance indicator</b>	An attendance is defined as the number of times that parties or their representatives are required to be present in court (including any appointment which is adjourned or rescheduled) for all finalised matters during the year. The actual attendance is one that is heard by a judicial officer or mediator/arbitrator.
<b>Case</b>	The measurement of workload in the civil jurisdiction. It is the issues, grievances or complaints that constitute a single and related series of disputes brought by an entity (or group of entities) against another entity (or group).
<b>Comparability</b>	Data are considered comparable if, (subject to caveats) they can be used to inform an assessment of comparative performance. Typically, data are considered comparable when they are collected in the same way and in accordance with the same definitions. For comparable indicators or measures, significant differences in reported results allow an assessment of differences in performance, rather than being the result of anomalies in the data.
<b>Completeness</b>	Data are considered complete if all required data are available for all jurisdictions that provide the service.
<b>Cost recovery</b>	The amount of court fees collected divided by the amount of court expenditure.
<b>Court fees collected</b>	Total court income from fees charged in the civil jurisdiction. Can include filing, sitting hearing and deposition fees, and excludes transcript fees.
<b>Electronic infringement and enforcement system</b>	A court with the capacity to produce enforceable orders against defendants (such as fines, licence cancellation and incarceration) and to process infringements, on-the-spot fines and summary offences.
<b>Excluded courts and tribunals</b>	This includes such bodies as guardianship boards, environment resources and development courts, and administrative appeals tribunals. The types of excluded courts and tribunals vary among the states and territories.
<b>FTE staff</b>	FTE staff can include the following categories of staff employed directly by court authorities or by umbrella and other departments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• judicial officers, judicial support staff and registry court staff</li><li>• court security and sheriff type staff</li><li>• court reporters</li><li>• library and information technology staff</li><li>• counsellors, mediators and interpreters</li><li>• cleaning, gardening and maintenance staff</li><li>• first line support staff and probate staff</li><li>• corporate administration staff and umbrella department staff.</li></ul>

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<b>Income</b>	Income 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>Judicial officer</b>	Judges, magistrates, masters, coroners, judicial registrars and all other officers who, following argument and giving of evidence, make enforceable orders of the court. The data are provided on the basis of the proportion of time spent on the judicial activity.
<b>Lodgment</b>	The initiation or commencement of a matter before the court. The date of commencement is counted as the date of registration of a court matter.
<b>Matter</b>	<p><i>Coronial matters:</i> Deaths and fires reported to the coroner in each jurisdiction, including all reported deaths and fires regardless of whether the coroner held an inquest or inquiry. Coronial jurisdictions can extend to the manner of the death of a person who was killed; was found drowned; died a sudden death of which the cause is unknown; died under suspicious or unusual circumstances; died during or following the administration of an operation of a medical, surgical, dental, diagnostic or like nature; died in a prison remand centre or lockup; or died under circumstances that (in the opinion of the Attorney-General) require that the cause of death be more clearly ascertained.</p> <p><i>Criminal matters:</i> Matters brought to the court by a government prosecuting agency, which is generally the Director of Public Prosecutions but could also be the Attorney-General, the police, local councils or traffic camera branches.</p> <p><i>Civil matters:</i> Matters brought before the court by individuals or organisations against another party, such as small claims and residential tenancies, as well as matters dealt with by the appeal court jurisdiction.</p> <p><i>Excluded matters:</i> Extraordinary driver's licence applications; any application on a pending dispute; applications for bail directions or judgment; secondary processes (for example, applications for default judgments); interlocutory matters; investigation/examination summonses; firearms appeals; escort agents' licensing appeals; pastoral lands appeals; local government tribunals; police promotions appeals; applications appealing the decisions of workers compensation review officers.</p> <p><i>Probate matters:</i> Matters such as applications for the appointment of an executor or administrator to the estate of a deceased person.</p>
<b>Real expenditure</b>	Actual expenditure adjusted for changes in prices using the general government final consumption expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator and expressed in terms of current year prices (i.e. for the courts chapter with 2016-17 as the base year). Additional information about the GGFCE index can be found in chapter 2.
<b>Recurrent expenditure</b>	Expenditure that does not result in the creation or acquisition of fixed assets (new or second hand). It consists mainly of expenditure on wages, salaries and supplements, purchases of goods and services, and the consumption of fixed capital (depreciation).
<b>Specialist jurisdiction court</b>	A court which has exclusive jurisdiction in a field of law presided over by a judicial officer with expertise in that area. Examples of these types of courts which are within the scope of this Report are the family courts, the Children's Courts and the Coroners' Courts. Examples of specialist jurisdiction courts which are excluded from this Report include Indigenous and circle sentencing courts and drug courts.

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# 7A Courts— attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 7.4 of the chapter. Data in this Report are examined by the Courts Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. Data for past years have been revised for some jurisdictions - where this has occurred, totals and any derived data have been recalculated. For this reason data for past years presented in this Report may vary from figures published in earlier editions of this Report. Disaggregated figures may not add to the total figure because of rounding. Further, because of rounding of numbers and the application of national counting rules, figures presented in the Report may differ from counts published elsewhere, such as in jurisdictions' annual reports and the ABS criminal courts publication (Criminal Courts, Australia, cat. no. 4513.0).

Information on the comparability and completeness of the data for the performance indicators and measures is in sections 7.2-3 of the courts chapter.

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TABLE 7A.1

Table 7A.1 **Lodgments, criminal (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts (c)										
Appeal										
2016-17	364	330	378	338	238	23	101	19	..	1 791
2015-16	360	276	410	310	263	32	98	16	..	1 765
2014-15	356	327	342	308	265	35	115	17	..	1 765
2013-14	395	319	367	361	265	22	138	19	..	1 886
2012-13	328	300	376	448	239	22	108	29	..	1 850
2011-12	370	358	391	405	296	28	115	21	..	1 984
2010-11	402	413	377	372	283	33	119	19	..	2 018
Non-appeal										
2016-17	100	108	2 362	347	53	512	254	521	..	4 257
2015-16	109	86	1 712	328	60	449	181	732	..	3 657
2014-15	104	125	1 268	305	50	469	220	668	..	3 209
2013-14	88	117	963	298	65	454	242	482	..	2 709
2012-13	122	145	839	269	85	523	176	484	..	2 643
2011-12	137	83	1 068	257	58	564	280	519	..	2 966
2010-11	123	116	1 529	221	59	613	244	436	..	3 341
Total										
2016-17	464	438	2 740	685	291	535	355	540	..	6 048
2015-16	469	362	2 122	638	323	481	279	748	..	5 422
2014-15	460	452	1 610	613	315	504	335	685	..	4 974
2013-14	483	436	1 330	659	330	476	380	501	..	4 595
2012-13	450	445	1 215	717	324	545	284	513	..	4 493
2011-12	507	441	1 459	662	354	592	395	540	..	4 950
2010-11	525	529	1 906	593	342	646	363	455	..	5 359

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts (d), (e)										
Appeal										
2016-17	7 194	2 975	406	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 575
2015-16	7 622	3 059	434	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 115
2014-15	7 099	2 966	448	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 513
2013-14	6 937	2 820	427	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 184
2012-13	6 544	2 891	405	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 840
2011-12	6 729	2 697	529	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 955
2010-11	7 158	2 584	868	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 610
Non-appeal										
2016-17	4 950	2 397	6 531	2 532	2 161	..	..	..	..	18 571
2015-16	4 870	2 232	5 879	2 448	2 172	..	..	..	..	17 601
2014-15	4 264	2 113	5 553	2 176	2 294	..	..	..	..	16 400
2013-14	4 086	2 350	5 232	1 928	2 371	..	..	..	..	15 967
2012-13	3 952	2 461	4 703	1 991	2 301	..	..	..	..	15 408
2011-12	3 636	2 211	5 120	1 972	2 048	..	..	..	..	14 987
2010-11	3 575	2 378	5 609	1 988	2 025	..	..	..	..	15 575
Total										
2016-17	12 144	5 372	6 937	2 532	2 161	..	..	..	..	29 146
2015-16	12 492	5 291	6 313	2 448	2 172	..	..	..	..	28 716
2014-15	11 363	5 079	6 001	2 176	2 294	..	..	..	..	26 913
2013-14	11 023	5 170	5 659	1 928	2 371	..	..	..	..	26 151
2012-13	10 496	5 352	5 108	1 991	2 301	..	..	..	..	25 248
2011-12	10 365	4 908	5 649	1 972	2 048	..	..	..	..	24 942
2010-11	10 733	4 962	6 477	1 988	2 025	..	..	..	..	26 185

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Table 7A.1 **Lodgments, criminal (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f), (g), (h)										
2016-17	187 500	166 499	202 160	93 261	45 163	18 061	8 202	13 447	..	734 293
2015-16	186 913	160 942	219 218	92 251	51 997	17 664	5 504	14 601	..	749 090
2014-15	168 979	247 025	205 905	91 004	49 476	17 024	6 219	15 646	..	801 278
2013-14	158 919	218 409	205 038	81 055	52 523	15 640	6 879	16 633	..	755 096
2012-13	153 065	175 345	188 524	83 912	54 357	15 876	5 119	15 492	..	691 690
2011-12	146 451	172 323	183 717	86 303	54 826	19 756	5 429	13 743	..	682 548
2010-11	179 181	166 791	178 567	90 865	50 208	21 508	5 293	12 721	..	705 134
Children's courts										
2016-17	10 190	18 658	13 313	6 627	3 188	1 283	280	2 176	..	55 715
2015-16	10 511	23 688	12 190	6 349	4 159	1 109	273	2 293	..	60 572
2014-15	10 476	20 777	11 645	6 124	4 316	1 230	269	2 031	..	56 868
2013-14	9 881	19 951	12 000	6 414	5 088	1 305	338	2 128	..	57 105
2012-13	10 040	20 816	11 721	6 902	5 355	1 567	408	2 015	..	58 824
2011-12	10 572	19 747	12 306	7 163	5 967	2 130	527	1 840	..	60 252
2010-11	16 843	18 650	11 866	8 359	5 939	1 906	595	1 192	..	65 350
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (f), (g), (h)										
2016-17	197 690	185 157	215 473	99 888	48 351	19 344	8 482	15 623	..	790 008
2015-16	197 424	184 630	231 408	98 600	56 156	18 773	5 777	16 894	..	809 662
2014-15	179 455	267 802	217 550	97 128	53 792	18 254	6 488	17 677	..	858 146
2013-14	168 800	238 360	217 038	87 469	57 611	16 945	7 217	18 761	..	812 201
2012-13	163 105	196 161	200 245	90 814	59 712	17 443	5 527	17 507	..	750 514
2011-12	157 023	192 070	196 023	93 466	60 793	21 886	5 956	15 583	..	742 800
2010-11	196 024	185 441	190 433	99 224	56 147	23 414	5 888	13 913	..	770 484

TABLE 7A.1

Table 7A.1 **Lodgments, criminal (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
All criminal courts										
2016-17	210 298	190 967	225 150	103 105	50 803	19 879	8 837	16 163	..	825 202
2015-16	210 385	190 283	239 843	101 686	58 651	19 254	6 056	17 642	..	843 800
2014-15	191 278	273 333	225 161	99 917	56 401	18 758	6 823	18 362	..	890 033
2013-14	180 306	243 966	224 027	90 056	60 312	17 421	7 597	19 262	..	842 947
2012-13	174 051	201 958	206 568	93 522	62 337	17 988	5 811	18 020	..	780 255
2011-12	167 895	197 419	203 131	96 100	63 195	22 478	6 351	16 123	..	772 692
2010-11	207 282	190 932	198 816	101 805	58 514	24 060	6 251	14 368	..	802 028

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) In the criminal courts lodgment counts are based on the number of defendants per case. Unless otherwise noted, matters excluded from the criminal court lodgment data in this collection are: any lodgment that does not have a defendant element (for example, applications for telephone taps); extraordinary driver's licence applications; bail procedures (including applications and review); directions; warrants; and secondary processes — for example, interlocutory matters, breaches of penalties (that is, bail, suspended sentences, probation).
- (b) In Queensland, a defendant who has more than one case lodged on the same date in a jurisdiction is counted as one lodgment in that jurisdiction.
- (c) Queensland Supreme and District Courts data count a defendant as a lodgment from the date of lodgment in the Supreme or District court, not from the date of committal in the Magistrates' court.
- (d) In NSW, Victoria and Queensland, the criminal jurisdiction of the district/county courts can hear appeals. Appeals are not heard in this jurisdiction in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the Supreme courts in SA and WA. The District court does not operate in Tasmania, ACT or the NT.
- (e) The WA District Court criminal non-appeal matters data between 2011-12 and 2014-15 were revised in 2015-16 following the implementation of an improved methodology relating to the treatment of charge transfers from one indictment to another within the same jurisdiction.
- (f) In Queensland, legislative changes from 1 November 2010 allowed the Magistrates Court to hear a larger number of indictable offences under certain conditions. This only applies to matters commenced in the court system after 1 November 2010. These changes impacted lodgments in the higher courts from 1 November 2010. From 8 November 2010, police officers were able to use discretion to issue infringement notices for a range of common offences. From 2010-11 there was also a reduction in traffic offences brought before the court.
- (g) The increase in the ACT Magistrates court criminal matters in 2013-14 and 2016-17 was due to the prosecution of a large number of non-voting matters.
- (h) In 2015-16 the Victorian Magistrates' court made changes to its case management system to improve processes relating to the initiation of infringement matters referred to the court. This affected the counting rules in relation to lodgments resulting in an overall reduction. Under the previous counting rules lodgments for 2015-16 would have been 272 599.

.. Not applicable.

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

TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2 Lodgments, civil (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme (excl. probate) (c), (d) /Federal Court (e)										
Appeal										
2016-17	618	323	272	152	121	79	59	125	1 045	2 794
2015-16	687	332	222	158	102	82	62	108	992	2 745
2014-15	670	338	282	206	111	94	56	132	910	2 799
2013-14	744	407	264	159	117	89	67	101	728	2 676
2012-13	791	442	284	183	128	90	55	119	633	2 725
2011-12	778	418	270	181	110	84	43	138	614	2 636
2010-11	772	377	239	166	126	92	48	128	638	2 586
Non-appeal										
2016-17	7 015	5 373	2 983	2 605	1 022	761	529	138	4 650	25 076
2015-16	7 878	5 891	3 028	2 568	1 112	740	552	146	5 000	26 915
2014-15	7 949	7 512	3 101	2 296	1 089	833	517	139	3 445	26 881
2013-14	8 036	6 403	3 215	2 284	1 053	860	563	139	4 281	26 834
2012-13	8 653	6 644	3 516	2 390	1 127	1 052	505	138	5 169	29 194
2011-12	9 296	7 275	3 961	2 780	1 323	981	593	164	4 663	31 036
2010-11	10 546	6 659	5 185	2 661	1 267	893	766	173	4 303	32 453
Total										
2016-17	7 633	5 696	3 255	2 757	1 143	840	588	263	5 695	27 870
2015-16	8 565	6 223	3 250	2 726	1 214	822	614	254	5 992	29 660
2014-15	8 619	7 850	3 383	2 502	1 200	927	573	271	4 355	29 680
2013-14	8 780	6 810	3 479	2 443	1 170	949	630	240	5 009	29 510
2012-13	9 444	7 086	3 800	2 573	1 255	1 142	560	257	5 802	31 919
2011-12	10 074	7 693	4 231	2 961	1 433	1 065	636	302	5 277	33 672
2010-11	11 318	7 036	5 424	2 827	1 393	985	814	301	4 941	35 039

TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2 Lodgments, civil (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts (f)										
Appeal										
2016-17	71	35	84	112	78	..	..	..	..	380
2015-16	78	61	80	112	113	..	..	..	..	444
2014-15	107	49	61	119	183	..	..	..	..	519
2013-14	182	114	68	124	182	..	..	..	..	670
2012-13	180	157	53	121	209	..	..	..	..	720
2011-12	228	187	65	99	36	..	..	..	..	615
2010-11	218	132	52	103	30	..	..	..	..	535
Non-appeal										
2016-17	7 353	6 277	4 868	5 177	1 773	..	..	..	..	25 448
2015-16	7 129	5 966	5 012	4 782	1 598	..	..	..	..	24 487
2014-15	7 082	6 736	5 322	4 843	1 589	..	..	..	..	25 572
2013-14	7 042	6 521	5 540	4 561	1 820	..	..	..	..	25 484
2012-13	7 307	6 682	5 543	4 467	2 909	..	..	..	..	26 908
2011-12	7 569	6 350	6 297	4 857	2 526	..	..	..	..	27 599
2010-11	8 171	6 674	5 415	6 139	2 964	..	..	..	..	29 363
Total										
2016-17	7 424	6 312	4 952	5 289	1 851	..	..	..	..	25 828
2015-16	7 207	6 027	5 092	4 894	1 711	..	..	..	..	24 931
2014-15	7 189	6 785	5 383	4 962	1 772	..	..	..	..	26 091
2013-14	7 224	6 635	5 608	4 685	2 002	..	..	..	..	26 154
2012-13	7 487	6 839	5 596	4 588	3 118	..	..	..	..	27 628
2011-12	7 797	6 537	6 362	4 956	2 562	..	..	..	..	28 214
2010-11	8 389	6 806	5 467	6 242	2 994	..	..	..	..	29 898

TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2 **Lodgments, civil (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (g)										
2016-17	118 515	92 444	60 890	50 970	25 017	5 880	3 489	4 900	..	362 105
2015-16	116 146	86 614	57 646	52 704	25 242	6 106	3 523	6 447	..	354 428
2014-15	127 290	90 129	55 325	50 688	26 872	6 467	3 751	6 855	..	367 377
2013-14	138 023	93 761	57 944	51 416	27 008	7 077	3 966	5 557	..	384 752
2012-13	146 819	98 644	55 239	50 600	28 879	7 844	4 014	6 623	..	398 662
2011-12	146 578	101 457	53 113	51 432	26 550	8 537	3 737	6 384	..	397 788
2010-11	175 692	101 741	54 401	53 077	26 307	9 547	3 419	5 961	..	430 145
Children's courts (h), (i)										
2016-17	9 135	7 990	4 255	1 798	2 079	304	170	494	..	26 225
2015-16	8 939	8 290	3 979	1 811	2 200	339	162	402	..	26 122
2014-15	8 820	7 672	3 570	2 085	1 623	292	148	433	..	24 643
2013-14	8 893	7 000	3 499	2 616	1 091	284	122	407	..	23 912
2012-13	8 767	6 354	3 951	3 058	1 231	389	106	355	..	24 211
2011-12	8 662	6 476	3 776	1 880	1 324	452	117	347	..	23 034
2010-11	9 383	5 707	3 959	1 617	1 199	418	158	328	..	22 769
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	127 650	100 434	65 145	52 768	27 096	6 184	3 659	5 394	..	388 330
2015-16	125 085	94 904	61 625	54 515	27 442	6 445	3 685	6 849	..	380 550
2014-15	136 110	97 801	58 895	52 773	28 495	6 759	3 899	7 288	..	392 020
2013-14	146 916	100 761	61 443	54 032	28 099	7 361	4 088	5 964	..	408 664
2012-13	155 586	104 998	59 190	53 658	30 110	8 233	4 120	6 978	..	422 873
2011-12	155 240	107 933	56 889	53 312	27 874	8 989	3 854	6 731	..	420 822
2010-11	185 075	107 448	58 360	54 694	27 506	9 965	3 577	6 289	..	452 914



TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2 **Lodgments, civil (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Circuit Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	142 707	112 442	73 352	60 814	30 090	7 024	4 247	5 657	5 695	442 028
2015-16	140 857	107 154	69 967	62 135	30 367	7 267	4 299	7 103	5 992	435 141
2014-15	151 918	112 436	67 661	60 237	31 467	7 686	4 472	7 559	4 355	447 791
2013-14	162 920	114 206	70 530	61 160	31 271	8 310	4 718	6 204	5 009	464 328
2012-13	172 517	118 923	68 586	60 819	34 483	9 375	4 680	7 235	5 802	482 420
2011-12	173 111	122 163	67 482	61 229	31 869	10 054	4 490	7 033	5 277	482 708
2010-11	204 782	121 290	69 251	63 763	31 893	10 950	4 391	6 590	4 941	517 851
Family courts (e), (j)										
Appeal										
2016-17	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	344	355
2015-16	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	371	375
2014-15	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	389	395
2013-14	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	330	336
2012-13	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	326	330
2011-12	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	373	378
2010-11	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	328	332
Non-appeal										
2016-17	..	..	..	16 184	..	..	..	..	20 741	36 925
2015-16	..	..	..	16 236	..	..	..	..	20 418	36 654
2014-15	..	..	..	15 533	..	..	..	..	20 397	35 930
2013-14	..	..	..	14 982	..	..	..	..	19 651	34 633
2012-13	..	..	..	14 899	..	..	..	..	17 834	32 733
2011-12	..	..	..	14 970	..	..	..	..	17 756	32 726
2010-11	..	..	..	15 022	..	..	..	..	17 431	32 453

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Table 7A.2	Lodgments, civil (a)									
	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Total										
2016-17	..	..	..	16 195	..	..	..	..	21 085	37 280
2015-16	..	..	..	16 240	..	..	..	..	20 789	37 029
2014-15	..	..	..	15 539	..	..	..	..	20 786	36 325
2013-14	..	..	..	14 988	..	..	..	..	19 981	34 969
2012-13	..	..	..	14 903	..	..	..	..	18 160	33 063
2011-12	..	..	..	14 975	..	..	..	..	18 129	33 104
2010-11	..	..	..	15 026	..	..	..	..	17 759	32 785
Federal Circuit Court (e)										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95 181	95 181
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	93 575	93 575
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95 385	95 385
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92 022	92 022
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89 599	89 599
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92 542	92 542
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90 714	90 714
Coronial										
Deaths reported (k)										
2016-17	6 258	6 248	5 587	2 422	2 537	579	299	281	..	24 211
2015-16	6 030	6 302	5 287	2 214	2 430	568	291	265	..	23 387
2014-15	5 633	6 336	4 961	2 192	2 290	542	290	282	..	22 526
2013-14	5 578	6 260	4 682	2 009	2 248	581	289	292	..	21 939
2012-13	5 205	5 932	4 762	2 155	2 200	555	324	303	..	21 436
2011-12	5 503	5 028	4 461	1 916	2 088	478	332	301	..	20 107
2010-11	5 434	4 857	4 416	1 996	2 148	558	317	285	..	20 011

TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2 **Lodgments, civil (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Fires reported (k)										
2016-17	85	—	..	..	..	—	—	..	..	85
2015-16	124	3	..	..	..	—	1	..	..	128
2014-15	113	7	..	..	..	—	683	..	..	803
2013-14	132	6	..	..	..	—	839	..	..	977
2012-13	192	2	..	..	..	—	1 014	..	..	1 208
2011-12	451	1	..	..	..	—	934	..	..	1 386
2010-11	370	—	..	..	..	..	861	..	..	1 231
Total coroners' courts (incl. deaths and fires reported)										
2016-17	6 343	6 248	5 587	2 422	2 537	579	299	281	..	24 296
2015-16	6 154	6 305	5 287	2 214	2 430	568	292	265	..	23 515
2014-15	5 746	6 343	4 961	2 192	2 290	542	973	282	..	23 329
2013-14	5 710	6 266	4 682	2 009	2 248	581	1 128	292	..	22 916
2012-13	5 397	5 934	4 762	2 155	2 200	555	1 338	303	..	22 644
2011-12	5 954	5 029	4 461	1 916	2 088	478	1 266	301	..	21 493
2010-11	5 804	4 857	4 416	1 996	2 148	558	1 178	285	..	21 242
<i>Probate</i>										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	26 561	20 924	10 686	7 511	6 464	2 422	996	211	..	75 775
2015-16	26 613	20 682	10 086	7 205	5 976	2 427	868	197	..	74 054
2014-15	25 417	19 718	9 724	6 795	6 340	2 270	836	224	..	71 324
2013-14	24 118	18 983	9 444	6 543	5 641	2 305	782	230	..	68 046
2012-13	23 777	18 637	9 227	6 443	5 778	2 346	724	201	..	67 133
2011-12	24 161	18 627	8 220	5 982	5 493	2 319	710	156	..	65 668
2010-11	23 165	18 585	8 036	5 982	5 712	2 187	712	154	..	64 533

TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2 **Lodgments, civil (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Aust cts = Australian courts.										
(a)	Counting units for civil court lodgment data are based on: the number of cases (except in children's courts where, if more than one child can be involved in an application, the counting unit is the number of children involved); and the number of reported deaths (and, if relevant, reported fires) for coroners' courts. Unless otherwise noted, the following types of matters are excluded from the civil lodgment data reported in this collection: admissions matters (original applications to practice and mutual recognition matters); extraordinary driver's licence applications; cross-claims; directions; secondary processes — for example, interlocutory matters, breaches of penalties (that is, bail, suspended sentences, probation); and <i>applications</i> for default judgments (because the application is a secondary process).									
(b)	In Queensland, legislative changes from 1 November 2010 amended the monetary jurisdictional limits for each court level. Lodgments in Queensland courts are not comparable to previous years by court level.									
(c)	Data quality auditing by the Tasmanian Supreme Court during 2011-12 identified a number of revisions to be made in previous years' figures.									
(d)	During 2014-15, a high volume of debt recovery proceedings following the finalisation of class actions which arose from failed management investment schemes were filed in the Supreme Court of Victoria Commercial Court. This amounted to an anomaly, resulting in the filings in 2015-16 and 2016-17 indicating a consistent return to normal trends.									
(e)	The introduction on 23 June 2000 of the Federal Magistrates Court (now the Federal Circuit Court) has had implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court lodgment time series. The Family Court of WA does elements of Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court work, so direct comparisons need to be made with caution. In November 2003, a practice direction was issued by the Family Court of Australia requiring all divorce applications to be lodged in the Federal Circuit Court. However, a small number of divorce applications were still lodged and processed in the Family Court of Australia. Bankruptcy matters processed by the Federal Court on behalf of the Federal Circuit Court were previously included in Federal Court data. These matters are included in Federal Circuit Court data.									
(f)	The decrease in the Victorian County court civil lodgments is due to a class action being lodged with the court during the 2014-15 financial year.									
(g)	The NT Magistrates' court has a small number of appeal matters (43 appeals lodged in 2014-15) which are excluded from the lodgments count in order to be consistent with Magistrates courts in other jurisdictions.									
(h)	NSW lodgment data for children in the civil court is based on a count of each child listed in all new applications for care and protection, not just the originating application.									
(i)	Queensland Children's Court data for civil cases is based on a count of cases, not the number of children involved in the care and protection case.									
(j)	Family Court of Australia data do not include instances where its Registrars are given delegation to conduct Federal Circuit Court divorce applications or when conducting conciliation conferences on Federal Circuit Court matters. These are part of the 'free services' provided to the Federal Circuit Court. Some Bankruptcy and Immigration matters filed with the Federal Circuit Court are delegated to be dealt with by Federal Court registrars. Those matters finalised by Federal Court registrars are counted as part of the Federal Circuit Court matters as they are filed and funded by the Federal Circuit Court.									

Table 7A.2 **Lodgments, civil (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
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(k) Reporting rates for deaths and fires which are reported to the coroner vary across jurisdictions due to differing reporting requirements. Fires are reported to the coroner in NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT although the scope of fires reported in the ACT changed in 2015-16, resulting in a substantial reduction in cases reported in the coroner's court. Deaths in institutions (such as nursing homes) of people suffering intellectual impairment of any type, for example, must be reported in SA but not in other jurisdictions.

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

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

TABLE 7A.3

Table 7A.3	Lodgments, criminal, per 100 000 people (a)									
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total (b)
Supreme courts										
2016-17	6	7	56	27	17	103	87	220	..	25
2015-16	6	6	44	25	19	93	71	307	..	23
2014-15	6	8	34	24	19	98	86	280	..	21
2013-14	6	8	28	26	20	93	99	207	..	20
2012-13	6	8	26	29	19	106	75	217	..	20
2011-12	7	8	32	28	22	116	107	232	..	22
2010-11	7	10	43	26	21	127	99	198	..	24
District/county courts										
2016-17	156	86	142	99	126	..	..	..	..	120
2015-16	163	88	131	94	128	..	..	..	..	120
2014-15	150	86	126	84	136	..	..	..	..	114
2013-14	148	89	121	76	141	..	..	..	..	112
2012-13	143	94	111	81	138	..	..	..	..	110
2011-12	143	88	125	83	124	..	..	..	..	111
2010-11	149	90	146	86	124	..	..	..	..	118
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	2 405	2 666	4 139	3 632	2 630	3 480	2 018	5 487	..	3 011
2015-16	2 437	2 684	4 559	3 543	3 054	3 414	1 400	5 983	..	3 129
2014-15	2 234	4 197	4 334	3 526	2 925	3 304	1 604	6 405	..	3 392
2013-14	2 129	3 772	4 371	3 178	3 131	3 043	1 791	6 857	..	3 238
2012-13	2 083	3 087	4 089	3 394	3 270	3 098	1 349	6 540	..	3 020
2011-12	2 021	3 091	4 071	3 615	3 333	3 861	1 464	5 914	..	3 036
2010-11	2 496	3 035	4 025	3 918	3 076	4 215	1 451	5 524	..	3 180

TABLE 7A.3

Table 7A.3 **Lodgments, criminal, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	131	299	273	258	186	247	69	888	..	228
2015-16	137	395	253	244	244	214	69	940	..	253
2014-15	138	353	245	237	255	239	69	831	..	241
2013-14	132	345	256	251	303	254	88	877	..	245
2012-13	137	367	254	279	322	306	107	851	..	257
2011-12	146	354	273	300	363	416	142	792	..	268
2010-11	235	339	267	360	364	374	163	518	..	295
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	2 535	2 965	4 412	3 890	2 816	3 727	2 087	6 375	..	3 240
2015-16	2 574	3 079	4 812	3 787	3 298	3 628	1 470	6 923	..	3 382
2014-15	2 372	4 549	4 580	3 763	3 180	3 543	1 674	7 237	..	3 632
2013-14	2 261	4 116	4 627	3 429	3 435	3 297	1 879	7 734	..	3 483
2012-13	2 219	3 454	4 343	3 673	3 592	3 404	1 456	7 391	..	3 276
2011-12	2 167	3 446	4 344	3 915	3 696	4 277	1 607	6 706	..	3 303
2010-11	2 730	3 374	4 292	4 279	3 439	4 589	1 614	6 041	..	3 475
All criminal courts										
2016-17	2 697	3 058	4 610	4 015	2 959	3 830	2 174	6 596	..	3 384
2015-16	2 743	3 173	4 988	3 905	3 444	3 721	1 541	7 229	..	3 525
2014-15	2 528	4 643	4 740	3 871	3 334	3 641	1 760	7 517	..	3 767
2013-14	2 415	4 213	4 776	3 530	3 596	3 390	1 978	7 941	..	3 615
2012-13	2 368	3 556	4 480	3 782	3 750	3 510	1 531	7 608	..	3 406
2011-12	2 317	3 541	4 501	4 026	3 842	4 393	1 713	6 939	..	3 436
2010-11	2 887	3 474	4 481	4 390	3 584	4 716	1 713	6 239	..	3 617

Aust cts = Australian courts.

TABLE 7A.3

Table 7A.3 **Lodgments, criminal, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
(a)	Lodgments per 100 000 persons are derived from lodgment data presented in table 7A.1, and population data presented in table 2A.2. The financial year population estimate is based on the midpoint population estimate of the relevant financial year. The estimated residential populations (ERPs) used to derive these rates differ across years. For data up to 2015-16 the rates are derived using the ERPs based on the 2011 Census. For 2016-17 data the rates are derived using the ERPs based on the 2016 Census. The December 2016 ERP also includes Norfolk Island in the Australian total (in addition to the other territories). Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.1 and 2A.2.									
(b)	The total number of lodgments for all states and territories in the financial year, divided by the Australian population (per 100 000 people).									
	.. Not applicable.									

*Source:* Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); Table 7A.1.



TABLE 7A.4

Table 7A.4 **Lodgments, civil, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2016-17	98	91	67	107	67	162	145	107	23	114
2015-16	112	104	68	105	71	159	156	104	25	124
2014-15	114	133	71	97	71	180	148	111	18	126
2013-14	118	118	74	96	70	185	164	99	21	127
2012-13	129	125	82	104	76	223	148	108	25	139
2011-12	139	138	94	124	87	208	172	130	23	150
2010-11	158	128	122	122	85	193	223	131	22	158
District/county courts										
2016-17	95	101	101	206	108	..	..	..	..	106
2015-16	94	101	106	188	100	..	..	..	..	104
2014-15	95	115	113	192	105	..	..	..	..	110
2013-14	97	115	120	184	119	..	..	..	..	112
2012-13	102	120	121	186	188	..	..	..	..	121
2011-12	108	117	141	208	156	..	..	..	..	125
2010-11	117	124	123	269	183	..	..	..	..	135
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	1 520	1 480	1 247	1 985	1 457	1 133	859	2 000	..	1 485
2015-16	1 514	1 444	1 199	2 024	1 482	1 180	896	2 642	..	1 480
2014-15	1 683	1 531	1 165	1 964	1 589	1 255	968	2 806	..	1 555
2013-14	1 849	1 619	1 235	2 016	1 610	1 377	1 032	2 291	..	1 650
2012-13	1 998	1 737	1 198	2 046	1 737	1 531	1 058	2 796	..	1 740
2011-12	2 022	1 820	1 177	2 154	1 614	1 668	1 008	2 747	..	1 769
2010-11	2 447	1 851	1 226	2 289	1 611	1 871	937	2 588	..	1 940

TABLE 7A.4

Table 7A.4 **Lodgments, civil, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	117	128	87	70	121	59	42	202	..	108
2015-16	117	138	83	70	129	66	41	165	..	109
2014-15	117	130	75	81	96	57	38	177	..	104
2013-14	119	121	75	103	65	55	32	168	..	103
2012-13	119	112	86	124	74	76	28	150	..	106
2011-12	120	116	84	79	80	88	32	149	..	102
2010-11	131	104	89	70	73	82	43	142	..	103
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	1 637	1 608	1 334	2 055	1 578	1 191	900	2 201	..	1 592
2015-16	1 631	1 583	1 282	2 094	1 612	1 246	938	2 807	..	1 590
2014-15	1 799	1 661	1 240	2 044	1 685	1 312	1 006	2 984	..	1 659
2013-14	1 968	1 740	1 310	2 118	1 675	1 432	1 064	2 459	..	1 752
2012-13	2 117	1 849	1 284	2 170	1 811	1 607	1 085	2 946	..	1 846
2011-12	2 142	1 936	1 261	2 233	1 694	1 757	1 040	2 897	..	1 872
2010-11	2 578	1 955	1 315	2 358	1 685	1 953	980	2 731	..	2 043
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	1 830	1 801	1 502	2 368	1 753	1 353	1 045	2 309	23	1 813
2015-16	1 836	1 787	1 455	2 386	1 783	1 405	1 094	2 911	25	1 818
2014-15	2 008	1 910	1 424	2 334	1 860	1 492	1 154	3 095	18	1 895
2013-14	2 182	1 972	1 504	2 398	1 864	1 617	1 228	2 558	21	1 991
2012-13	2 348	2 094	1 487	2 460	2 075	1 830	1 233	3 054	25	2 106
2011-12	2 389	2 191	1 495	2 565	1 937	1 965	1 211	3 027	23	2 147
2010-11	2 852	2 207	1 561	2 750	1 954	2 146	1 204	2 861	22	2 336

Aust cts = Australian courts.

TABLE 7A.4

Table 7A.4 **Lodgments, civil, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
(a)	Lodgments per 100 000 persons are derived from lodgment data presented in table 7A.2, and population data presented in table 2A.2. The financial year population estimate is based on the midpoint population estimate of the relevant financial year. The estimated residential populations (ERPs) used to derive these rates differ across years. For data up to 2015-16 the rates are derived using the ERPs based on the 2011 Census. For 2016-17 data the rates are derived using the ERPs based on the 2016 Census. The December 2016 ERP also includes Norfolk Island in the Australian total (in addition to the other territories). Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.2 and 2A.2.									
(b)	The total number of lodgments for all states and territories, including the Federal Court where applicable, in the financial year, divided by the Australian population (per 100 000 people).									
	.. Not applicable.									

*Source:* Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); Table 7A.2.

TABLE 7A.5

Table 7A.5 Finalisations, criminal (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts										
Appeal										
2016-17	417	275	394	329	231	37	94	10	..	1 787
2015-16	339	301	437	291	280	34	92	11	..	1 785
2014-15	453	352	323	323	237	26	110	19	..	1 843
2013-14	341	318	372	390	232	18	109	28	..	1 808
2012-13	358	338	349	440	238	25	132	15	..	1 895
2011-12	324	543	407	366	311	26	119	24	..	2 120
2010-11	420	656	337	363	264	34	97	28	..	2 199
Non-appeal										
2016-17	101	120	2 050	300	43	437	213	548	..	3 812
2015-16	89	107	1 484	306	76	436	170	613	..	3 281
2014-15	110	104	1 136	271	46	422	199	568	..	2 856
2013-14	91	118	865	242	68	403	258	384	..	2 429
2012-13	158	129	993	264	98	536	309	456	..	2 943
2011-12	109	116	1 130	235	57	537	278	525	..	2 987
2010-11	83	132	1 504	210	67	616	287	364	..	3 263
Total										
2016-17	518	395	2 444	629	274	474	307	558	..	5 599
2015-16	428	408	1 921	597	356	470	262	624	..	5 066
2014-15	563	456	1 459	594	283	448	309	587	..	4 699
2013-14	432	436	1 237	632	300	421	367	412	..	4 237
2012-13	516	467	1 342	704	336	561	441	471	..	4 838
2011-12	433	659	1 537	601	368	563	397	549	..	5 107
2010-11	503	788	1 841	573	331	650	384	392	..	5 462

TABLE 7A.5

Table 7A.5 Finalisations, criminal (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts (c), (d)										
Appeal										
2016-17	7 187	2 899	416	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 502
2015-16	7 572	3 064	449	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 085
2014-15	6 975	3 216	408	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 599
2013-14	6 924	2 917	373	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 214
2012-13	6 492	2 664	1 101	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 257
2011-12	6 916	2 794	441	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 151
2010-11	7 198	2 860	334	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 392
Non-appeal										
2016-17	4 676	2 112	6 320	2 378	2 122	..	..	..	..	17 608
2015-16	4 472	2 175	5 538	2 071	2 186	..	..	..	..	16 442
2014-15	3 661	2 224	5 360	1 872	2 122	..	..	..	..	15 239
2013-14	3 877	2 339	5 062	1 837	2 402	..	..	..	..	15 517
2012-13	3 539	2 366	4 981	2 019	2 192	..	..	..	..	15 097
2011-12	3 590	2 424	5 350	1 962	2 043	..	..	..	..	15 369
2010-11	3 104	2 321	5 854	2 058	2 180	..	..	..	..	15 517
Total										
2016-17	11 863	5 011	6 736	2 378	2 122	..	..	..	..	28 110
2015-16	12 044	5 239	5 987	2 071	2 186	..	..	..	..	27 527
2014-15	10 636	5 440	5 768	1 872	2 122	..	..	..	..	25 838
2013-14	10 801	5 256	5 435	1 837	2 402	..	..	..	..	25 731
2012-13	10 031	5 030	6 082	2 019	2 192	..	..	..	..	25 354
2011-12	10 506	5 218	5 791	1 962	2 043	..	..	..	..	25 520
2010-11	10 302	5 181	6 188	2 058	2 180	..	..	..	..	25 909

TABLE 7A.5

Table 7A.5 Finalisations, criminal (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (b)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Magistrates' courts (e), (f), (g), (h)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	187 503	198 185	204 845	98 513	47 238	16 661	5 861	13 793	..	772 599
2015-16	182 013	199 960	215 745	93 959	48 910	16 902	5 353	15 088	..	777 930
2014-15	170 886	275 552	200 589	94 083	50 825	15 651	5 949	16 259	..	829 794
2013-14	159 602	237 452	195 596	79 751	55 580	14 751	6 705	15 811	..	765 248
2012-13	150 596	188 537	183 832	80 239	54 767	17 157	5 060	16 695	..	696 883
2011-12	153 646	180 754	183 963	83 256	55 516	20 336	5 635	15 272	..	698 378
2010-11	181 122	180 337	186 399	88 665	53 944	21 161	5 214	12 723	..	729 565
Children's courts										
2016-17	10 277	20 791	13 023	7 438	3 608	1 110	238	2 130	..	58 615
2015-16	10 313	25 718	13 466	6 146	4 085	1 150	297	2 193	..	63 368
2014-15	10 478	21 472	11 920	6 403	4 747	1 217	276	2 097	..	58 610
2013-14	10 073	21 280	12 153	6 414	5 353	1 321	355	1 934	..	58 883
2012-13	9 995	21 965	12 526	6 801	5 400	1 733	467	2 102	..	60 989
2011-12	11 163	20 088	12 526	7 264	6 078	2 019	567	1 635	..	61 340
2010-11	16 572	20 126	12 426	8 439	6 301	2 076	618	1 254	..	67 812
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	197 780	218 976	217 868	105 951	50 846	17 771	6 099	15 923	..	831 214
2015-16	192 326	225 678	229 211	100 105	52 995	18 052	5 650	17 281	..	841 298
2014-15	181 364	297 024	212 509	100 486	55 572	16 868	6 225	18 356	..	888 404
2013-14	169 675	258 732	207 749	86 165	60 933	16 072	7 060	17 745	..	824 131
2012-13	160 591	210 502	196 358	87 040	60 167	18 890	5 527	18 797	..	757 872
2011-12	164 809	200 842	196 489	90 520	61 594	22 355	6 202	16 907	..	759 718
2010-11	197 694	200 463	198 825	97 104	60 245	23 237	5 832	13 977	..	797 377

TABLE 7A.5

Table 7A.5 **Finalisations, criminal (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (b)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
All criminal courts										
2016-17	210 161	224 382	227 048	108 958	53 242	18 245	6 406	16 481	..	864 923
2015-16	204 798	231 325	237 119	102 773	55 537	18 522	5 912	17 905	..	873 891
2014-15	192 563	302 920	219 736	102 952	57 977	17 316	6 534	18 943	..	918 941
2013-14	180 908	264 424	214 421	88 634	63 635	16 493	7 427	18 157	..	854 099
2012-13	171 138	215 999	203 782	89 763	62 695	19 451	5 968	19 268	..	788 064
2011-12	175 748	206 719	203 817	93 083	64 005	22 918	6 599	17 456	..	790 345
2010-11	208 499	206 432	206 854	99 735	62 756	23 887	6 216	14 369	..	828 748

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) The counting unit for finalisations is the same as for lodgments (Table 7A.1). A criminal matter is considered finalised at the date on which all charges laid against a defendant are regarded as formally completed by the court and the matter ceases to be an active unit of work to be dealt with by the court.
- (b) Criminal finalisations data in the WA District, Magistrates' and Children's courts have been revised. Data for the reference periods prior to 2010-11 should not be used to undertake comparative analysis.
- (c) In NSW, Victoria and Queensland the criminal jurisdiction of the district/county courts can hear appeals. Appeals are not heard in this jurisdiction in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the Supreme courts in SA and WA. There is no district court in Tasmania, the ACT, the NT or the Australian courts.
- (d) The number of finalisations in the Queensland District appeal court for 2012-13 was unusually high due to a further appeal pending in a higher appeal court jurisdiction. The outcome of that higher court appeal set the precedent for those appeals pending in the district court (all related to the alcohol management program) which were all finalised together, resulting in a very high clearance rate.
- (e) In Queensland, legislative changes from 1 November 2010 have allowed the Magistrates court to finalise a larger number of indictable offences under certain conditions. This only applies to matters commenced in the court system after 1 November 2010. These changes will impact finalisations in the higher and lower courts from 1 November 2010.
- (f) Includes cases finalised by committals.
- (g) The increase in the ACT Magistrates court criminal matters in 2013-14 was due to the prosecution of a large number of non-voting matters.
- (h) In 2015-16 the Victorian Magistrates' court made changes to its case management system to improve processes relating to the initiation of infringement matters referred to the court. This affected the counting rules in relation to finalisations resulting in an overall reduction. Under the previous counting rules finalisations for 2015-16 would have been 281 053.

.. Not applicable

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

TABLE 7A.6

Table 7A.6 Finalisations, civil (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme (excl. probate) (c) /Federal Court (e)										
Appeal										
2016-17	677	362	245	168	108	71	100	108	886	2 725
2015-16	727	309	282	178	89	74	55	115	956	2 785
2014-15	750	398	213	168	101	80	65	126	766	2 667
2013-14	840	426	275	171	129	90	40	84	699	2 754
2012-13	721	468	283	194	111	95	44	132	634	2 682
2011-12	614	451	266	170	108	75	41	113	685	2 523
2010-11	791	377	250	164	120	88	29	134	612	2 565
Non-appeal										
2016-17	7 098	5 703	2 789	2 331	977	771	606	129	4 747	25 151
2015-16	8 255	6 774	3 134	2 414	1 139	767	564	115	4 914	28 076
2014-15	8 815	6 906	3 153	2 249	1 066	864	550	138	3 150	26 891
2013-14	9 291	6 526	3 599	2 199	1 128	1 002	627	148	4 912	29 432
2012-13	11 741	6 991	3 960	2 632	1 195	950	818	166	5 922	34 375
2011-12	11 644	8 212	5 118	3 048	1 307	1 007	1 022	177	5 113	36 648
2010-11	9 266	6 815	6 721	2 475	1 207	912	1 008	169	4 036	32 609
Total										
2016-17	7 775	6 065	3 034	2 499	1 085	842	706	237	5 633	27 876
2015-16	8 982	7 083	3 416	2 592	1 228	841	619	230	5 870	30 861
2014-15	9 565	7 304	3 366	2 417	1 167	944	615	264	3 916	29 558
2013-14	10 131	6 952	3 874	2 370	1 257	1 092	667	232	5 611	32 186
2012-13	12 462	7 459	4 243	2 826	1 306	1 045	862	298	6 556	37 057
2011-12	12 258	8 663	5 384	3 218	1 415	1 082	1 063	290	5 798	39 171
2010-11	10 057	7 192	6 971	2 639	1 327	1 000	1 037	303	4 648	35 174



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Table 7A.6 Finalisations, civil (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts										
Appeal										
2016-17	85	65	74	109	108	..	..	..	..	441
2015-16	119	41	78	107	102	..	..	..	..	447
2014-15	127	89	56	118	188	..	..	..	..	578
2013-14	181	143	57	105	206	..	..	..	..	692
2012-13	193	128	63	119	169	..	..	..	..	672
2011-12	243	205	71	119	37	..	..	..	..	675
2010-11	162	132	68	108	27	..	..	..	..	497
Non-appeal										
2016-17	7 745	6 430	4 855	4 881	1 845	..	..	..	..	25 756
2015-16	7 764	6 744	5 170	4 862	1 741	..	..	..	..	26 281
2014-15	6 720	6 729	5 358	4 654	2 262	..	..	..	..	25 723
2013-14	7 315	6 542	5 304	4 476	2 769	..	..	..	..	26 406
2012-13	7 661	6 207	5 951	4 414	2 758	..	..	..	..	26 991
2011-12	8 096	6 146	5 973	5 189	3 144	..	..	..	..	28 548
2010-11	7 869	5 749	5 048	5 060	3 109	..	..	..	..	26 835
Total										
2016-17	7 830	6 495	4 929	4 990	1 953	..	..	..	..	26 197
2015-16	7 883	6 785	5 248	4 969	1 843	..	..	..	..	26 728
2014-15	6 847	6 818	5 414	4 772	2 450	..	..	..	..	26 301
2013-14	7 496	6 685	5 361	4 581	2 975	..	..	..	..	27 098
2012-13	7 854	6 335	6 014	4 533	2 927	..	..	..	..	27 663
2011-12	8 339	6 351	6 044	5 308	3 181	..	..	..	..	29 223
2010-11	8 031	5 881	5 116	5 168	3 136	..	..	..	..	27 332

TABLE 7A.6

Table 7A.6 Finalisations, civil (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	126 174	89 583	58 570	50 744	25 112	6 143	3 476	6 280	..	366 082
2015-16	123 959	90 499	59 337	51 189	25 982	6 348	3 652	6 549	..	367 515
2014-15	133 768	96 376	57 956	49 104	27 596	6 904	3 908	6 756	..	382 368
2013-14	142 646	103 022	56 744	51 971	27 395	7 707	3 955	6 880	..	400 320
2012-13	146 072	106 204	53 866	50 662	26 367	8 404	3 758	7 003	..	402 336
2011-12	149 319	105 913	53 048	50 333	27 107	8 909	3 661	6 418	..	404 708
2010-11	162 134	106 784	60 040	54 162	26 820	9 460	3 341	5 826	..	428 567
Children's courts (d)										
2016-17	9 430	7 785	3 912	1 759	2 094	327	208	486	..	26 001
2015-16	8 304	7 849	3 910	1 768	2 173	342	181	396	..	24 923
2014-15	8 389	6 635	3 514	2 192	1 430	354	107	444	..	23 065
2013-14	8 800	6 089	3 609	2 634	1 118	277	119	432	..	23 078
2012-13	8 798	6 241	3 921	2 757	1 256	423	119	367	..	23 882
2011-12	8 900	5 687	3 549	1 619	1 275	440	102	319	..	21 891
2010-11	8 414	4 943	3 798	1 540	1 236	443	156	313	..	20 843
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	135 604	97 368	62 482	52 503	27 206	6 470	3 684	6 766	..	392 083
2015-16	132 263	98 348	63 247	52 957	28 155	6 690	3 833	6 945	..	392 438
2014-15	142 157	103 011	61 470	51 296	29 026	7 258	4 015	7 200	..	405 433
2013-14	151 446	109 111	60 353	54 605	28 513	7 984	4 074	7 312	..	423 398
2012-13	154 870	112 445	57 787	53 419	27 623	8 827	3 877	7 370	..	426 218
2011-12	158 219	111 600	56 597	51 952	28 382	9 349	3 763	6 737	..	426 599
2010-11	170 548	111 727	63 838	55 702	28 056	9 903	3 497	6 139	..	449 410

TABLE 7A.6

Table 7A.6 Finalisations, civil (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	151 209	109 928	70 445	59 992	30 244	7 312	4 390	7 003	5 633	446 156
2015-16	149 128	112 216	71 911	60 518	31 226	7 531	4 452	7 175	5 870	450 027
2014-15	158 569	117 133	70 250	58 485	32 643	8 202	4 630	7 464	3 916	461 292
2013-14	169 073	122 748	69 588	61 556	32 745	9 076	4 741	7 544	5 611	482 682
2012-13	175 186	126 239	68 044	60 778	31 856	9 872	4 739	7 668	6 556	490 938
2011-12	178 816	126 614	68 025	60 478	32 978	10 431	4 826	7 027	5 798	494 993
2010-11	188 636	124 800	75 925	63 509	32 519	10 903	4 534	6 442	4 648	511 916
Family courts (e), (f), (g)										
Appeal										
2016-17	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	377	388
2015-16	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	354	358
2014-15	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	356	364
2013-14	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	349	354
2012-13	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	333	335
2011-12	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	332	336
2010-11	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	325	330
Non-appeal										
2016-17	..	..	..	14 942	..	..	..	..	20 247	35 189
2015-16	..	..	..	15 769	..	..	..	..	20 199	35 968
2014-15	..	..	..	14 529	..	..	..	..	20 108	34 637
2013-14	..	..	..	14 227	..	..	..	..	19 338	33 565
2012-13	..	..	..	14 978	..	..	..	..	18 040	33 018
2011-12	..	..	..	15 153	..	..	..	..	17 682	32 835
2010-11	..	..	..	15 252	..	..	..	..	18 516	33 768

TABLE 7A.6

Table 7A.6 Finalisations, civil (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Total										
2016-17	..	..	..	14 953	..	..	..	..	20 624	35 577
2015-16	..	..	..	15 773	..	..	..	..	20 553	36 326
2014-15	..	..	..	14 537	..	..	..	..	20 464	35 001
2013-14	..	..	..	14 232	..	..	..	..	19 687	33 919
2012-13	..	..	..	14 980	..	..	..	..	18 373	33 353
2011-12	..	..	..	15 157	..	..	..	..	18 014	33 171
2010-11	..	..	..	15 257	..	..	..	..	18 841	34 098
Federal Circuit Court (f), (g)										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90 770	90 770
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90 338	90 338
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89 582	89 582
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89 000	89 000
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90 563	90 563
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89 557	89 557
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89 344	89 344
Coroners' courts (h)										
2016-17	5 991	6 285	5 014	2 419	1 850	582	305	333	..	22 779
2015-16	6 166	6 596	5 313	2 049	2 181	494	250	305	..	23 354
2014-15	6 097	6 884	4 621	2 021	2 441	489	1 016	257	..	23 826
2013-14	6 211	7 623	4 909	2 036	2 044	536	1 184	341	..	24 884
2012-13	5 985	5 534	4 999	2 217	1 853	450	1 391	302	..	22 731
2011-12	7 851	4 949	4 771	2 215	2 379	462	1 277	281	..	24 185
2010-11	6 314	5 586	4 408	1 372	2 058	519	1 140	286	..	21 683

Aust cts = Australian courts.

TABLE 7A.6

Table 7A.6 **Finalisations, civil (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a)	The counting unit for finalisations is the same as for lodgments (Table 7A.2). In general a civil case is considered finalised at the date on which all matters pertaining to a file are regarded as formally completed by the court and the file ceases to be an active unit of work to be dealt with by the court. In the civil jurisdiction, (with the exception of appeals heard in the Supreme and District courts, the Federal Court of Australia, and all matters finalised in the Family court of Australia), cases may be deemed finalised if there is no action on a file for more than 12 months. From 2007-08, the Family Court of WA has deemed cases finalised if there has not been a court event for at least 12 months.									
(b)	In Queensland, legislative changes from 1 November 2010 amended the monetary jurisdictional limits for each court level. Finalisations in Queensland courts are not comparable to previous years by court level.									
(c)	Data quality auditing by the Tasmanian Supreme Court during 2011-12 identified a number of revisions to be made in previous years' figures.									
(d)	Queensland Children's Court data for civil cases is based on a count of cases, not the number of children involved in the care and protection case.									
(e)	The Federal Court of Australia has not applied the rule where a case is deemed to have been finalised if there is no action on a file in the last 12 months.									
(f)	Family Court of Australia data do not include instances where its registrars are given delegation to conduct Federal Circuit Court divorce applications, or when conducting conciliation conferences on Federal Circuit Court matters. These services are provided free of charge to the Federal Circuit Court. The Family Court of Australia does not deem a matter finalised even if it has not had a court event for at least 12 months as this is not consistent with its case management practices.									
(g)	Family Court of Western Australia civil finalisations data between the financial years 2009-10 and 2011-12 were revised following a review of the data extraction processes, which revealed some discrepancies in the counting rules used to extract the data. Data for the reference periods prior to 2009-10 should not be used to undertake comparative analysis.									
(h)	Reporting rates for deaths and fires which are reported to the coroner vary across jurisdictions due to differing reporting requirements. Fires are reported to the coroner in NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT although the scope of fires reported in the ACT changed in 2015-16, resulting in a substantial reduction in cases finalised in the coroner's court. Deaths in institutions (such as nursing homes) of people suffering intellectual impairment of any type, for example, must be reported in SA but not in other jurisdictions.									
	.. Not applicable.									

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

TABLE 7A.7

Table 7A.7 Finalisations, criminal, per 100 000 people (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Supreme courts										
2016-17	7	6	50	24	16	91	76	228	..	23
2015-16	6	7	40	23	21	91	67	256	..	21
2014-15	7	8	31	23	17	87	80	240	..	20
2013-14	6	8	26	25	18	82	96	170	..	18
2012-13	7	8	29	28	20	109	116	199	..	21
2011-12	6	12	34	25	22	110	107	236	..	23
2010-11	7	14	41	25	20	127	105	170	..	25
District/county courts										
2016-17	152	80	138	93	124	..	..	..	..	115
2015-16	157	87	125	80	128	..	..	..	..	115
2014-15	141	92	121	73	125	..	..	..	..	109
2013-14	145	91	116	72	143	..	..	..	..	110
2012-13	136	89	132	82	132	..	..	..	..	111
2011-12	145	94	128	82	124	..	..	..	..	113
2010-11	143	94	139	89	134	..	..	..	..	117
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	2 405	3 174	4 194	3 836	2 751	3 210	1 442	5 629	..	3 168
2015-16	2 373	3 335	4 486	3 608	2 872	3 267	1 362	6 183	..	3 249
2014-15	2 259	4 681	4 222	3 645	3 005	3 038	1 535	6 656	..	3 512
2013-14	2 138	4 100	4 170	3 126	3 314	2 870	1 745	6 518	..	3 282
2012-13	2 049	3 320	3 987	3 245	3 295	3 348	1 333	7 048	..	3 042
2011-12	2 120	3 243	4 076	3 488	3 375	3 974	1 520	6 572	..	3 106
2010-11	2 523	3 281	4 201	3 823	3 304	4 147	1 429	5 525	..	3 290

TABLE 7A.7

Table 7A.7 Finalisations, criminal, per 100 000 people (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	132	333	267	290	210	214	59	869	..	240
2015-16	134	429	280	236	240	222	76	899	..	265
2014-15	138	365	251	248	281	236	71	858	..	248
2013-14	135	367	259	251	319	257	92	797	..	253
2012-13	136	387	272	275	325	338	123	887	..	266
2011-12	154	360	278	304	369	395	153	704	..	273
2010-11	231	366	280	364	386	407	169	545	..	306
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	2 536	3 507	4 461	4 126	2 961	3 424	1 501	6 498	..	3 409
2015-16	2 507	3 764	4 767	3 844	3 112	3 489	1 438	7 081	..	3 514
2014-15	2 397	5 046	4 473	3 893	3 285	3 274	1 606	7 515	..	3 760
2013-14	2 273	4 468	4 429	3 378	3 633	3 127	1 838	7 315	..	3 534
2012-13	2 185	3 706	4 259	3 520	3 620	3 686	1 456	7 936	..	3 309
2011-12	2 274	3 603	4 354	3 792	3 744	4 369	1 673	7 276	..	3 379
2010-11	2 753	3 648	4 481	4 187	3 690	4 554	1 599	6 069	..	3 596
All criminal courts										
2016-17	2 695	3 593	4 649	4 243	3 101	3 515	1 576	6 726	..	3 547
2015-16	2 670	3 858	4 931	3 947	3 262	3 580	1 504	7 337	..	3 650
2014-15	2 545	5 146	4 626	3 988	3 428	3 361	1 686	7 755	..	3 890
2013-14	2 423	4 566	4 571	3 475	3 794	3 209	1 933	7 485	..	3 663
2012-13	2 329	3 803	4 420	3 630	3 772	3 796	1 572	8 134	..	3 440
2011-12	2 425	3 708	4 516	3 899	3 891	4 479	1 780	7 512	..	3 515
2010-11	2 904	3 756	4 662	4 301	3 844	4 682	1 704	6 239	..	3 738

Aust cts = Australian courts.

TABLE 7A.7

Table 7A.7 **Finalisations, criminal, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
(a)	Finalisations per 100 000 persons are derived from finalisations data presented in table 7A.5, and population data presented in table 2A.2. The financial year population estimate is based on the midpoint population estimate of the relevant financial year. The estimated residential populations (ERPs) used to derive these rates differ across years. For data up to 2015-16 the rates are derived using the ERPs based on the 2011 Census. For 2016-17 data the rates are derived using the ERPs based on the 2016 Census. The December 2016 ERP also includes Norfolk Island in the Australian total (in addition to the other territories). Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.5 and 2A.2.									
(b)	The total number of finalisations for all states and territories in the financial year, divided by the Australian population (per 100 000 people).									
	.. Not applicable.									

*Source:* Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); Table 7A.5.



TABLE 7A.8

Table 7A.8 Finalisations, civil, per 100 000 people (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2016-17	100	97	62	97	63	162	174	97	23	114
2015-16	117	118	71	100	72	163	158	94	25	129
2014-15	126	124	71	94	69	183	159	108	17	125
2013-14	136	120	83	93	75	212	174	96	24	138
2012-13	170	131	92	114	79	204	227	126	29	162
2011-12	169	155	119	135	86	211	287	125	26	174
2010-11	140	131	157	114	81	196	284	132	21	159
District/county courts										
2016-17	100	104	101	194	114	..	..	..	..	107
2015-16	103	113	109	191	108	..	..	..	..	112
2014-15	91	116	114	185	145	..	..	..	..	111
2013-14	100	115	114	180	177	..	..	..	..	116
2012-13	107	112	130	183	176	..	..	..	..	121
2011-12	115	114	134	222	193	..	..	..	..	130
2010-11	112	107	115	223	192	..	..	..	..	123
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	1 618	1 435	1 199	1 976	1 463	1 184	855	2 563	..	1 501
2015-16	1 616	1 509	1 234	1 966	1 526	1 227	929	2 684	..	1 535
2014-15	1 768	1 637	1 220	1 902	1 631	1 340	1 008	2 766	..	1 618
2013-14	1 911	1 779	1 210	2 037	1 633	1 500	1 030	2 836	..	1 717
2012-13	1 988	1 870	1 168	2 049	1 586	1 640	990	2 956	..	1 756
2011-12	2 060	1 900	1 175	2 108	1 648	1 741	988	2 762	..	1 800
2010-11	2 258	1 943	1 353	2 336	1 643	1 854	916	2 530	..	1 933

TABLE 7A.8

Table 7A.8 Finalisations, civil, per 100 000 people (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	121	125	80	69	122	63	51	198	..	107
2015-16	108	131	81	68	128	66	46	162	..	104
2014-15	111	113	74	85	85	69	28	182	..	98
2013-14	118	105	77	103	67	54	31	178	..	99
2012-13	120	110	85	111	76	83	31	155	..	104
2011-12	123	102	79	68	78	86	28	137	..	97
2010-11	117	90	86	66	76	87	43	136	..	94
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	1 739	1 559	1 279	2 045	1 585	1 247	906	2 761	..	1 608
2015-16	1 724	1 640	1 315	2 034	1 653	1 293	975	2 846	..	1 639
2014-15	1 879	1 750	1 294	1 987	1 716	1 409	1 036	2 948	..	1 716
2013-14	2 029	1 884	1 287	2 141	1 700	1 553	1 061	3 014	..	1 816
2012-13	2 107	1 980	1 253	2 160	1 662	1 723	1 021	3 111	..	1 861
2011-12	2 183	2 002	1 254	2 176	1 725	1 827	1 015	2 899	..	1 897
2010-11	2 375	2 033	1 439	2 402	1 719	1 941	959	2 666	..	2 027
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Circuit Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	1 939	1 760	1 442	2 336	1 761	1 409	1 080	2 858	23	1 830
2015-16	1 944	1 871	1 495	2 324	1 834	1 456	1 133	2 940	25	1 880
2014-15	2 096	1 990	1 479	2 266	1 930	1 592	1 194	3 056	17	1 953
2013-14	2 265	2 120	1 483	2 413	1 952	1 766	1 234	3 110	24	2 070
2012-13	2 384	2 223	1 476	2 458	1 917	1 927	1 249	3 237	29	2 143
2011-12	2 467	2 271	1 507	2 533	2 005	2 038	1 302	3 024	26	2 201
2010-11	2 627	2 271	1 711	2 739	1 992	2 137	1 243	2 797	21	2 309

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Table 7A.8 Finalisations, civil, per 100 000 people (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Family courts										
2016-17	..	..	..	582	..	..	..	..	85	146
2015-16	..	..	..	606	..	..	..	..	86	152
2014-15	..	..	..	563	..	..	..	..	87	148
2013-14	..	..	..	558	..	..	..	..	84	145
2012-13	..	..	..	606	..	..	..	..	80	146
2011-12	..	..	..	635	..	..	..	..	80	148
2010-11	..	..	..	658	..	..	..	..	85	154
Federal Circuit Court										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	372	372
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	377	377
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	379	379
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	382	382
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	395	395
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	398	398
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	403	403
Coroners' courts										
2016-17	77	101	103	94	108	112	75	136	..	93
2015-16	80	110	110	79	128	95	64	125	..	98
2014-15	81	117	97	78	144	95	262	105	..	101
2013-14	83	132	105	80	122	104	308	141	..	107
2012-13	81	97	108	90	111	88	366	127	..	99
2011-12	108	89	106	93	145	90	344	121	..	108
2010-11	88	102	99	59	126	102	312	124	..	98

Aust cts = Australian courts.

TABLE 7A.8

Table 7A.8 **Finalisations, civil, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
(a)	Finalisations per 100 000 persons are derived from finalisations data presented in table 7A.6, and population data presented in table 2A.2. The financial year population estimate is based on the midpoint population estimate of the relevant financial year. The estimated residential populations (ERPs) used to derive these rates differ across years. For data up to 2015-16 the rates are derived using the ERPs based on the 2011 Census. For 2016-17 data the rates are derived using the ERPs based on the 2016 Census. The December 2016 ERP also includes Norfolk Island in the Australian total (in addition to the other territories). Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.6 and 2A.2.									
(b)	The total number of finalisations for all states and territories, including the Federal Court where applicable, in the financial year, divided by the Australian population (per 100 000 people).									
	.. Not applicable.									

*Source:* Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); Table 7A.6.

TABLE 7A.9

Table 7A.9 **Real recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	NSW (c)	Vic	Qld (d)	WA (e)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	21 249	24 332	17 584	16 079	9 386	7 869	9 021	13 920	..	119 440
2015-16	23 744	25 861	16 651	16 090	9 611	7 944	8 820	13 398	..	122 120
2014-15	21 830	23 655	15 300	15 518	9 500	7 961	7 856	12 028	..	113 649
2013-14	19 243	22 655	16 284	13 668	8 731	8 224	7 725	10 814	..	107 344
2012-13	20 584	22 279	17 896	13 503	9 815	8 183	6 249	10 678	..	109 187
2011-12	20 227	23 752	16 477	13 012	9 562	8 157	5 593	9 381	..	106 161
2010-11	16 445	26 942	15 593	12 180	9 687	7 622	5 501	9 752	..	103 720
District/county courts (f)										
2016-17	84 980	82 661	48 521	40 340	21 214	..	..	..	..	277 716
2015-16	76 407	81 844	46 381	38 437	19 918	..	..	..	..	262 987
2014-15	71 112	83 537	45 704	39 992	20 579	..	..	..	..	260 924
2013-14	73 725	73 103	44 790	38 605	22 153	..	..	..	..	252 376
2012-13	72 120	80 906	48 850	39 108	24 090	..	..	..	..	265 074
2011-12	85 957	83 402	44 114	40 342	22 943	..	..	..	..	276 758
2010-11	76 286	82 702	43 445	37 085	23 990	..	..	..	..	263 509
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	120 165	108 437	90 784	70 914	40 099	9 108	8 405	13 781	..	461 694
2015-16	118 677	98 713	86 112	67 186	41 655	9 151	10 013	13 516	..	445 024
2014-15	122 565	93 903	85 534	83 106	41 249	9 408	8 067	13 602	..	457 434
2013-14	121 145	89 244	85 636	82 485	34 358	10 457	7 384	13 420	..	444 130
2012-13	121 332	87 839	87 281	83 902	34 539	10 027	7 053	11 977	..	443 948
2011-12	133 667	88 719	88 347	81 302	35 273	9 855	7 667	11 441	..	456 270
2010-11	116 377	86 734	83 214	79 245	32 881	9 658	7 626	11 270	..	427 005

TABLE 7A.9

Table 7A.9 **Real recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	9 080	4 779	10 689	4 158	1 985	757	589	1 848	..	33 884
2015-16	8 348	4 542	7 952	4 415	2 172	742	680	2 118	..	30 970
2014-15	7 635	3 963	8 087	6 584	2 409	734	1 086	1 766	..	32 265
2013-14	7 312	3 729	8 056	6 404	4 123	1 172	1 115	1 717	..	33 628
2012-13	8 090	3 126	9 552	6 145	4 124	1 125	959	1 556	..	34 678
2011-12	9 539	2 682	9 581	6 643	4 145	1 090	1 079	1 486	..	36 244
2010-11	16 677	2 322	9 489	6 536	3 881	1 144	1 070	1 061	..	42 180
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	129 245	113 216	101 473	75 072	42 084	9 865	8 994	15 629	..	495 578
2015-16	127 025	103 255	94 064	71 601	43 827	9 894	10 694	15 634	..	475 994
2014-15	130 200	97 866	93 621	89 691	43 659	10 143	9 153	15 368	..	489 699
2013-14	128 456	92 973	93 692	88 889	38 481	11 629	8 500	15 138	..	477 758
2012-13	129 421	90 965	96 833	90 047	38 663	11 152	8 012	13 533	..	478 626
2011-12	143 205	91 401	97 928	87 945	39 418	10 945	8 746	12 927	..	492 515
2010-11	133 054	89 055	92 704	85 781	36 762	10 802	8 696	12 331	..	469 186
All criminal courts										
2016-17	235 474	220 210	167 577	131 490	72 684	17 734	18 015	29 549	..	892 733
2015-16	227 177	210 960	157 095	126 128	73 356	17 838	19 514	29 033	..	861 101
2014-15	223 143	205 058	154 625	145 200	73 738	18 104	17 009	27 396	..	864 272
2013-14	221 424	188 730	154 766	141 163	69 366	19 853	16 225	25 952	..	837 478
2012-13	222 125	194 151	163 580	142 658	72 567	19 335	14 260	24 211	..	852 887
2011-12	249 389	198 555	158 519	141 299	71 923	19 102	14 339	22 308	..	875 433
2010-11	225 785	198 699	151 741	135 046	70 439	18 424	14 196	22 083	..	836 414

TABLE 7A.9

Table 7A.9 **Real recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	21 904	24 998	17 584	16 079	9 725	7 869	9 021	14 171	..	121 351
2015-16	24 582	26 524	16 659	16 090	9 971	7 944	8 820	13 739	..	124 329
2014-15	22 507	24 280	15 309	15 518	9 839	7 961	7 856	12 267	..	115 536
2013-14	19 846	23 246	16 647	13 668	9 062	8 224	7 725	11 025	..	109 444
2012-13	21 187	22 875	18 266	13 503	10 181	8 224	6 249	10 946	..	111 430
2011-12	21 042	24 330	16 877	13 012	9 926	8 299	5 593	9 599	..	108 679
2010-11	17 148	27 714	16 021	12 180	10 038	7 762	5 501	9 970	..	106 333
District/county courts										
2016-17	86 898	84 130	48 521	40 340	21 953	..	..	..	..	281 842
2015-16	78 592	83 237	46 402	38 437	20 617	..	..	..	..	267 285
2014-15	73 145	84 994	45 733	39 992	21 283	..	..	..	..	265 146
2013-14	75 839	74 428	45 700	38 605	22 919	..	..	..	..	257 491
2012-13	74 140	82 259	49 922	39 108	24 902	..	..	..	..	270 331
2011-12	88 853	84 747	45 075	40 342	23 760	..	..	..	..	282 777
2010-11	78 879	84 035	44 560	37 085	24 808	..	..	..	..	269 368
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	123 952	111 252	90 784	70 914	41 443	9 108	8 405	14 128	..	469 986
2015-16	123 001	101 322	86 178	67 186	43 031	9 151	10 013	13 879	..	453 762
2014-15	126 898	96 422	85 621	83 106	42 613	9 408	8 067	13 959	..	466 094
2013-14	125 304	91 740	88 262	82 485	35 556	10 457	7 384	13 730	..	454 918
2012-13	125 397	90 278	89 770	83 902	35 749	10 077	7 053	12 343	..	454 569
2011-12	138 693	91 134	90 870	81 302	36 521	10 055	7 667	11 819	..	468 060
2010-11	121 340	89 101	85 821	79 245	34 034	9 844	7 626	11 574	..	438 585

TABLE 7A.9

Table 7A.9 **Real recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	9 425	4 904	10 689	4 158	2 048	757	589	1 895	..	34 464
2015-16	8 694	4 661	7 958	4 415	2 246	742	680	2 175	..	31 572
2014-15	7 940	4 071	8 096	6 584	2 494	734	1 086	1 812	..	32 817
2013-14	7 601	3 827	8 261	6 404	4 283	1 172	1 115	1 757	..	34 420
2012-13	8 395	3 210	9 795	6 145	4 283	1 133	959	1 604	..	35 522
2011-12	10 051	2 754	9 831	6 643	4 305	1 114	1 079	1 531	..	37 307
2010-11	17 373	2 388	9 754	6 536	4 027	1 166	1 070	1 089	..	43 404
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	133 377	116 156	101 473	75 072	43 491	9 865	8 994	16 023	..	504 449
2015-16	131 695	105 983	94 136	71 601	45 277	9 894	10 694	16 054	..	485 334
2014-15	134 838	100 493	93 717	89 691	45 106	10 143	9 153	15 771	..	498 911
2013-14	132 905	95 567	96 523	88 889	39 839	11 629	8 500	15 486	..	489 338
2012-13	133 791	93 488	99 565	90 047	40 032	11 210	8 012	13 946	..	490 091
2011-12	148 744	93 887	100 700	87 945	40 827	11 169	8 746	13 350	..	505 367
2010-11	138 713	91 489	95 575	85 781	38 060	11 010	8 696	12 664	..	481 988
All criminal courts										
2016-17	242 179	225 284	167 577	131 490	75 170	17 734	18 015	30 193	..	907 642
2015-16	234 869	215 744	157 197	126 128	75 865	17 838	19 514	29 793	..	876 948
2014-15	230 489	209 767	154 759	145 200	76 228	18 104	17 009	28 037	..	879 593
2013-14	228 590	193 240	158 870	141 163	71 821	19 853	16 225	26 512	..	856 274
2012-13	229 119	198 621	167 753	142 658	75 115	19 433	14 260	24 893	..	871 852
2011-12	258 640	202 965	162 653	141 299	74 513	19 468	14 339	22 949	..	896 824
2010-11	234 740	203 238	156 156	135 046	72 906	18 772	14 196	22 634	..	857 690

Aust cts = Australian courts.



Table 7A.9 **Real recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a)	To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded.									
(b)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2016-17 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2016-17=100). See table 2A.49 and Chapter 2 for more information.									
(c)	NSW accommodation expenditure for the primary Supreme Court building location includes depreciation and related contract fees. This is instead of the imputed rent which was reported in prior years. This change has been made to better reflect the actual ownership of the primary Supreme Court building. NSW majority owns the building and land and now reports the depreciation and related contract fees in proportion to its ownership.									
(d)	In 2014-15 Queensland government departments were no longer required to pay payroll tax on salaries and wages. Appropriation was reduced accordingly and the expense is no longer reflected in costs resulting in an overall reduction in total expenditure.									
(e)	WA Supreme Court expenditure data for years prior to 2015-16 have been revised in accordance with changes to judicial officer FTEs.									
(f)	Victorian County court criminal data include costs relating to the Public Private Partnership for the Victorian County Court facility. Victorian County Court depreciation increased in 2016-17 as a result of an increase in the value to the building asset class due to a revaluation taken in 2016.									
	.. Not applicable.									

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

TABLE 7A.10

Table 7A.10 **Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (e) (f)										
2016-17	63 477	58 619	23 474	38 308	9 429	4 646	5 761	4 899	97 901	306 513
2015-16	64 184	55 463	20 022	24 816	11 263	4 666	5 690	4 678	105 414	296 197
2014-15	73 409	54 910	22 287	25 712	10 689	4 211	5 489	5 262	106 232	308 201
2013-14	78 925	49 845	22 328	27 685	10 510	4 583	5 382	5 825	107 712	312 796
2012-13	74 514	50 644	22 072	27 221	10 386	5 123	5 979	5 859	101 856	303 653
2011-12	82 857	52 433	19 451	29 990	12 062	4 995	5 581	6 148	108 132	321 649
2010-11	77 027	44 913	17 633	27 944	11 361	4 615	5 711	6 359	102 958	298 521
District/county courts (g)										
2016-17	36 541	36 095	13 410	17 930	8 213	..	..	..	..	112 190
2015-16	37 156	35 487	11 459	17 229	8 299	..	..	..	..	109 631
2014-15	38 406	33 431	11 376	16 906	8 361	..	..	..	..	108 479
2013-14	36 452	33 102	10 810	16 432	7 306	..	..	..	..	104 102
2012-13	38 181	31 830	11 443	17 129	7 735	..	..	..	..	106 318
2011-12	30 662	29 694	10 296	16 203	7 913	..	..	..	..	94 769
2010-11	29 382	27 822	10 622	15 334	8 342	..	..	..	..	91 502
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	56 188	51 502	25 601	31 366	9 964	2 460	6 262	5 767	..	189 109
2015-16	49 594	45 887	24 556	30 785	10 087	2 541	6 442	6 005	..	175 898
2014-15	60 753	43 496	23 571	20 434	10 280	2 519	6 840	5 989	..	173 883
2013-14	66 219	41 999	23 035	18 280	12 727	1 974	6 813	5 435	..	176 481
2012-13	73 337	41 328	23 598	17 431	12 716	1 888	6 603	5 525	..	182 425
2011-12	76 893	41 744	23 415	16 726	13 091	1 858	7 257	5 376	..	186 360
2010-11	65 880	40 815	24 568	16 542	13 499	1 923	7 399	6 056	..	176 681

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Table 7A.10 **Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts (h)										
2016-17	8 213	19 112	3 146	3 017	2 849	209	956	580	..	38 083
2015-16	7 113	18 158	4 883	2 434	2 796	211	1 018	372	..	36 986
2014-15	6 772	15 862	4 882	1 489	2 010	256	404	378	..	32 053
2013-14	6 695	14 916	4 884	1 680	834	582	423	400	..	30 413
2012-13	7 529	12 543	5 932	1 659	816	523	425	303	..	29 730
2011-12	7 566	10 760	6 364	1 412	912	560	533	311	..	28 417
2010-11	11 249	9 322	5 942	1 425	1 093	622	536	333	..	30 521
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	64 401	70 614	28 747	34 383	12 813	2 669	7 218	6 348	..	227 192
2015-16	56 707	64 046	29 440	33 218	12 883	2 752	7 461	6 378	..	212 884
2014-15	67 525	59 358	28 454	21 924	12 290	2 775	7 243	6 367	..	205 936
2013-14	72 913	56 914	27 919	19 960	13 561	2 555	7 236	5 835	..	206 894
2012-13	80 866	53 872	29 529	19 090	13 532	2 411	7 028	5 827	..	212 155
2011-12	84 458	52 504	29 779	18 138	14 003	2 418	7 790	5 688	..	214 778
2010-11	77 129	50 137	30 511	17 967	14 592	2 545	7 934	6 389	..	207 203
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	164 418	165 328	65 631	90 621	30 455	7 315	12 979	11 246	97 901	645 895
2015-16	158 047	154 996	60 921	75 263	32 445	7 418	13 151	11 056	105 414	618 711
2014-15	179 340	147 699	62 117	64 541	31 340	6 986	12 732	11 629	106 232	622 616
2013-14	188 290	139 862	61 057	64 077	31 378	7 138	12 618	11 660	107 712	623 792
2012-13	193 561	136 345	63 044	63 441	31 653	7 534	13 007	11 686	101 856	622 126
2011-12	197 978	134 631	59 526	64 331	33 977	7 413	13 371	11 836	108 132	631 195
2010-11	183 537	122 872	58 765	61 245	34 295	7 160	13 646	12 748	102 958	597 226

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Table 7A.10 Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)

	NSW (c)	Vic	Qld (d)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Family courts (i)										
2016-17	..	..	..	31 414	..	..	..	..	53 148	84 562
2015-16	..	..	..	29 484	..	..	..	..	72 332	101 816
2014-15	..	..	..	30 142	..	..	..	..	73 271	103 412
2013-14	..	..	..	29 063	..	..	..	..	72 748	101 811
2012-13	..	..	..	30 538	..	..	..	..	100 196	130 734
2011-12	..	..	..	29 081	..	..	..	..	114 798	143 879
2010-11	..	..	..	28 373	..	..	..	..	118 363	146 736
Federal Circuit Court (i), (j)										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	147 099	147 099
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	136 717	136 717
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	140 834	140 834
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	144 106	144 106
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	111 544	111 544
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	113 095	113 095
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	107 116	107 116
Coroners' courts (k), (l)										
2016-17	6 773	13 233	10 721	6 782	3 326	1 260	956	971	..	44 023
2015-16	5 871	12 949	10 477	6 315	3 510	1 226	1 060	970	..	42 379
2014-15	5 647	12 723	10 131	5 967	3 494	998	2 063	1 037	..	42 060
2013-14	5 832	13 404	9 423	5 692	3 405	434	1 714	1 050	..	40 955
2012-13	5 514	15 658	11 896	6 650	3 279	425	1 128	1 274	..	45 823
2011-12	4 846	15 486	13 705	5 170	3 245	472	1 172	1 228	..	45 324
2010-11	6 346	15 019	11 789	4 895	3 268	589	1 617	1 207	..	44 730

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Table 7A.10 Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)

	NSW (c)	Vic	Qld (d)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
<i>Probate (m)</i>										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	1 250	894	293	1 068	803	271	77	54	..	4 710
2015-16	1 005	796	289	1 229	796	271	59	79	..	4 524
2014-15	1 227	908	277	1 275	723	257	69	53	..	4 788
2013-14	1 016	861	281	1 176	664	111	81	48	..	4 238
2012-13	956	862	284	1 249	670	122	76	63	..	4 282
2011-12	855	810	217	1 248	569	148	37	35	..	3 918
2010-11	1 428	796	283	396	588	144	36	43	..	3 714
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (e) (f)										
2016-17	65 705	60 158	23 474	38 308	9 783	4 646	5 761	4 982	97 901	310 719
2015-16	66 514	57 010	20 035	24 816	11 677	4 666	5 690	4 792	105 414	300 614
2014-15	76 000	56 368	22 305	25 712	11 060	4 211	5 489	5 365	106 232	312 742
2013-14	81 541	51 224	22 892	27 685	10 905	4 583	5 382	5 939	107 712	317 863
2012-13	77 022	52 033	22 594	27 221	10 768	5 142	5 979	6 003	101 856	308 618
2011-12	86 207	53 780	19 996	29 990	12 529	5 071	5 581	6 294	108 132	327 579
2010-11	80 369	46 228	18 194	27 944	11 772	4 691	5 711	6 512	102 958	304 379
District/county courts (g)										
2016-17	37 738	36 775	13 410	17 930	8 508	..	..	..	..	114 361
2015-16	38 436	36 176	11 467	17 229	8 603	..	..	..	..	111 911
2014-15	39 699	34 044	11 386	16 906	8 670	..	..	..	..	110 705
2013-14	37 612	33 747	11 084	16 432	7 583	..	..	..	..	106 459
2012-13	39 390	32 397	11 738	17 129	8 024	..	..	..	..	108 679
2011-12	31 800	30 195	10 580	16 203	8 218	..	..	..	..	96 996
2010-11	30 472	28 291	10 933	15 334	8 652	..	..	..	..	93 682

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Table 7A.10 **Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	57 888	52 838	25 601	31 366	10 280	2 460	6 262	5 913	..	192 607
2015-16	51 265	47 115	24 576	30 785	10 397	2 541	6 442	6 167	..	179 286
2014-15	62 732	44 682	23 597	20 434	10 591	2 519	6 840	6 146	..	177 540
2013-14	68 320	43 173	23 658	18 280	13 113	1 974	6 813	5 560	..	180 890
2012-13	75 617	42 476	24 193	17 431	13 111	1 897	6 603	5 696	..	187 024
2011-12	79 353	42 881	23 995	16 726	13 509	1 895	7 257	5 541	..	191 156
2010-11	68 244	41 929	25 239	16 542	13 920	1 958	7 399	6 228	..	181 458
Children's courts (h)										
2016-17	8 519	19 612	3 146	3 017	2 954	209	956	595	..	39 009
2015-16	7 408	18 635	4 887	2 434	2 906	211	1 018	382	..	37 882
2014-15	7 044	16 294	4 888	1 489	2 095	256	404	387	..	32 857
2013-14	6 961	15 308	5 012	1 680	866	582	423	409	..	31 241
2012-13	7 813	12 878	6 086	1 659	847	526	425	312	..	30 546
2011-12	7 936	11 047	6 531	1 412	947	571	533	320	..	29 296
2010-11	11 677	9 589	6 110	1 425	1 132	632	536	343	..	31 443
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	66 407	72 450	28 747	34 383	13 234	2 669	7 218	6 508	..	231 615
2015-16	58 673	65 749	29 463	33 218	13 303	2 752	7 461	6 549	..	217 168
2014-15	69 775	60 976	28 485	21 924	12 685	2 775	7 243	6 534	..	210 397
2013-14	75 281	58 482	28 669	19 960	13 979	2 555	7 236	5 969	..	212 131
2012-13	83 430	55 354	30 278	19 090	13 959	2 424	7 028	6 008	..	217 570
2011-12	87 289	53 927	30 526	18 138	14 456	2 466	7 790	5 861	..	220 453
2010-11	79 921	51 518	31 349	17 967	15 053	2 589	7 934	6 570	..	212 901

TABLE 7A.10

Table 7A.10 **Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	169 849	169 383	65 631	90 621	31 526	7 315	12 979	11 490	97 901	656 695
2015-16	163 622	158 935	60 964	75 263	33 584	7 418	13 151	11 341	105 414	629 693
2014-15	185 475	151 388	62 176	64 541	32 416	6 986	12 732	11 898	106 232	633 844
2013-14	194 434	143 453	62 646	64 077	32 467	7 138	12 618	11 908	107 712	636 454
2012-13	199 842	139 784	64 610	63 441	32 751	7 566	13 007	12 011	101 856	634 867
2011-12	205 296	137 902	61 101	64 331	35 203	7 536	13 371	12 155	108 132	645 027
2010-11	190 761	126 037	60 476	61 245	35 477	7 281	13 646	13 082	102 958	610 963
Family courts (i)										
2016-17	..	..	..	31 414	..	..	..	..	53 148	84 562
2015-16	..	..	..	29 484	..	..	..	..	72 332	101 816
2014-15	..	..	..	30 142	..	..	..	..	73 271	103 412
2013-14	..	..	..	29 063	..	..	..	..	72 748	101 811
2012-13	..	..	..	30 538	..	..	..	..	100 196	130 734
2011-12	..	..	..	29 081	..	..	..	..	114 798	143 879
2010-11	..	..	..	28 373	..	..	..	..	118 363	146 736
Federal Circuit Court (i), (j)										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	147 099	147 099
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	136 717	136 717
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	140 834	140 834
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	144 106	144 106
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	111 544	111 544
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	113 095	113 095
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	107 116	107 116

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Table 7A.10 Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)

	NSW (c)	Vic	Qld (d)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
<i>Coroners' courts (k), (l)</i>										
2016-17	6 990	13 555	10 721	6 782	3 452	1 260	956	998	..	44 715
2015-16	6 103	13 325	10 485	6 315	3 636	1 226	1 060	996	..	43 146
2014-15	5 879	13 093	10 143	5 967	3 618	998	2 063	1 057	..	42 818
2013-14	6 074	13 803	9 606	5 692	3 522	434	1 714	1 079	..	41 923
2012-13	5 763	16 053	12 283	6 650	3 400	425	1 128	1 304	..	47 007
2011-12	5 132	15 934	14 049	5 170	3 368	481	1 172	1 261	..	46 567
2010-11	6 640	15 448	12 118	4 895	3 385	597	1 617	1 237	..	45 937
<i>Autopsy (m), (n)</i>										
<i>Coroners' courts autopsy expenditure</i>										
2016-17	23 386	4 271	3 110	11 340	423	483	1 116	364	..	44 494
2015-16	20 686	4 327	2 788	10 930	4 340	399	993	535	..	44 998
2014-15	20 356	4 023	2 470	11 374	4 266	416	1 042	490	..	44 438
2013-14	19 207	2 808	2 586	9 054	4 143	508	1 079	459	..	39 843
2012-13	18 231	2 765	2 741	10 619	3 990	468	1 044	430	..	40 289
2011-12	19 118	2 098	2 806	9 208	3 812	480	1 141	482	..	39 145
2010-11	17 514	2 310	2 639	8 565	3 755	515	674	429	..	36 400
<i>Probate (o)</i>										
<i>Supreme courts</i>										
2016-17	1 250	894	293	1 068	803	271	77	54	..	4 710
2015-16	1 005	796	289	1 229	796	271	59	79	..	4 524
2014-15	1 227	908	277	1 275	723	257	69	53	..	4 788
2013-14	1 016	861	281	1 176	664	111	81	48	..	4 238
2012-13	956	862	284	1 249	670	122	76	63	..	4 282
2011-12	855	810	217	1 248	569	148	37	35	..	3 918
2010-11	1 428	796	283	396	588	144	36	43	..	3 714

Aust cts = Australian courts.



Table 7A.10 **Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a)	To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded.									
(b)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2016-17 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2016-17=100). See table 2A.49 and Chapter 2 for more information.									
(c)	NSW accommodation expenditure for the primary Supreme Court building location includes depreciation and related contract fees. This is instead of the imputed rent which was reported in prior years. This change has been made to better reflect the actual ownership of the primary Supreme Court building. NSW majority owns the building and land and now reports the depreciation and related contract fees in proportion to its ownership.									
(d)	In 2014-15 Queensland government departments were no longer required to pay payroll tax on salaries and wages. Appropriation was reduced accordingly and the expense is no longer reflected in costs resulting in an overall reduction in total expenditure.									
(e)	Data for the Federal Court of Australia exclude the costs of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Circuit Court.									
(f)	For the WA Supreme court, the civil expenditure increased significantly in 2016-17 due to the General Division of the Supreme Court of Western Australia moving to the new David Malcolm Justice Centre. This resulted in a significant accommodation cost incurred by the WA Supreme court.									
(g)	Victorian County court civil data include costs relating to the Public Private Partnership for the Victorian County Court facility. Victorian County Court depreciation increased in 2016-17 as a result of an increase in the value to the building asset class due to a revaluation taken in 2016.									
(h)	In Tasmania, civil matters in the children's court (care and protection orders) are dealt with by the criminal registry and therefore civil expenditure from the children's court is included in criminal expenditure figures.									
(i)	A single set of financial statements is maintained on behalf of the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court and expenses/assets have been attributed to each jurisdiction on the basis of either being directly attributed to the jurisdiction or an estimated allocation to the jurisdiction. Prior to 1 July 2013 the Family Court of Australia expenditure figures had been discounted (estimated) for resources and services (work of Court staff and accommodation) provided free of charge to the Federal Circuit Court in accordance with the Federal Magistrates Act 1999.									
(j)	The Federal Circuit Court expenditure data include some resources received free of charge from the Federal Court of Australia and prior to 1 July 2013 it also included resources received free of charge from the Family Court of Australia. Expenditure is based on total expenditure and does not isolate family law work from general federal law work. Some bankruptcy and immigration matters filed with the Federal Circuit Court are delegated to be dealt with by the Federal Court of Australia registrars. Those matters finalised by Federal Court of Australia registrars are counted as part of the Federal Circuit Court matters as they form part of the Federal Circuit Court filings and expenditure and contribute to cost per finalisation.									
(k)	Excludes expenditure associated with autopsy, forensic science, pathology tests and body conveyancing fees. Expenditure for autopsy and chemical analysis work is inconsistent between states and territories. In some states and territories autopsy expenses are shared with health departments and are not recognised in the court's expenditure.									

Table 7A.10 **Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(l)	Expenditure data for the Queensland Coroners Court and the Victorian Coroners Court include the full costs of government assisted burials/cremations, legal fees incurred in briefing counsel assisting for inquests and costs of preparing matters for inquest, including the costs of obtaining independent expert reports.									
(m)	Payroll tax could not be estimated and deducted for probate registries.									
(n)	Refers to costs for autopsy, forensic science, pathology tests and body conveyancing fees. In 2016-17 forensic science costs in South Australia were transferred to another department.									
(o)	Data for the WA Coroner's court in 2011-12 excludes a refund of an autopsy invoice for \$415,000 as this amount was reimbursed income from expenses of autopsy from the previous year.									
	.. Not applicable.									

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

TABLE 7A.11

Table 7A.11 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Criminal income</b>										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	184	–	105	135	538	–	38	539	..	1 539
2015-16	58	–	85	155	476	–	57	526	..	1 357
2014-15	111	–	95	71	528	–	51	304	..	1 160
2013-14	145	–	90	62	475	–	83	243	..	1 098
2012-13	102	–	203	70	514	–	48	248	..	1 185
2011-12	156	–	192	84	549	–	29	252	..	1 262
2010-11	109	11	120	76	474	–	82	211	..	1 084
District/county courts										
2016-17	3 763	–	292	186	723	..	..	..	..	4 964
2015-16	3 531	–	299	158	618	..	..	..	..	4 607
2014-15	2 957	–	347	97	592	..	..	..	..	3 993
2013-14	2 477	–	328	82	626	..	..	..	..	3 514
2012-13	2 800	–	672	45	734	..	..	..	..	4 251
2011-12	3 377	–	618	128	807	..	..	..	..	4 930
2010-11	3 563	–	436	83	807	..	..	..	..	4 889
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	14 870	–	1 154	7 961	988	884	506	72	..	26 436
2015-16	11 620	–	1 318	7 672	829	894	301	96	..	22 730
2014-15	12 576	–	1 392	7 871	824	782	564	99	..	24 108
2013-14	11 948	–	1 385	7 329	2 453	622	324	90	..	24 152
2012-13	9 773	–	1 587	7 137	4 028	961	147	29	..	23 662
2011-12	10 671	–	1 474	8 325	4 193	1 015	269	29	..	25 977
2010-11	9 122	–	1 730	8 602	5 085	1 282	463	48	..	26 331

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Table 7A.11 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	27	–	141	46	14	–	–	10	..	238
2015-16	–	–	182	50	13	–	–	7	..	252
2014-15	–	–	187	19	14	3	–	7	..	230
2013-14	1	–	197	27	41	4	10	6	..	287
2012-13	1	–	190	42	60	5	–	1	..	299
2011-12	69	–	179	47	58	3	–	4	..	361
2010-11	11	–	213	23	69	–	–	4	..	321
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	14 897	–	1 295	8 007	1 002	884	506	83	..	26 673
2015-16	11 620	–	1 499	7 722	842	894	301	103	..	22 981
2014-15	12 576	–	1 580	7 890	837	785	564	105	..	24 338
2013-14	11 949	–	1 583	7 357	2 494	626	334	96	..	24 439
2012-13	9 774	–	1 778	7 179	4 088	967	147	30	..	23 962
2011-12	10 740	–	1 654	8 371	4 251	1 018	269	33	..	26 337
2010-11	9 133	–	1 943	8 625	5 154	1 282	463	52	..	26 652
All criminal courts										
2016-17	18 844	–	1 692	8 328	2 262	884	544	621	..	33 175
2015-16	15 209	–	1 884	8 035	1 936	894	357	629	..	28 945
2014-15	15 645	–	2 021	8 058	1 957	785	615	409	..	29 491
2013-14	14 571	–	2 001	7 501	3 595	626	417	339	..	29 051
2012-13	12 676	–	2 652	7 293	5 336	967	195	278	..	29 397
2011-12	14 274	–	2 464	8 583	5 607	1 018	299	285	..	32 529
2010-11	12 805	11	2 499	8 785	6 435	1 282	545	263	..	32 625

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Table 7A.11 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld (c)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
<b>Civil income</b>										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2016-17	30 323	12 035	7 627	8 108	4 232	801	1 843	831	18 333	84 132
2015-16	28 067	12 318	7 577	6 946	4 535	725	1 810	603	18 144	80 724
2014-15	28 158	14 172	6 971	6 054	4 584	816	1 472	568	20 660	83 455
2013-14	30 869	11 594	7 153	5 848	4 609	862	1 898	577	23 731	87 141
2012-13	31 328	10 669	7 437	5 697	5 033	830	1 281	371	21 730	84 378
2011-12	33 400	9 691	7 025	6 266	5 555	606	1 169	352	16 334	80 397
2010-11	31 664	8 755	6 173	5 870	4 297	620	1 091	352	14 549	73 371
District/county courts										
2016-17	16 168	11 926	5 382	6 670	2 336	..	..	..	..	42 482
2015-16	14 613	10 998	5 522	5 702	2 297	..	..	..	..	39 132
2014-15	14 258	11 241	5 572	5 319	2 150	..	..	..	..	38 541
2013-14	13 757	12 689	5 715	5 056	2 496	..	..	..	..	39 713
2012-13	14 072	10 151	5 749	4 795	3 879	..	..	..	..	38 646
2011-12	13 305	8 727	6 219	4 550	3 341	..	..	..	..	36 142
2010-11	13 023	8 892	4 497	4 752	3 249	..	..	..	..	34 413
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	27 468	22 926	7 816	8 363	4 890	856	1 781	95	..	74 196
2015-16	26 519	21 941	7 279	7 896	4 802	881	1 400	355	..	71 072
2014-15	25 378	24 139	7 842	7 564	5 155	935	1 582	440	..	73 034
2013-14	25 646	24 994	8 600	7 171	5 338	828	1 560	385	..	74 522
2012-13	28 001	23 342	8 291	6 810	6 256	1 077	1 120	336	..	75 233
2011-12	28 866	17 379	7 552	5 974	5 869	1 012	1 034	395	..	68 081
2010-11	24 508	18 143	8 061	6 382	5 855	1 163	865	418	..	65 396

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Table 7A.11 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	24	–	42	29	13	–	–	3	..	112
2015-16	–	–	119	34	14	–	–	–	..	166
2014-15	1	–	122	25	13	–	–	1	..	161
2013-14	1	–	129	26	4	–	4	1	..	165
2012-13	1	–	126	29	7	–	–	–	..	163
2011-12	58	–	119	23	7	–	–	1	..	208
2010-11	6	1	141	14	9	–	–	–	..	171
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	27 492	22 926	7 859	8 392	4 904	856	1 781	98	..	74 308
2015-16	26 519	21 941	7 398	7 930	4 816	881	1 400	355	..	71 239
2014-15	25 379	24 139	7 964	7 589	5 167	935	1 582	440	..	73 195
2013-14	25 647	24 994	8 729	7 197	5 343	828	1 564	386	..	74 687
2012-13	28 002	23 342	8 417	6 839	6 263	1 077	1 120	336	..	75 397
2011-12	28 924	17 379	7 671	5 997	5 876	1 012	1 034	396	..	68 289
2010-11	24 514	18 144	8 202	6 397	5 864	1 163	865	418	..	65 566
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	73 983	46 887	20 868	23 170	11 472	1 657	3 624	929	18 333	200 922
2015-16	69 199	45 257	20 496	20 577	11 647	1 606	3 210	958	18 144	191 094
2014-15	67 795	49 553	20 507	18 962	11 902	1 750	3 054	1 008	20 660	195 191
2013-14	70 273	49 277	21 597	18 101	12 447	1 690	3 461	963	23 731	201 541
2012-13	73 402	44 162	21 603	17 331	15 176	1 907	2 401	707	21 730	198 420
2011-12	75 629	35 796	20 915	16 813	14 771	1 618	2 203	748	16 334	184 827
2010-11	69 201	35 791	18 872	17 018	13 409	1 784	1 956	770	14 549	173 350

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Table 7A.11 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Family courts (e)										
2016-17	..	..	..	6 755	..	..	..	..	6 277	13 032
2015-16	..	..	..	6 234	..	..	..	..	8 142	14 376
2014-15	..	..	..	6 646	..	..	..	..	6 772	13 418
2013-14	..	..	..	6 075	..	..	..	..	6 480	12 555
2012-13	..	..	..	4 919	..	..	..	..	6 255	11 173
2011-12	..	..	..	4 117	..	..	..	..	6 051	10 168
2010-11	..	..	..	3 909	..	..	..	..	7 228	11 137
Federal Circuit Court										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58 959	58 959
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68 501	68 501
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55 406	55 406
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53 352	53 352
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41 874	41 874
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34 254	34 254
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33 555	33 555
Coroners' courts (f)										
2016-17	45	–	431	72	32	5	46	15	..	646
2015-16	164	–	36	441	44	–	48	17	..	750
2014-15	102	–	53	65	38	–	27	10	..	296
2013-14	131	–	30	72	30	2	49	–	..	313
2012-13	151	–	123	88	44	2	43	–	..	450
2011-12	132	–	156	51	34	4	16	–	..	395
2010-11	179	–	174	51	39	4	12	–	..	460

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Table 7A.11 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld (c)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
<i>Probate</i>										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	38 503	8 020	7 050	2 605	10 416	1 664	1 317	256	..	69 830
2015-16	37 624	7 866	6 527	2 288	7 590	1 490	1 173	270	..	64 828
2014-15	35 100	7 438	6 231	1 986	7 238	1 380	1 119	274	..	60 765
2013-14	31 080	7 034	5 932	1 685	6 360	1 347	1 038	273	..	54 750
2012-13	29 902	7 182	5 872	1 405	6 396	1 335	917	192	..	53 199
2011-12	28 490	6 555	5 132	1 318	5 959	924	577	177	..	49 131
2010-11	27 042	6 139	4 829	1 303	5 368	898	573	187	..	46 338

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).
- (b) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2016-17 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2016-17=100). See table 2A.49 and Chapter 2 for more information.
- (c) In Queensland legislative change from 1 November 2010 amended the monetary jurisdictional limits for claims lodged in each court level, resulting in changes to lodgment fees collected by court level. Legislative change re-structuring court fees was effected from 1 September 2011. Civil income in Queensland courts is not comparable to previous years by court level.
- (d) The Victorian Magistrates Court is currently unable to differentiate criminal fees from the total civil income. Therefore, the civil income for the Magistrates court in Victoria is slightly over-estimated.
- (e) Many lodgments and hearings in the Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court do not attract fees and a proportion of fees are reduced or exempted. From 1 July 2012 compulsory hearing fees were introduced and since that date a number of significant increases to fee rates have applied. On 1 July 2013 Conciliation Conference fees were introduced.
- (f) Income in 2011-12 for the WA Coroner's court excludes a refund of an autopsy invoice for \$415,000 as this amount was reimbursed income from expenses of autopsy from the previous year.

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

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



TABLE 7A.12

Table 7A.12 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	21 065	24 332	17 479	15 944	8 849	7 869	8 983	13 381	..	117 902
2015-16	23 686	25 861	16 565	15 935	9 135	7 944	8 763	12 872	..	120 763
2014-15	21 719	23 655	15 205	15 446	8 973	7 961	7 805	11 724	..	112 489
2013-14	19 098	22 655	16 194	13 606	8 256	8 224	7 642	10 571	..	106 246
2012-13	20 483	22 279	17 693	13 433	9 301	8 183	6 200	10 430	..	108 002
2011-12	20 071	23 752	16 284	12 928	9 013	8 157	5 564	9 129	..	104 899
2010-11	16 336	26 931	15 473	12 103	9 212	7 622	5 418	9 541	..	102 636
District/county courts										
2016-17	81 217	82 661	48 229	40 154	20 491	..	..	..	..	272 752
2015-16	72 876	81 844	46 081	38 279	19 300	..	..	..	..	258 380
2014-15	68 155	83 537	45 358	39 895	19 986	..	..	..	..	256 931
2013-14	71 248	73 103	44 461	38 523	21 527	..	..	..	..	248 862
2012-13	69 320	80 906	48 179	39 063	23 355	..	..	..	..	260 823
2011-12	82 580	83 402	43 496	40 214	22 136	..	..	..	..	271 828
2010-11	72 724	82 702	43 009	37 002	23 183	..	..	..	..	258 620
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	105 295	108 437	89 630	62 953	39 111	8 224	7 899	13 709	..	435 258
2015-16	107 057	98 713	84 794	59 515	40 826	8 257	9 713	13 421	..	422 294
2014-15	109 989	93 903	84 142	75 235	40 426	8 626	7 503	13 503	..	433 327
2013-14	109 196	89 244	84 250	75 155	31 906	9 835	7 060	13 331	..	419 978
2012-13	111 558	87 839	85 694	76 765	30 511	9 065	6 907	11 948	..	420 286
2011-12	122 996	88 719	86 873	72 977	31 081	8 839	7 398	11 412	..	430 294
2010-11	107 255	86 734	81 484	70 644	27 796	8 376	7 163	11 222	..	400 674

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Table 7A.12 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	9 053	4 779	10 547	4 112	1 971	757	589	1 838	..	33 647
2015-16	8 348	4 542	7 771	4 365	2 159	742	680	2 111	..	30 718
2014-15	7 635	3 963	7 900	6 565	2 396	731	1 086	1 759	..	32 034
2013-14	7 310	3 729	7 859	6 377	4 082	1 168	1 106	1 711	..	33 341
2012-13	8 089	3 126	9 361	6 104	4 064	1 120	959	1 555	..	34 378
2011-12	9 469	2 682	9 402	6 596	4 087	1 087	1 079	1 483	..	35 884
2010-11	16 666	2 322	9 276	6 513	3 812	1 144	1 070	1 056	..	41 860
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	114 348	113 216	100 178	67 065	41 082	8 981	8 488	15 547	..	468 904
2015-16	115 405	103 255	92 564	63 880	42 985	8 999	10 393	15 531	..	453 013
2014-15	117 623	97 866	92 042	81 801	42 821	9 358	8 589	15 262	..	465 361
2013-14	116 507	92 973	92 109	81 532	35 987	11 003	8 166	15 042	..	453 319
2012-13	119 647	90 965	95 056	82 868	34 575	10 185	7 865	13 503	..	454 664
2011-12	132 465	91 401	96 275	79 573	35 167	9 926	8 476	12 894	..	466 178
2010-11	123 921	89 055	90 760	77 157	31 608	9 521	8 233	12 279	..	442 534
All criminal courts										
2016-17	216 630	220 210	165 886	123 162	70 422	16 850	17 471	28 928	..	859 558
2015-16	211 968	210 960	155 211	118 093	71 420	16 943	19 157	28 403	..	832 155
2014-15	207 497	205 058	152 605	137 142	71 780	17 319	16 394	26 987	..	834 781
2013-14	206 853	188 730	152 765	133 661	65 770	19 227	15 808	25 613	..	808 427
2012-13	209 449	194 151	160 927	135 365	67 231	18 368	14 066	23 933	..	823 490
2011-12	235 115	198 555	156 055	132 716	66 316	18 084	14 040	22 023	..	842 905
2010-11	212 981	198 688	149 242	126 262	64 004	17 142	13 651	21 819	..	803 789

TABLE 7A.12

Table 7A.12 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	21 720	24 998	17 479	15 944	9 188	7 869	8 983	13 632	..	119 813
2015-16	24 524	26 524	16 574	15 935	9 495	7 944	8 763	13 212	..	122 972
2014-15	22 395	24 280	15 214	15 446	9 311	7 961	7 805	11 963	..	114 377
2013-14	19 701	23 246	16 558	13 606	8 587	8 224	7 642	10 783	..	108 346
2012-13	21 086	22 875	18 063	13 433	9 667	8 224	6 200	10 698	..	110 246
2011-12	20 886	24 330	16 685	12 928	9 378	8 299	5 564	9 347	..	107 417
2010-11	17 039	27 703	15 901	12 103	9 563	7 762	5 418	9 759	..	105 250
District/county courts										
2016-17	83 135	84 130	48 229	40 154	21 231	..	..	..	..	276 878
2015-16	75 061	83 237	46 103	38 279	19 999	..	..	..	..	262 679
2014-15	70 187	84 994	45 386	39 895	20 691	..	..	..	..	261 153
2013-14	73 362	74 428	45 372	38 523	22 293	..	..	..	..	253 977
2012-13	71 340	82 259	49 250	39 063	24 168	..	..	..	..	266 080
2011-12	85 477	84 747	44 457	40 214	22 953	..	..	..	..	277 848
2010-11	75 316	84 035	44 124	37 002	24 002	..	..	..	..	264 479
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	109 082	111 252	89 630	62 953	40 455	8 224	7 899	14 056	..	443 550
2015-16	111 381	101 322	84 860	59 515	42 202	8 257	9 713	13 783	..	431 032
2014-15	114 322	96 422	84 229	75 235	41 789	8 626	7 503	13 860	..	441 987
2013-14	113 356	91 740	86 876	75 155	33 103	9 835	7 060	13 640	..	430 766
2012-13	115 624	90 278	88 183	76 765	31 721	9 116	6 907	12 314	..	430 906
2011-12	128 022	91 134	89 395	72 977	32 328	9 040	7 398	11 790	..	442 083
2010-11	112 218	89 101	84 091	70 644	28 949	8 562	7 163	11 527	..	412 253

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Table 7A.12 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	9 398	4 904	10 547	4 112	2 035	757	589	1 884	..	34 226
2015-16	8 694	4 661	7 777	4 365	2 233	742	680	2 168	..	31 320
2014-15	7 940	4 071	7 908	6 565	2 480	731	1 086	1 805	..	32 586
2013-14	7 600	3 827	8 063	6 377	4 242	1 168	1 106	1 751	..	34 133
2012-13	8 394	3 210	9 604	6 104	4 223	1 127	959	1 603	..	35 223
2011-12	9 982	2 754	9 651	6 596	4 247	1 111	1 079	1 527	..	36 947
2010-11	17 362	2 388	9 541	6 513	3 958	1 166	1 070	1 085	..	43 083
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	118 480	116 156	100 178	67 065	42 489	8 981	8 488	15 940	..	477 776
2015-16	120 075	105 983	92 637	63 880	44 435	8 999	10 393	15 951	..	462 352
2014-15	122 261	100 493	92 137	81 801	44 269	9 358	8 589	15 665	..	474 573
2013-14	120 956	95 567	94 940	81 532	37 345	11 003	8 166	15 390	..	464 899
2012-13	124 017	93 488	97 787	82 868	35 944	10 243	7 865	13 917	..	466 129
2011-12	138 003	93 887	99 047	79 573	36 575	10 151	8 476	13 317	..	479 030
2010-11	129 579	91 489	93 632	77 157	32 907	9 728	8 233	12 612	..	455 336
All criminal courts										
2016-17	223 335	225 284	165 886	123 162	72 908	16 850	17 471	29 572	..	874 467
2015-16	219 660	215 744	155 313	118 093	73 930	16 943	19 157	29 164	..	848 003
2014-15	214 844	209 767	152 738	137 142	74 271	17 319	16 394	27 628	..	850 102
2013-14	214 019	193 240	156 869	133 661	68 225	19 227	15 808	26 173	..	827 223
2012-13	216 443	198 621	165 101	135 365	69 779	18 466	14 066	24 614	..	842 455
2011-12	244 366	202 965	160 189	132 716	68 906	18 450	14 040	22 664	..	864 295
2010-11	221 935	203 227	153 657	126 262	66 472	17 491	13 651	22 371	..	825 065

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Table 7A.12 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a)	Real net recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in table 7A.9 and income data presented in table 7A.11. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in the footnotes to these tables.									
	.. Not applicable.									
	<i>Source:</i> State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).									

TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 **Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2016-17	33 154	46 584	15 847	30 200	5 197	3 845	3 918	4 068	79 568	222 381
2015-16	36 117	43 146	12 446	17 870	6 728	3 941	3 880	4 075	87 270	215 473
2014-15	45 251	40 738	15 316	19 658	6 105	3 395	4 017	4 694	85 572	224 746
2013-14	48 056	38 251	15 175	21 837	5 901	3 721	3 485	5 248	83 981	225 655
2012-13	43 185	39 975	14 634	21 524	5 353	4 293	4 698	5 488	80 125	219 276
2011-12	49 457	42 743	12 426	23 725	6 507	4 389	4 412	5 796	91 798	241 252
2010-11	45 363	36 159	11 459	22 074	7 064	3 994	4 620	6 007	88 408	225 150
District/county courts										
2016-17	20 373	24 169	8 028	11 260	5 877	..	..	..	..	69 707
2015-16	22 543	24 489	5 937	11 527	6 002	..	..	..	..	70 499
2014-15	24 148	22 189	5 803	11 586	6 210	..	..	..	..	69 937
2013-14	22 695	20 413	5 095	11 376	4 811	..	..	..	..	64 389
2012-13	24 109	21 679	5 694	12 334	3 856	..	..	..	..	67 672
2011-12	17 357	20 968	4 077	11 653	4 572	..	..	..	..	58 627
2010-11	16 358	18 930	6 124	10 582	5 094	..	..	..	..	57 089
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	28 720	28 575	17 784	23 003	5 073	1 604	4 481	5 673	..	114 913
2015-16	23 075	23 946	17 277	22 889	5 286	1 660	5 042	5 651	..	104 826
2014-15	35 376	19 357	15 729	12 870	5 125	1 584	5 258	5 550	..	100 849
2013-14	40 572	17 005	14 435	11 109	7 389	1 146	5 254	5 049	..	101 959
2012-13	45 336	17 986	15 307	10 621	6 460	811	5 483	5 189	..	107 191
2011-12	48 026	24 365	15 863	10 752	7 223	846	6 224	4 981	..	118 280
2010-11	41 372	22 671	16 507	10 160	7 644	760	6 534	5 637	..	111 286

TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 **Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	8 189	19 112	3 104	2 988	2 836	209	956	577	..	37 971
2015-16	7 113	18 158	4 764	2 400	2 782	211	1 018	372	..	36 819
2014-15	6 771	15 862	4 761	1 464	1 998	256	404	377	..	31 892
2013-14	6 694	14 915	4 755	1 654	830	582	419	399	..	30 248
2012-13	7 528	12 543	5 805	1 630	809	523	425	303	..	29 567
2011-12	7 508	10 760	6 244	1 389	904	560	533	310	..	28 209
2010-11	11 243	9 321	5 801	1 411	1 084	622	536	333	..	30 351
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	36 909	47 687	20 888	25 991	7 909	1 813	5 437	6 250	..	152 885
2015-16	30 188	42 105	22 042	25 289	8 068	1 871	6 061	6 023	..	141 645
2014-15	42 147	35 219	20 490	14 335	7 123	1 840	5 662	5 926	..	132 741
2013-14	47 266	31 921	19 190	12 763	8 219	1 728	5 672	5 448	..	132 207
2012-13	52 864	30 529	21 112	12 251	7 269	1 334	5 908	5 492	..	136 758
2011-12	55 534	35 125	22 107	12 141	8 127	1 406	6 757	5 291	..	146 489
2010-11	52 615	31 992	22 309	11 570	8 728	1 382	7 070	5 971	..	141 636
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	90 435	118 441	44 763	67 451	18 983	5 658	9 355	10 318	79 568	444 973
2015-16	88 848	109 740	40 424	54 686	20 798	5 812	9 941	10 098	87 270	427 617
2014-15	111 545	98 146	41 610	45 579	19 438	5 235	9 678	10 621	85 572	427 425
2013-14	118 017	90 585	39 460	45 976	18 930	5 449	9 157	10 696	83 981	422 251
2012-13	120 158	92 183	41 441	46 110	16 478	5 627	10 606	10 979	80 125	423 706
2011-12	122 349	98 835	38 610	47 519	19 206	5 795	11 168	11 088	91 798	446 368
2010-11	114 336	87 081	39 892	44 227	20 886	5 376	11 690	11 978	88 408	423 875

TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Family courts										
2016-17	..	..	..	24 659	..	..	..	..	46 871	71 530
2015-16	..	..	..	23 250	..	..	..	..	64 190	87 441
2014-15	..	..	..	23 495	..	..	..	..	66 498	89 994
2013-14	..	..	..	22 988	..	..	..	..	66 267	89 256
2012-13	..	..	..	25 619	..	..	..	..	93 941	119 560
2011-12	..	..	..	24 964	..	..	..	..	108 747	133 711
2010-11	..	..	..	24 464	..	..	..	..	111 135	135 600
Federal Circuit Court										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	88 140	88 140
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68 217	68 217
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	85 428	85 428
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90 754	90 754
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69 670	69 670
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78 841	78 841
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	73 562	73 562
Coroners' courts										
2016-17	6 728	13 233	10 290	6 710	3 294	1 255	910	957	..	43 377
2015-16	5 707	12 949	10 442	5 875	3 466	1 226	1 012	952	..	41 629
2014-15	5 545	12 723	10 078	5 903	3 456	998	2 036	1 026	..	41 765
2013-14	5 701	13 404	9 394	5 620	3 375	432	1 666	1 050	..	40 641
2012-13	5 364	15 658	11 773	6 562	3 235	422	1 086	1 274	..	45 373
2011-12	4 713	15 486	13 548	5 119	3 210	468	1 156	1 228	..	44 930
2010-11	6 168	15 019	11 615	4 843	3 229	585	1 605	1 207	..	44 270



TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
<i>Probate</i>										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	- 37 253	- 7 126	- 6 756	- 1 537	- 9 612	- 1 393	- 1 240	- 203	..	- 65 120
2015-16	- 36 619	- 7 070	- 6 238	- 1 060	- 6 794	- 1 219	- 1 114	- 191	..	- 60 305
2014-15	- 33 873	- 6 530	- 5 954	- 712	- 6 515	- 1 123	- 1 050	- 221	..	- 55 977
2013-14	- 30 064	- 6 173	- 5 652	- 509	- 5 696	- 1 237	- 957	- 225	..	- 50 512
2012-13	- 28 945	- 6 320	- 5 587	- 156	- 5 726	- 1 213	- 841	- 129	..	- 48 917
2011-12	- 27 635	- 5 745	- 4 915	- 71	- 5 389	- 776	- 540	- 142	..	- 45 213
2010-11	- 25 614	- 5 343	- 4 546	- 907	- 4 780	- 754	- 537	- 144	..	- 42 624
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2016-17	35 382	48 123	15 847	30 200	5 551	3 845	3 918	4 151	79 568	226 586
2015-16	38 447	44 692	12 458	17 870	7 143	3 941	3 880	4 188	87 270	219 890
2014-15	47 842	42 196	15 334	19 658	6 477	3 395	4 017	4 797	85 572	229 287
2013-14	50 672	39 630	15 739	21 837	6 296	3 721	3 485	5 362	83 981	230 722
2012-13	45 693	41 364	15 156	21 524	5 735	4 312	4 698	5 632	80 125	224 241
2011-12	52 807	44 089	12 971	23 725	6 975	4 465	4 412	5 942	91 798	247 182
2010-11	48 705	37 473	12 021	22 074	7 475	4 071	4 620	6 160	88 408	231 008
District/county courts										
2016-17	21 570	24 849	8 028	11 260	6 173	..	..	..	..	71 879
2015-16	23 822	25 178	5 945	11 527	6 307	..	..	..	..	72 779
2014-15	25 441	22 802	5 814	11 586	6 520	..	..	..	..	72 163
2013-14	23 855	21 058	5 370	11 376	5 087	..	..	..	..	66 746
2012-13	25 319	22 246	5 989	12 334	4 145	..	..	..	..	70 033
2011-12	18 495	21 468	4 360	11 653	4 877	..	..	..	..	60 854
2010-11	17 448	19 399	6 436	10 582	5 404	..	..	..	..	59 269

TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 **Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	30 420	29 912	17 784	23 003	5 390	1 604	4 481	5 818	..	118 411
2015-16	24 746	25 174	17 296	22 889	5 595	1 660	5 042	5 812	..	108 214
2014-15	37 354	20 542	15 755	12 870	5 436	1 584	5 258	5 707	..	104 506
2013-14	42 674	18 180	15 058	11 109	7 775	1 146	5 254	5 174	..	106 368
2012-13	47 616	19 134	15 902	10 621	6 855	820	5 483	5 360	..	111 790
2011-12	50 486	25 502	16 443	10 752	7 640	883	6 224	5 146	..	123 076
2010-11	43 736	23 786	17 178	10 160	8 065	795	6 534	5 809	..	116 062
Children's courts										
2016-17	8 495	19 612	3 104	2 988	2 941	209	956	592	..	38 897
2015-16	7 408	18 635	4 769	2 400	2 893	211	1 018	382	..	37 715
2014-15	7 043	16 294	4 766	1 464	2 082	256	404	387	..	32 696
2013-14	6 960	15 308	4 883	1 654	862	582	419	408	..	31 076
2012-13	7 812	12 878	5 959	1 630	840	526	425	312	..	30 383
2011-12	7 878	11 047	6 412	1 389	940	571	533	319	..	29 088
2010-11	11 671	9 588	5 969	1 411	1 124	632	536	343	..	31 273
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	38 915	49 524	20 888	25 991	8 330	1 813	5 437	6 410	..	157 308
2015-16	32 154	43 808	22 065	25 289	8 487	1 871	6 061	6 194	..	145 929
2014-15	44 396	36 837	20 521	14 335	7 518	1 840	5 662	6 093	..	137 202
2013-14	49 634	33 488	19 941	12 763	8 637	1 728	5 672	5 583	..	137 444
2012-13	55 428	32 012	21 861	12 251	7 695	1 347	5 908	5 672	..	142 173
2011-12	58 365	36 548	22 855	12 141	8 580	1 454	6 757	5 465	..	152 164
2010-11	55 407	33 374	23 147	11 570	9 189	1 426	7 070	6 152	..	147 335

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Table 7A.13 **Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	95 866	122 496	44 763	67 451	20 054	5 658	9 355	10 561	79 568	455 773
2015-16	94 423	113 678	40 468	54 686	21 937	5 812	9 941	10 383	87 270	438 598
2014-15	117 680	101 835	41 669	45 579	20 514	5 235	9 678	10 890	85 572	438 653
2013-14	124 161	94 176	41 050	45 976	20 020	5 449	9 157	10 945	83 981	434 913
2012-13	126 440	95 622	43 006	46 110	17 575	5 659	10 606	11 304	80 125	436 447
2011-12	129 667	102 106	40 186	47 519	20 431	5 919	11 168	11 407	91 798	460 200
2010-11	121 561	90 246	41 604	44 227	22 068	5 497	11 690	12 312	88 408	437 612
Family courts										
2016-17	..	..	..	24 659	..	..	..	..	46 871	71 530
2015-16	..	..	..	23 250	..	..	..	..	64 190	87 441
2014-15	..	..	..	23 495	..	..	..	..	66 498	89 994
2013-14	..	..	..	22 988	..	..	..	..	66 267	89 256
2012-13	..	..	..	25 619	..	..	..	..	93 941	119 560
2011-12	..	..	..	24 964	..	..	..	..	108 747	133 711
2010-11	..	..	..	24 464	..	..	..	..	111 135	135 600
Federal Circuit Court										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	88 140	88 140
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68 217	68 217
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	85 428	85 428
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90 754	90 754
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69 670	69 670
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78 841	78 841
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	73 562	73 562

TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 **Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2016-17 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Coroners' courts</i>										
2016-17	6 945	13 555	10 290	6 710	3 420	1 255	910	983	..	44 069
2015-16	5 938	13 325	10 450	5 875	3 592	1 226	1 012	978	..	42 396
2014-15	5 777	13 093	10 089	5 903	3 580	998	2 036	1 047	..	42 523
2013-14	5 943	13 803	9 577	5 620	3 491	432	1 666	1 079	..	41 610
2012-13	5 612	16 053	12 160	6 562	3 356	422	1 086	1 304	..	46 556
2011-12	5 000	15 934	13 893	5 119	3 334	477	1 156	1 261	..	46 173
2010-11	6 462	15 448	11 943	4 843	3 346	593	1 605	1 237	..	45 477
<i>Probate</i>										
<i>Supreme courts</i>										
2016-17	- 37 253	- 7 126	- 6 756	- 1 537	- 9 612	- 1 393	- 1 240	- 203	..	- 65 120
2015-16	- 36 619	- 7 070	- 6 238	- 1 060	- 6 794	- 1 219	- 1 114	- 191	..	- 60 305
2014-15	- 33 873	- 6 530	- 5 954	- 712	- 6 515	- 1 123	- 1 050	- 221	..	- 55 977
2013-14	- 30 064	- 6 173	- 5 652	- 509	- 5 696	- 1 237	- 957	- 225	..	- 50 512
2012-13	- 28 945	- 6 320	- 5 587	- 156	- 5 726	- 1 213	- 841	- 129	..	- 48 917
2011-12	- 27 635	- 5 745	- 4 915	- 71	- 5 389	- 776	- 540	- 142	..	- 45 213
2010-11	- 25 614	- 5 343	- 4 546	- 907	- 4 780	- 754	- 537	- 144	..	- 42 624

Aust cts = Australian courts.

(a) Real net recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in table 7A.10 and income data presented in table 7A.11. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in the footnotes to these tables.

.. Not applicable.

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

TABLE 7A.14

Table 7A.14 **Cost recovery – civil court fees collected as a proportion of civil expenditure excluding payroll tax (per cent)**  
**(a) (b) (c) (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (e)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (f)</i>
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2016-17	45.9	20.5	31.6	19.0	35.7	12.8	31.6	13.6	15.5	25.3
2015-16	42.1	22.1	37.3	26.0	32.8	12.2	31.1	8.2	15.2	25.5
2014-15	35.8	25.7	30.6	22.1	34.6	14.4	26.1	8.3	16.0	24.7
2013-14	35.0	23.2	31.4	19.9	36.0	15.4	31.8	7.7	18.3	25.0
2012-13	39.5	21.0	32.5	19.4	40.3	13.0	20.6	4.1	17.7	25.3
2011-12	39.3	18.4	35.0	19.7	38.5	10.2	19.8	3.0	10.4	22.6
2010-11	39.5	19.4	34.2	20.1	31.2	11.3	17.6	3.3	11.2	22.6
District/county courts (g)										
2016-17	38.6	33.0	39.1	35.8	23.8	..	..	..	..	35.3
2015-16	34.4	31.0	47.4	31.8	23.0	..	..	..	..	33.4
2014-15	32.1	33.6	48.1	30.2	21.5	..	..	..	..	33.1
2013-14	34.7	38.3	52.0	29.3	29.3	..	..	..	..	36.4
2012-13	31.6	31.9	49.0	27.2	44.4	..	..	..	..	33.8
2011-12	40.3	29.4	59.3	26.9	36.3	..	..	..	..	36.3
2010-11	40.1	32.0	41.5	30.1	33.2	..	..	..	..	35.5
Magistrates' courts (h) (i)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	45.9	40.7	29.1	25.2	33.6	20.5	15.1	1.6	..	35.4
2015-16	49.7	43.6	27.3	24.2	31.2	22.0	11.5	5.7	..	36.1
2014-15	38.0	50.8	30.8	34.8	33.1	23.8	12.9	7.2	..	37.3
2013-14	35.0	54.6	34.7	36.8	27.3	30.7	12.5	6.9	..	37.5
2012-13	34.0	51.6	32.6	37.2	35.0	38.1	6.6	6.0	..	36.4
2011-12	34.9	37.4	29.9	34.5	30.6	37.6	5.2	7.1	..	32.6
2010-11	35.7	40.1	28.9	37.5	29.2	43.8	2.5	6.9	..	33.2

TABLE 7A.14

Table 7A.14 **Cost recovery – civil court fees collected as a proportion of civil expenditure excluding payroll tax (per cent)**  
**(a) (b) (c) (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (e)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (f)</i>
Children's courts (j)										
2016-17	–	–	–	–	0.1	–	–	–	..	–
2015-16	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	–
2014-15	–	–	–	–	0.1	–	–	–	..	–
2013-14	–	–	–	–	0.1	–	–	–	..	–
2012-13	–	–	–	–	0.4	–	–	–	..	–
2011-12	–	–	–	–	0.4	–	–	–	..	–
2010-11	–	–	–	0.3	0.3	–	–	–	..	–
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	40.0	29.7	25.9	23.0	26.1	18.9	13.1	1.4	..	29.5
2015-16	43.4	31.2	22.8	22.4	24.4	20.3	9.9	5.4	..	29.8
2014-15	34.2	37.2	25.5	32.5	27.7	21.6	12.2	6.7	..	31.5
2013-14	31.8	40.3	28.6	33.7	25.6	23.7	11.8	6.4	..	32.0
2012-13	30.9	39.6	26.1	33.9	32.9	29.8	6.2	5.7	..	31.3
2011-12	31.8	29.7	23.5	31.8	28.6	28.9	4.8	6.7	..	28.3
2010-11	30.5	32.6	23.3	34.6	27.0	33.1	2.3	6.5	..	28.3
Family courts (k)										
2016-17	..	..	..	19.8	..	..	..	..	10.3	13.8
2015-16	..	..	..	20.2	..	..	..	..	8.9	12.2
2014-15	..	..	..	21.7	..	..	..	..	6.4	10.9
2013-14	..	..	..	20.6	..	..	..	..	6.2	10.3
2012-13	..	..	..	15.8	..	..	..	..	3.3	6.2
2011-12	..	..	..	13.7	..	..	..	..	2.3	4.6
2010-11	..	..	..	13.1	..	..	..	..	2.1	4.3

Table 7A.14 **Cost recovery – civil court fees collected as a proportion of civil expenditure excluding payroll tax (per cent)**  
**(a) (b) (c) (d)**

	NSW	Vic (e)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total (f)
Federal Circuit Court (k)										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39.5	39.5
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50.1	50.1
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39.3	39.3
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37.0	37.0
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37.3	37.3
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.2	30.2
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31.3	31.3

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Expenditure is real recurrent expenditure with no income or revenue deducted (table 7A.10). Further information relating specifically to expenditure, and which is pertinent to the interpretation of data in this table, is provided in table 7A.10.
- (b) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2016-17 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2016-17=100). See table 2A.49 and Chapter 2 for more information.
- (c) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded. Civil court fees collected exclude enforcement, transcript, probate and mediation fees.
- (d) Some jurisdictions charge corporations twice the amount individuals are charged. Therefore, the average fees do not always represent the charge to individuals.
- (e) The Victorian supreme court fees include photocopying fees derived from the administration of probate matters.
- (f) The total amount of civil court fees collected, divided by the total real recurrent expenditure (table 7A.10).
- (g) Victorian county court fees decreased in 2015-16 due to the implementation of e-commerce and online technology. A fee review will commence in late 2017.
- (h) The Victorian magistrates' court fees figure incorporates both the criminal and civil jurisdictions (though the criminal component is relatively small).
- (i) The introduction of the NT Civil and Administrative Tribunal has resulted in a reduction in civil court fees associated with small claims collected by the NT Magistrates Court (now collected by the NT Civil and Administrative Tribunal).
- (j) Victoria, Tasmania, the ACT and the NT do not collect court fees in the civil jurisdiction of the children's courts.
- (k) The Family Court of WA does elements of work of both the Federal Circuit Court and the Family Court of Australia, so direct comparisons with each are not possible. Many of the Family Court of Australia's applications do not attract a fee.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

TABLE 7A.15

Table 7A.15 Real average civil court fees collected per lodgment, 2016-17 dollars (\$) (a) (b) (c )

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (e)</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme (excl. probate) (f)/Federal Court										
2016-17	3 818	2 110	2 282	2 646	2 941	710	3 092	2 525	2 661	2 780
2015-16	3 155	1 970	2 297	2 366	3 044	695	2 885	1 510	2 671	2 550
2014-15	3 049	1 800	2 015	2 270	3 082	654	2 501	1 615	3 899	2 563
2013-14	3 148	1 695	2 018	2 253	3 235	742	2 719	1 860	3 935	2 645
2012-13	3 114	1 499	1 890	2 055	3 335	584	2 204	924	3 105	2 407
2011-12	3 232	1 254	1 610	1 998	3 244	477	1 738	608	2 130	2 157
2010-11	2 685	1 237	1 113	1 987	2 541	528	1 237	703	2 328	1 928
District/county courts										
2016-17	1 899	1 889	1 059	1 213	1 055	..	..	..	..	1 535
2015-16	1 772	1 825	1 067	1 118	1 115	..	..	..	..	1 467
2014-15	1 716	1 657	1 015	1 029	1 015	..	..	..	..	1 378
2013-14	1 753	1 912	1 003	1 029	1 068	..	..	..	..	1 451
2012-13	1 613	1 484	1 002	1 015	1 103	..	..	..	..	1 300
2011-12	1 584	1 335	959	880	1 122	..	..	..	..	1 220
2010-11	1 405	1 306	806	739	925	..	..	..	..	1 086
Magistrates' courts (g) (h)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	217	227	122	155	134	86	271	18	..	185
2015-16	212	231	116	141	125	91	210	53	..	179
2014-15	182	245	131	140	126	93	235	63	..	177
2013-14	168	244	138	131	129	86	215	67	..	172
2012-13	170	216	139	128	154	92	109	50	..	167
2011-12	183	154	132	112	151	82	100	60	..	153
2010-11	134	161	131	117	150	88	54	70	..	136



TABLE 7A.15

Table 7A.15 Real average civil court fees collected per lodgment, 2016-17 dollars (\$) (a) (b) (c )

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (e)</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	..	–
2015-16	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	–
2014-15	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	..	–
2013-14	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	..	–
2012-13	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	..	–
2011-12	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	..	–
2010-11	–	–	–	3	3	–	–	–		
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	202	209	114	150	123	82	258	17	..	172
2015-16	197	211	109	136	115	87	200	50	..	167
2014-15	170	226	123	135	119	89	226	59	..	166
2013-14	158	227	130	124	124	82	208	63	..	162
2012-13	160	203	130	121	148	87	106	47	..	157
2011-12	173	145	123	108	144	78	97	57	..	144
2010-11	127	152	122	114	143	85	52	66	..	129
Family courts										
2016-17	..	..	..	384	..	..	..	..	260	314
2015-16	..	..	..	366	..	..	..	..	309	334
2014-15	..	..	..	421	..	..	..	..	227	310
2013-14	..	..	..	399	..	..	..	..	225	299
2012-13	..	..	..	324	..	..	..	..	183	246
2011-12	..	..	..	266	..	..	..	..	147	201
2010-11				247					143	191

TABLE 7A.15

Table 7A.15 Real average civil court fees collected per lodgment, 2016-17 dollars (\$) (a) (b) (c)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (e)</i>	<i>Total</i>
Federal Circuit Court										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	611	611
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	732	732
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	581	581
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	580	580
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	464	464
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	368	368
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	370	370
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	1 450	383	660	347	1 611	687	1 322	1 215	..	922
2015-16	1 414	380	647	318	1 270	614	1 351	1 370	..	875
2014-15	1 381	377	641	292	1 142	608	1 338	1 222	..	852
2013-14	1 289	371	628	258	1 128	585	1 327	1 187	..	805
2012-13	1 258	385	636	218	1 107	569	1 266	953	..	792
2011-12	1 179	352	624	220	1 085	398	812	1 134	..	748
2010-11	1 167	330	601	218	940	411	804	1 211	..	718

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) The total court fees collected, divided by the total number of lodgments. Further information relating specifically to lodgment data, and which is pertinent to the interpretation of data in this table, is provided in table 7A.3. Civil court fees collected exclude enforcement, transcript, probate and mediation fees.
- (b) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2016-17 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2016-17=100). See table 2A.49 and Chapter 2 for more information.
- (c) Some jurisdictions charge corporations twice the amount individuals are charged. Therefore the average fees do not always represent the charge to individuals.
- (d) In Queensland legislative change restructuring court fees was effected from 1 September 2011.
- (e) During 2010-11 the federal government imposed minimum filing and hearing fees even for parties that are eligible for exemptions or waivers.

Table 7A.15 **Real average civil court fees collected per lodgment, 2016-17 dollars (\$) (a) (b) (c )**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (e)</i>	<i>Total</i>
(f)	The Victorian supreme court fees include photocopying fees derived from the administration of probate matters.									
(g)	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.									
(h)	The introduction of the NT Civil and Administrative Tribunal has resulted in a reduction in 2016-17 of civil court fees associated with small claims collected by the NT Magistrates Court (now collected by the NT Civil and Administrative Tribunal).									
	.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.									

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

TABLE 7A.16

Table 7A.16 **Court fee relief (waivers and reductions), exemptions and cost recovery for civil courts, 2016-17**  
**(a), (b)**

	Real recurrent expenditure \$000	Court fees collected \$000	Fee relief (waivers and reductions) \$000	Exemptions \$000	Cost recovery excl. fee relief and exemptions (%)	Cost recovery incl. fee relief and exemptions (%)
<b>NSW</b>						
Supreme	63 477	29 146	345	1 119	45.9	48.2
District	36 541	14 096	70	195	38.6	39.3
Magistrates' (only)	56 188	25 775	67	33	45.9	46.0
<b>Vic</b>						
Supreme	58 619	12 018	219	na	20.5	20.9
District	36 095	11 926	77	na	33.0	33.3
Magistrates' (only)	51 502	20 958	na	na	40.7	40.7
<b>Qld (c)</b>						
Supreme	23 474	7 428	na	1 216	31.6	36.8
District	13 410	5 245	na	703	39.1	44.4
Magistrates' (only)	25 601	7 442	na	28	29.1	29.2
<b>WA (d)</b>						
Supreme	38 308	7 296	386	na	19.0	20.1
District	17 930	6 415	469	na	35.8	38.4
Magistrates' (only)	31 366	7 911	193	na	25.2	25.8
Family	31 414	6 212	2 347	61	19.8	27.4
<b>SA</b>						
Supreme	9 429	3 362	125	265	35.7	39.8
District	8 213	1 953	44	219	23.8	27.0
Magistrates' (only)	9 964	3 343	13	426	33.6	38.0
<b>Tas</b>						
Supreme	4 646	596	10	na	12.8	13.0
Magistrates' (only)	2 460	504	na	na	20.5	20.5

Table 7A.16 **Court fee relief (waivers and reductions), exemptions and cost recovery for civil courts, 2016-17**  
**(a), (b)**

	Real recurrent expenditure \$000	Court fees collected \$000	Fee relief (waivers and reductions) \$000	Exemptions \$000	Cost recovery excl. fee relief and exemptions (%)	Cost recovery incl. fee relief and exemptions (%)
<b>NSW</b>						
Supreme	63 477	29 146	345	1 119	45.9	48.2
<b>ACT</b>						
Supreme	5 761	1 818	46	40	31.6	33.0
Magistrates' (only)	6 262	945	6	1	15.1	15.2
<b>NT (e)</b>						
Supreme	4 899	664	6	–	13.6	13.7
Magistrates' (only)	5 767	91	28	–	1.6	2.1
<b>Aust cts</b>						
Federal	97 901	15 157	3 786	1 670	15.5	21.1
Family	53 148	5 491	1 346	1 027	10.3	14.8
Federal Circuit	147 099	58 126	13 956	3 926	39.5	51.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>839 473</b>	<b>253 918</b>	<b>23 539</b>	<b>10 928</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>34.4</b>

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Excludes enforcement, transcript, probate and mediation fees and payroll tax.
- (b) Children's courts are not included as cost recovery tends to be very low due to many applications not attracting fees.
- (c) Queensland has no provision for waiving fees and is currently unable to provide data on fee reductions.
- (d) WA Supreme and District courts civil court fees which were waived or reduced have been revised in 2016-17 to ensure data extraction is in line with the RoGS counting rules. Comparative analysis should not be undertaken with data in reports from previous years.
- (e) The introduction of the NT Civil and Administrative Tribunal has resulted in a reduction in 2016-17 of civil court fees collected by the NT Magistrates Court (now collected by the NT Civil and Administrative Tribunal).

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

TABLE 7A.17

Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Supreme courts — appeal (d), (e)										
Pending case load										
2016-17	(no.)	142	205	237	222	122	17	81	24	..
2015-16	(no.)	194	150	225	219	116	25	84	13	..
2014-15	(no.)	173	175	226	195	134	26	85	9	..
2013-14	(no.)	270	200	205	211	105	17	81	11	..
2012-13	(no.)	216	199	208	241	71	14	60	18	..
2011-12	(no.)	246	236	180	236	76	18	122	6	..
2010-11	(no.)	200	421	196	198	95	16	105	9	..
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	1	5	29	23	13	3	20	6	..
2015-16	(no.)	6	12	21	41	9	2	21	4	..
2014-15	(no.)	25	15	9	31	15	2	26	1	..
2013-14	(no.)	35	12	10	11	9	1	3	1	..
2012-13	(no.)	31	29	15	12	1	—	7	—	..
2011-12	(no.)	28	45	7	7	2	1	29	—	..
2010-11	(no.)	9	165	5	17	1	—	9	—	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	0.7	2.4	12.2	10.4	10.7	17.6	24.7	25.0	..
2015-16	(%)	3.1	8.0	9.3	18.7	7.8	8.0	25.0	30.8	..
2014-15	(%)	14.5	8.6	4.0	15.9	11.2	7.7	30.6	11.1	..
2013-14	(%)	13.0	6.0	4.8	5.2	8.6	5.9	3.7	9.1	..
2012-13	(%)	14.4	14.6	7.2	5.0	1.4	—	11.7	—	..
2011-12	(%)	11.4	19.1	3.9	3.0	2.6	5.6	23.8	—	..
2010-11	(%)	4.5	39.2	2.6	8.6	1.1	—	8.6	—	..

TABLE 7A.17

Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	–	1	6	8	8	–	3	–	..
2015-16	(no.)	–	1	–	13	1	1	4	–	..
2014-15	(no.)	5	–	1	–	2	1	–	–	..
2013-14	(no.)	11	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	..
2012-13	(no.)	9	2	–	1	1	–	3	–	..
2011-12	(no.)	3	22	–	–	–	–	5	–	..
2010-11	(no.)	1	19	–	1	–	–	1	–	..
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	–	0.5	2.5	3.6	6.6	–	3.7	–	..
2015-16	(%)	–	0.7	–	5.9	0.9	4.0	4.8	–	..
2014-15	(%)	2.9	–	0.4	–	1.5	3.8	–	–	..
2013-14	(%)	4.1	–	–	–	1.0	–	–	–	..
2012-13	(%)	4.2	1.0	–	0.4	1.4	–	5.0	–	..
2011-12	(%)	1.2	9.3	–	–	–	–	4.1	–	..
2010-11	(%)	0.5	4.5	–	0.5	–	–	1.0	–	..
Supreme courts — non-appeal (d), (e)										
Pending case load										
2016-17	(no.)	119	86	1 022	219	39	448	232	229	..
2015-16	(no.)	119	98	735	171	32	381	186	280	..
2014-15	(no.)	99	119	548	156	45	388	183	221	..
2013-14	(no.)	105	98	439	172	41	348	176	179	..
2012-13	(no.)	108	99	345	125	40	316	194	124	..
2011-12	(no.)	144	83	502	120	44	351	340	153	..
2010-11	(no.)	116	121	549	115	40	324	338	192	..

TABLE 7A.17

Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	38	22	109	22	5	130	34	24	..
2015-16	(no.)	38	32	88	19	4	110	43	18	..
2014-15	(no.)	15	28	76	14	5	107	28	10	..
2013-14	(no.)	32	18	67	9	4	92	31	5	..
2012-13	(no.)	22	7	91	9	8	79	85	3	..
2011-12	(no.)	34	24	126	6	14	46	145	8	..
2010-11	(no.)	17	45	91	11	5	54	160	13	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	31.9	25.6	10.7	10.0	12.8	29.0	14.7	10.5	..
2015-16	(%)	31.9	32.7	12.0	11.1	12.5	28.9	23.1	6.4	..
2014-15	(%)	15.2	23.5	13.9	9.0	11.1	27.6	15.3	4.5	..
2013-14	(%)	30.5	18.4	15.3	5.2	9.8	26.4	17.6	2.8	..
2012-13	(%)	20.4	7.1	26.4	7.2	20.0	25.0	43.8	2.4	..
2011-12	(%)	23.6	28.9	25.1	5.0	31.8	13.1	42.6	5.2	..
2010-11	(%)	14.7	37.2	16.6	9.6	12.5	16.7	47.3	6.8	..
Cases >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	11	13	26	8	–	40	7	3	..
2015-16	(no.)	3	11	18	3	2	28	6	4	..
2014-15	(no.)	3	1	29	1	–	34	7	–	..
2013-14	(no.)	4	2	28	3	2	21	11	–	..
2012-13	(no.)	3	2	35	1	–	33	33	–	..
2011-12	(no.)	6	10	32	1	4	20	56	2	..
2010-11	(no.)	2	30	28	2	–	15	56	2	..



TABLE 7A.17

Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	9.2	15.1	2.5	3.7	—	8.9	3.0	1.3	..
2015-16	(%)	2.5	11.2	2.4	1.8	6.3	7.3	3.2	1.4	..
2014-15	(%)	3.0	0.8	5.3	0.6	—	8.8	3.8	—	..
2013-14	(%)	3.8	2.0	6.4	1.7	4.9	6.0	6.3	—	..
2012-13	(%)	2.8	2.0	10.1	0.8	—	10.4	17.0	—	..
2011-12	(%)	4.2	12.0	6.4	0.8	9.1	5.7	16.5	1.3	..
2010-11	(%)	1.7	24.8	5.1	1.7	—	4.6	16.6	1.0	..
District/county courts — appeal (f)										
Pending case load										
2016-17	(no.)	1 584	959	230	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	1 544	887	235	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	1 450	913	249	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	1 320	1 030	208	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	1 297	1 080	161	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	1 234	892	855	..	..	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	1 421	1 012	755	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	27	37	48	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	22	31	55	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	18	39	40	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	17	80	20	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	17	69	14	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	8	120	541	..	..	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	18	130	55	..	..	..	..	..	..

TABLE 7A.17

Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	1.7	3.9	20.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	1.4	3.5	23.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	1.2	4.3	16.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	1.3	7.8	9.6	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	1.3	6.4	8.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	0.6	13.5	63.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(%)	1.3	12.8	7.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	3	6	19	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	2	4	21	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	3	6	12	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	1	10	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	–	18	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	–	47	18	..	..	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	1	31	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	0.2	0.6	8.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	0.1	0.5	8.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	0.2	0.7	4.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	0.1	1.0	1.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	–	1.7	3.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	–	5.3	2.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(%)	0.1	3.1	0.1	..	..	..	..	..	..

TABLE 7A.17

Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
District/county courts — non-appeal (f)										
Pending case load										
2016-17	(no.)	4 274	1 664	2 327	1 805	1 393	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	4 073	1 439	2 165	1 630	1 381	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	3 672	1 424	1 901	1 243	1 420	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	3 037	1 604	1 698	1 060	1 332	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	2 805	1 637	1 490	986	1 485	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	2 372	1 587	1 757	1 093	1 370	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	2 324	1 820	1 993	1 034	1 289	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	952	252	325	188	401	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	979	235	299	104	357	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	666	309	274	81	314	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	574	276	212	75	265	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	305	296	259	69	261	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	252	363	315	123	263	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	251	433	377	121	303	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	22.3	15.1	14.0	10.4	28.8	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	24.0	16.3	13.8	6.4	25.9	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	18.1	21.7	14.4	6.5	22.1	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	18.9	17.2	12.5	7.1	19.9	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	10.9	18.1	17.4	7.0	17.6	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	10.6	22.9	17.9	11.3	19.2	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(%)	10.8	23.8	18.9	11.7	23.5	..	..	..	..

TABLE 7A.17

Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	232	44	99	21	136	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	197	56	104	10	95	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	135	35	82	7	75	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	87	53	75	11	54	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	31	53	80	13	47	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	34	72	97	31	72	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	24	94	102	31	55	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	5.4	2.6	4.3	1.2	9.8	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	4.8	3.9	4.8	0.6	6.9	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	3.7	2.5	4.3	0.6	5.3	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	2.9	3.3	4.4	1.0	4.1	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	1.1	3.2	5.4	1.3	3.2	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	1.4	4.5	5.5	2.8	5.3	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(%)	1.0	5.2	5.1	3.0	4.3	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' courts only (excluding children's)										
Pending case load										
2016-17	(no.)	43 329	51 554	44 306	14 415	16 134	7 952	4 278	2 003	..
2015-16	(no.)	41 096	44 254	46 174	14 576	18 438	7 426	1 936	2 651	..
2014-15	(no.)	39 331	45 762	41 033	12 201	15 883	7 312	1 915	2 718	..
2013-14	(no.)	34 539	39 216	36 228	10 467	16 288	5 938	1 858	3 207	..
2012-13	(no.)	34 567	36 686	31 131	10 039	18 429	5 566	1 604	2 468	..
2011-12	(no.)	31 645	32 149	29 300	9 542	19 583	7 380	1 574	2 341	..
2010-11	(no.)	23 493	30 593	25 297	9 433	17 176	8 121	1 558	2 815	..

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Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >6 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	6 068	13 382	16 322	5 007	4 617	2 748	709	419	..
2015-16	(no.)	5 182	11 935	15 222	4 593	4 666	2 261	530	755	..
2014-15	(no.)	4 948	10 599	12 847	3 458	3 749	2 360	519	848	..
2013-14	(no.)	4 044	9 968	10 788	2 814	4 077	1 595	455	932	..
2012-13	(no.)	4 232	8 678	8 230	2 733	4 888	1 545	433	539	..
2011-12	(no.)	3 988	8 328	7 322	2 476	4 739	2 349	374	567	..
2010-11	(no.)	2 584	7 378	7 114	2 444	4 623	2 757	375	1 349	..
Cases >6 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	14.0	26.0	36.8	34.7	28.6	34.6	16.6	20.9	..
2015-16	(%)	12.6	27.0	33.0	31.5	25.3	30.4	27.4	28.5	..
2014-15	(%)	12.6	23.2	31.3	28.3	23.6	32.3	27.1	31.2	..
2013-14	(%)	11.7	25.4	29.8	26.9	25.0	26.9	24.5	29.1	..
2012-13	(%)	12.2	23.7	26.4	27.2	26.5	27.8	27.0	21.8	..
2011-12	(%)	12.6	25.9	25.0	25.9	24.2	31.8	23.8	24.2	..
2010-11	(%)	11.0	24.1	28.1	25.9	26.9	33.9	24.1	47.9	..
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	721	4 918	7 387	1 714	1 480	1 000	227	144	..
2015-16	(no.)	830	3 853	6 528	1 539	1 416	967	197	411	..
2014-15	(no.)	778	3 192	5 474	1 083	1 243	1 007	165	424	..
2013-14	(no.)	586	3 065	4 429	867	1 460	698	125	354	..
2012-13	(no.)	836	2 777	3 445	906	1 654	715	148	262	..
2011-12	(no.)	732	2 782	3 277	853	1 728	1 016	121	233	..
2010-11	(no.)	517	2 420	3 307	840	1 803	1 213	139	929	..

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Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	1.7	9.5	16.7	11.9	9.2	12.6	5.3	7.2	..
2015-16	(%)	2.0	8.7	14.1	10.6	7.7	13.0	10.2	15.5	..
2014-15	(%)	2.0	7.0	13.3	8.9	7.8	13.8	8.6	15.6	..
2013-14	(%)	1.7	7.8	12.2	8.3	9.0	11.8	6.7	11.0	..
2012-13	(%)	2.4	7.6	11.1	9.0	9.0	12.8	9.2	10.6	..
2011-12	(%)	2.3	8.7	11.2	8.9	8.8	13.8	7.7	10.0	..
2010-11	(%)	2.2	7.9	13.1	8.9	10.5	14.9	8.9	33.0	..
Children's courts										
Pending case load										
2016-17	(no.)	2 986	3 220	2 903	1 116	662	442	106	523	..
2015-16	(no.)	2 789	3 593	2 472	1 105	1 151	354	77	695	..
2014-15	(no.)	2 739	4 223	2 394	927	1 108	438	115	597	..
2013-14	(no.)	2 573	3 424	2 339	1 081	1 466	412	124	637	..
2012-13	(no.)	3 009	3 605	2 285	1 172	1 641	524	135	497	..
2011-12	(no.)	2 924	3 668	2 574	1 213	1 602	718	185	525	..
2010-11	(no.)	2 821	3 499	2 353	1 637	1 612	609	205	306	..
Cases >6 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	498	459	700	186	78	72	24	105	..
2015-16	(no.)	475	436	545	151	209	86	18	197	..
2014-15	(no.)	367	433	655	122	223	122	42	193	..
2013-14	(no.)	374	445	597	207	246	91	32	165	..
2012-13	(no.)	430	530	544	290	303	152	41	92	..
2011-12	(no.)	455	565	601	346	318	186	43	109	..
2010-11	(no.)	237	565	604	491	300	178	39	121	..

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Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >6 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	16.7	14.3	24.1	16.7	11.8	16.3	22.6	20.1	..
2015-16	(%)	17.0	12.1	22.0	13.7	18.2	24.3	23.4	28.3	..
2014-15	(%)	13.4	10.3	27.4	13.2	20.1	27.9	36.5	32.3	..
2013-14	(%)	14.5	13.0	25.5	19.1	16.8	22.1	25.8	25.9	..
2012-13	(%)	14.3	14.7	23.8	24.7	18.5	29.0	30.4	18.5	..
2011-12	(%)	15.6	15.4	23.3	28.5	19.9	25.9	23.2	20.8	..
2010-11	(%)	8.4	16.1	25.7	30.0	18.6	29.2	19.0	39.5	..
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	47	123	275	52	34	24	7	42	..
2015-16	(no.)	61	142	272	28	47	47	10	88	..
2014-15	(no.)	45	123	337	29	74	53	20	100	..
2013-14	(no.)	42	154	219	75	70	43	15	67	..
2012-13	(no.)	69	146	248	109	50	69	17	43	..
2011-12	(no.)	69	134	235	134	75	50	16	34	..
2010-11	(no.)	25	153	275	241	79	71	15	54	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	1.6	3.8	9.5	4.7	5.1	5.4	6.6	8.0	..
2015-16	(%)	2.2	4.0	11.0	2.5	4.1	13.3	13.0	12.7	..
2014-15	(%)	1.6	2.9	14.1	3.1	6.7	12.1	17.4	16.8	..
2013-14	(%)	1.6	4.5	9.4	6.9	4.8	10.4	12.1	10.5	..
2012-13	(%)	2.3	4.0	10.9	9.3	3.0	13.2	12.6	8.7	..
2011-12	(%)	2.4	3.7	9.1	11.0	4.7	7.0	8.6	6.5	..
2010-11	(%)	0.9	4.4	11.7	14.7	4.9	11.7	7.3	17.6	..

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
(a)	This indicator compares the age (in elapsed time) of a court's pending caseload against agreed time standards. Pending counts are taken at 30 June each year. In the criminal jurisdiction, those lodgments that have bench warrants associated with them have been excluded from the count. The aim has been to focus on those matters that are part of an active pending population. Jurisdictions diverting from this national counting rule are footnoted.									
(b)	Court backlog and timeliness of case processing can be affected by a number of factors. In addition to changes in lodgment and finalisation numbers, case timeliness in criminal courts may be influenced by:									
	(a) the complexity of cases, which may vary across court levels and across jurisdictions									
	(b) whether cases have become inactive or remain an active part of the court's workload									
	(c) cases which require finalisation in another court level									
	(d) matters on interlocutory appeal									
	(e) cases delayed by related cases or co-accused									
	(f) family law matters determined 'on hold'.									
(c)	In the Magistrates' and Children's criminal courts the date of lodgment of a case is the date of registration and refers to the date the documentary evidence for a defendant is initially received in the court. Exceptions to this counting rule are: Victoria, the ACT and the NT use the date the case is added into the court system (date of physical lodgment is not captured in their systems). In the Supreme and District courts, the date of lodgment is generally the date of committal in the Magistrates' court. Exceptions to this counting rule are: Queensland uses the date the documentary evidence is lodged in the court (primarily because the date of committal is usually recorded on the higher court file at the time of indictment presentment at the first hearing which can be up to six months after the committal). This means Queensland Supreme and District courts data may reflect shorter backlog times and are not directly comparable with other jurisdictions.									
(d)	The criminal casemix of the NSW Supreme Court is principally murder and manslaughter cases and therefore not directly comparable with supreme courts in other states and territories.									
(e)	The Supreme Court of Victoria's increase in cases is related to a cluster of complex criminal matters that are pending before the Court and awaiting the outcome of a number of appeals. In addition a significant number of appeals were filed in the Appellate Division of the Court toward the end of the final quarter of the relevant reporting period.									
(f)	The criminal jurisdiction of the District Courts in SA and WA do not have appellate jurisdiction. All appeals from the magistrates (criminal) court go directly to the supreme (criminal) courts in these two states.									
	.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.									

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



TABLE 7A.18

Table 7A.18		<b>Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)</b>								
	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Supreme/Federal Court — appeal (c), (d)										
Pending case load										
2016-17	no.	366	203	148	109	103	71	37	69	699
2015-16	no.	421	242	104	126	95	61	83	52	521
2014-15	no.	452	215	164	147	80	62	76	62	474
2013-14	no.	543	286	103	110	68	50	86	56	317
2012-13	no.	669	297	114	127	79	56	59	41	282
2011-12	no.	543	319	105	138	75	61	47	56	266
2010-11	no.	572	348	101	128	74	52	43	30	324
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	no.	32	26	2	29	26	13	11	13	87
2015-16	no.	54	33	14	28	24	12	39	1	26
2014-15	no.	71	34	24	19	11	7	36	4	31
2013-14	no.	97	45	—	20	11	9	37	3	2
2012-13	no.	174	75	—	18	12	8	20	1	18
2011-12	no.	88	77	—	25	10	15	17	2	25
2010-11	no.	157	107	—	22	11	5	9	4	22
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	8.7	12.8	1.4	26.6	25.2	18.3	29.7	18.8	12.4
2015-16	%	12.8	13.6	13.5	22.2	25.3	19.7	47.0	1.9	5.0
2014-15	%	15.7	15.8	14.6	12.9	13.8	11.3	47.4	6.5	6.5
2013-14	%	17.9	15.7	—	18.2	16.2	18.0	43.0	5.4	0.6
2012-13	%	26.0	25.3	—	14.2	15.2	14.3	33.9	2.4	6.4
2011-12	%	16.2	24.1	—	18.1	13.3	24.6	36.2	3.6	9.4
2010-11	%	27.4	30.7	—	17.2	14.9	9.6	20.9	13.3	6.8

TABLE 7A.18

Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths										
2016-17	no.	6	6	1	7	4	4	6	1	15
2015-16	no.	12	7	4	5	3	1	26	–	2
2014-15	no.	12	7	5	2	4	1	20	–	3
2013-14	no.	23	15	–	1	7	3	13	–	2
2012-13	no.	69	12	–	2	8	2	7	1	6
2011-12	no.	33	18	–	2	2	–	3	–	4
2010-11	no.	48	30	–	7	2	1	–	1	5
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	1.6	3.0	0.7	6.4	3.9	5.6	16.2	1.4	2.1
2015-16	%	2.9	2.9	3.8	4.0	3.2	1.6	31.3	–	0.4
2014-15	%	2.7	3.3	3.0	1.4	5.0	1.6	26.3	–	0.6
2013-14	%	4.2	5.2	–	0.9	10.3	6.0	15.1	–	0.6
2012-13	%	10.3	4.0	–	1.6	10.1	3.6	11.9	2.4	2.1
2011-12	%	6.1	5.6	–	1.4	2.7	–	6.4	–	1.5
2010-11	%	8.4	8.6	–	5.5	2.7	1.9	–	3.3	1.5
Supreme (excl probate) / Federal Court — non-appeal (c), (d)										
Pending case load										
2016-17	no.	5 167	4 029	2 567	2 670	809	807	461	116	2 474
2015-16	no.	5 209	4 289	2 411	2 389	780	796	551	112	3 035
2014-15	no.	5 336	4 999	2 574	2 276	786	806	572	86	2 388
2013-14	no.	5 788	4 202	2 637	2 343	667	809	632	87	2 044
2012-13	no.	6 609	4 164	3 054	2 296	703	898	723	104	2 602
2011-12	no.	7 402	4 447	3 512	2 618	736	802	1 042	133	2 337
2010-11	no.	7 256	5 247	4 694	2 720	707	828	1 404	166	2 732

TABLE 7A.18

Table 7A.18		<b>Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)</b>								
	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	no.	1 690	1 472	609	919	257	292	128	33	913
2015-16	no.	1 527	1 680	577	776	210	271	165	31	907
2014-15	no.	1 514	1 233	623	867	242	281	210	29	952
2013-14	no.	1 706	1 219	755	887	214	256	215	26	589
2012-13	no.	2 010	1 205	903	850	219	253	353	37	991
2011-12	no.	2 096	1 259	987	983	194	242	524	51	1 056
2010-11	no.	1 887	1 709	1 563	926	203	274	729	62	929
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	32.7	36.5	23.7	34.4	31.8	36.2	27.8	28.4	36.9
2015-16	%	29.3	39.2	23.9	32.5	26.9	34.0	29.9	27.7	29.9
2014-15	%	28.4	24.7	24.2	38.1	30.8	34.9	36.7	33.7	39.9
2013-14	%	29.5	29.0	28.6	37.9	32.1	31.6	34.0	29.9	28.8
2012-13	%	30.4	28.9	29.6	37.0	31.2	28.2	48.8	35.6	38.1
2011-12	%	28.3	28.3	28.1	37.5	26.4	30.2	50.3	38.3	45.2
2010-11	%	26.0	32.6	33.3	34.0	28.7	33.1	51.9	37.3	34.0
Cases >24 mths										
2016-17	no.	684	769	180	320	107	79	41	9	517
2015-16	no.	682	499	184	330	91	73	72	10	561
2014-15	no.	616	551	185	340	101	89	66	10	587
2013-14	no.	725	533	209	396	123	73	70	12	389
2012-13	no.	944	505	308	397	102	74	173	12	601
2011-12	no.	904	517	353	407	85	74	284	17	611
2010-11	no.	860	742	338	393	93	103	381	31	572

TABLE 7A.18

Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	13.2	19.1	7.0	12.0	13.2	9.8	8.9	7.8	20.9
2015-16	%	13.1	11.6	7.6	13.8	11.7	9.2	13.1	8.9	18.5
2014-15	%	11.5	11.0	7.2	14.9	12.8	11.0	11.5	11.6	24.6
2013-14	%	12.5	12.7	7.9	16.9	18.4	9.0	11.1	13.8	19.0
2012-13	%	14.3	12.1	10.1	17.3	14.5	8.2	23.9	11.5	23.1
2011-12	%	12.2	11.6	10.1	15.5	11.5	9.2	27.3	12.8	26.1
2010-11	%	11.9	14.1	7.2	14.4	13.2	12.4	27.1	18.7	20.9
District/county courts — appeal										
Pending case load										
2016-17	no.	36	10	63	77	36	..	..	..	..
2015-16	no.	50	54	54	75	57	..	..	..	..
2014-15	no.	61	18	51	71	48	..	..	..	..
2013-14	no.	81	53	48	72	53	..	..	..	..
2012-13	no.	80	91	38	59	77	..	..	..	..
2011-12	no.	97	66	45	57	14	..	..	..	..
2010-11	no.	95	79	51	77	11	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	no.	3	2	17	12	13	..	..	..	..
2015-16	no.	1	—	14	9	3	..	..	..	..
2014-15	no.	8	1	18	12	2	..	..	..	..
2013-14	no.	6	8	7	7	6	..	..	..	..
2012-13	no.	7	10	9	5	6	..	..	..	..
2011-12	no.	13	12	10	15	—	..	..	..	..
2010-11	no.	5	13	22	10	—	..	..	..	..

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	8.3	20.0	27.0	15.6	36.1	..	..	..	..
2015-16	%	2.0	–	25.9	12.0	5.3	..	..	..	..
2014-15	%	13.1	5.6	35.3	16.9	4.2	..	..	..	..
2013-14	%	7.4	15.1	14.6	9.7	11.3	..	..	..	..
2012-13	%	8.8	11.0	23.7	8.5	7.8	..	..	..	..
2011-12	%	13.4	18.2	22.2	26.3	–	..	..	..	..
2010-11	%	5.3	16.5	43.1	13.0	–	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths										
2016-17	no.	–	–	11	1	1	..	..	..	..
2015-16	no.	–	–	5	5	1	..	..	..	..
2014-15	no.	1	1	5	2	–	..	..	..	..
2013-14	no.	1	1	3	2	–	..	..	..	..
2012-13	no.	–	2	4	–	1	..	..	..	..
2011-12	no.	–	4	2	3	–	..	..	..	..
2010-11	no.	–	5	2	–	–	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	–	–	17.5	1.3	2.8	..	..	..	..
2015-16	%	–	–	9.3	6.7	1.8	..	..	..	..
2014-15	%	1.6	5.6	9.8	2.8	–	..	..	..	..
2013-14	%	1.2	1.9	6.3	2.8	–	..	..	..	..
2012-13	%	–	2.2	10.5	–	1.3	..	..	..	..
2011-12	%	–	6.1	4.4	5.3	–	..	..	..	..
2010-11	%	–	6.3	3.9	–	–	..	..	..	..

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
District/county courts — non-appeal										
Pending case load										
2016-17	no.	6 163	6 752	4 681	4 040	2 263	..	..	..	..
2015-16	no.	6 242	6 643	4 684	3 748	2 109	..	..	..	..
2014-15	no.	6 844	7 362	4 895	3 889	2 209	..	..	..	..
2013-14	no.	6 459	7 159	4 935	3 785	2 697	..	..	..	..
2012-13	no.	6 520	7 350	4 710	3 758	3 518	..	..	..	..
2011-12	no.	6 714	6 818	5 125	3 708	3 245	..	..	..	..
2010-11	no.	7 281	6 805	4 816	4 125	3 378	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	no.	1 081	2 560	1 008	1 530	968	..	..	..	..
2015-16	no.	1 433	2 361	949	1 552	991	..	..	..	..
2014-15	no.	1 564	2 433	1 001	1 498	1 095	..	..	..	..
2013-14	no.	1 427	2 306	968	1 451	1 432	..	..	..	..
2012-13	no.	1 507	2 296	935	1 378	1 354	..	..	..	..
2011-12	no.	1 470	1 933	929	1 332	1 525	..	..	..	..
2010-11	no.	1 660	1 625	986	640	1 427	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	17.5	37.9	21.5	37.9	42.8	..	..	..	..
2015-16	%	23.0	35.5	20.3	41.4	47.0	..	..	..	..
2014-15	%	22.9	33.0	20.4	38.5	49.6	..	..	..	..
2013-14	%	22.1	32.2	19.6	38.3	53.1	..	..	..	..
2012-13	%	23.1	31.2	19.9	36.7	38.5	..	..	..	..
2011-12	%	21.9	28.4	18.1	35.9	47.0	..	..	..	..
2010-11	%	22.8	23.9	20.5	15.5	42.2	..	..	..	..

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	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths										
2016-17	no.	227	1 257	193	548	479	..	..	..	..
2015-16	no.	287	840	184	535	481	..	..	..	..
2014-15	no.	373	966	206	514	571	..	..	..	..
2013-14	no.	307	1 156	203	482	590	..	..	..	..
2012-13	no.	326	973	182	426	677	..	..	..	..
2011-12	no.	279	700	152	268	768	..	..	..	..
2010-11	no.	331	574	187	122	719	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	3.7	18.6	4.1	13.6	21.2	..	..	..	..
2015-16	%	4.6	12.6	3.9	14.3	22.8	..	..	..	..
2014-15	%	5.5	13.1	4.2	13.2	25.8	..	..	..	..
2013-14	%	4.8	16.1	4.1	12.7	21.9	..	..	..	..
2012-13	%	5.0	13.2	3.9	11.3	19.2	..	..	..	..
2011-12	%	4.2	10.3	3.0	7.2	23.7	..	..	..	..
2010-11	%	4.5	8.4	3.9	3.0	21.3	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' courts (excluding children's courts)										
Pending case load										
2016-17	no.	45 968	9 308	25 418	17 334	14 121	3 477	844	581	..
2015-16	no.	43 510	8 336	22 666	20 016	13 982	3 557	860	1 957	..
2014-15	no.	49 563	6 944	24 594	20 518	14 675	3 729	981	1 796	..
2013-14	no.	52 518	11 814	26 562	21 137	15 284	4 203	1 157	1 846	..
2012-13	no.	58 514	11 857	25 212	22 100	14 773	4 848	1 112	2 056	..
2011-12	no.	58 977	12 079	23 289	22 192	12 876	5 457	864	2 370	..
2010-11	no.	na	11 668	23 287	22 769	12 899	5 789	795	2 328	..

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Table 7A.18		<b>Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)</b>								
	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >6 mths										
2016-17	no.	9 480	3 184	9 698	6 462	6 105	1 425	288	265	..
2015-16	no.	10 876	2 593	9 133	7 857	6 137	1 423	272	637	..
2014-15	no.	12 430	1 787	11 784	9 482	6 071	1 637	407	838	..
2013-14	no.	12 865	4 201	11 176	8 855	6 930	1 803	471	660	..
2012-13	no.	14 922	4 544	10 421	10 101	5 167	1 922	425	833	..
2011-12	no.	14 333	4 854	9 556	10 014	5 041	2 337	255	709	..
2010-11	no.	na	4 767	10 291	7 011	5 153	2 575	286	828	..
Cases >6 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	20.6	34.2	38.2	37.3	43.2	41.0	34.1	45.6	..
2015-16	%	25.0	31.1	40.3	39.3	43.9	40.0	31.6	32.5	..
2014-15	%	25.1	25.7	47.9	46.2	41.4	43.9	41.5	46.7	..
2013-14	%	24.5	35.6	42.1	41.9	45.3	42.9	40.7	35.8	..
2012-13	%	25.5	38.3	41.3	45.7	35.0	39.6	38.2	40.5	..
2011-12	%	24.3	40.2	41.0	45.1	39.2	42.8	29.5	29.9	..
2010-11	%	na	40.9	44.2	30.8	39.9	44.5	36.0	35.6	..
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	no.	479	2 312	2 080	1 435	1 620	431	79	105	..
2015-16	no.	443	1 762	2 130	1 493	1 702	409	89	146	..
2014-15	no.	421	1 086	2 611	2 071	1 625	460	168	130	..
2013-14	no.	284	2 429	1 945	1 701	2 393	472	168	107	..
2012-13	no.	249	2 576	2 499	1 972	1 073	492	165	129	..
2011-12	no.	299	2 730	1 857	2 051	1 108	670	83	189	..
2010-11	no.	na	2 711	1 721	823	1 068	563	91	157	..



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	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	1.0	24.8	8.2	8.3	11.5	12.4	9.4	18.1	..
2015-16	%	1.0	21.1	9.4	7.5	12.2	11.5	10.3	7.5	..
2014-15	%	0.8	15.6	10.6	10.1	11.1	12.3	17.1	7.2	..
2013-14	%	0.5	20.6	7.3	8.0	15.7	11.2	14.5	5.8	..
2012-13	%	0.4	21.7	9.9	8.9	7.3	10.1	14.8	6.3	..
2011-12	%	0.5	22.6	8.0	9.2	8.6	12.3	9.6	8.0	..
2010-11	%	na	23.2	7.4	3.6	8.3	9.7	11.4	6.7	..
Children's courts										
Pending case load										
2016-17	no.	3 099	2 401	1 444	817	183	59	53	128	..
2015-16	no.	na	2 593	1 116	772	195	58	91	120	..
2014-15	no.	na	2 454	1 036	760	180	45	110	94	..
2013-14	no.	na	2 305	974	902	67	86	56	124	..
2012-13	no.	na	1 709	1 073	896	95	79	52	55	..
2011-12	no.	na	2 003	1 039	616	120	113	59	68	..
2010-11	no.	na	1 663	795	497	72	101	52	47	..
Cases >6 mths										
2016-17	no.	1 104	576	583	396	18	12	16	23	..
2015-16	no.	na	817	409	335	16	8	32	16	..
2014-15	no.	na	805	351	332	3	7	35	22	..
2013-14	no.	na	636	321	422	12	11	10	17	..
2012-13	no.	na	491	336	420	11	22	21	26	..
2011-12	no.	na	564	359	235	14	24	19	13	..
2010-11	no.	na	440	214	173	12	29	12	7	..

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	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >6 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	35.6	24.0	40.4	48.5	9.8	20.3	30.2	18.0	..
2015-16	%	na	31.5	36.6	43.4	8.2	13.8	35.2	13.3	..
2014-15	%	na	32.8	33.9	43.7	1.7	15.6	31.8	23.4	..
2013-14	%	na	27.6	33.0	46.8	17.9	12.8	17.9	13.7	..
2012-13	%	na	28.7	31.3	46.9	11.6	27.8	40.4	47.3	..
2011-12	%	na	28.2	34.6	38.1	11.7	21.2	32.2	19.1	..
2010-11	%	na	26.5	26.9	34.8	16.7	28.7	23.1	14.9	..
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	no.	451	253	214	136	1	6	6	4	..
2015-16	no.	na	405	132	145	1	3	11	1	..
2014-15	no.	na	427	117	123	1	4	6	3	..
2013-14	no.	na	287	91	133	5	3	2	–	..
2012-13	no.	na	228	92	100	2	17	4	–	..
2011-12	no.	na	224	111	92	7	8	–	–	..
2010-11	no.	na	209	37	73	4	12	4	–	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	14.6	10.5	14.8	16.6	0.5	10.2	11.3	3.1	..
2015-16	%	na	15.6	11.8	18.8	0.5	5.2	12.1	0.8	..
2014-15	%	na	17.4	11.3	16.2	0.6	8.9	5.5	3.2	..
2013-14	%	na	12.5	9.3	14.7	7.5	3.5	3.6	–	..
2012-13	%	na	13.3	8.6	11.2	2.1	21.5	7.7	–	..
2011-12	%	na	11.2	10.7	14.9	5.8	7.1	–	–	..
2010-11	%	na	12.6	4.7	14.7	5.6	11.9	7.7	–	..

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Family courts — appeal (e)										
Pending case load										
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	208
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	270
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	289
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	237
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	273
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	273
2010-11	no.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	203
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	40
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	82
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	89
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	91
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	84
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	71
2010-11	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	54
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	19.2
2015-16	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	30.4
2014-15	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	30.8
2013-14	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	38.4
2012-13	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	30.8
2011-12	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	26.0
2010-11	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	26.6

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	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths										
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	6
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	26
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	40
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	31
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	27
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	26
2010-11	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	17
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	2.9
2015-16	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	9.6
2014-15	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	13.8
2013-14	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	13.1
2012-13	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	9.9
2011-12	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	9.5
2010-11	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	8.4
Family courts — non-appeal (e)										
Pending case load										
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	11 093	..	..	..	..	6 343
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	9 765	..	..	..	..	5 844
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	9 596	..	..	..	..	5 644
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	8 743	..	..	..	..	5 321
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	8 034	..	..	..	..	4 997
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	8 150	..	..	..	..	5 155
2010-11	no.	..	..	..	8 338	..	..	..	..	5 190

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	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	3 609	..	..	..	..	2 048
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	2 903	..	..	..	..	1 635
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	2 403	..	..	..	..	1 486
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	2 053	..	..	..	..	1 357
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	2 015	..	..	..	..	1 475
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	1 997	..	..	..	..	1 403
2010-11	no.	..	..	..	2 203	..	..	..	..	1 540
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	..	..	..	32.5	..	..	..	..	32.3
2015-16	%	..	..	..	29.7	..	..	..	..	28.0
2014-15	%	..	..	..	25.0	..	..	..	..	26.3
2013-14	%	..	..	..	23.5	..	..	..	..	25.5
2012-13	%	..	..	..	25.1	..	..	..	..	29.5
2011-12	%	..	..	..	24.5	..	..	..	..	27.2
2010-11	%	..	..	..	26.4	..	..	..	..	29.7
Cases >24 mths										
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	1 119	..	..	..	..	911
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	829	..	..	..	..	706
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	574	..	..	..	..	593
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	494	..	..	..	..	567
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	468	..	..	..	..	560
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	515	..	..	..	..	559
2010-11	no.	..	..	..	533	..	..	..	..	602

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Table 7A.18		Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)								
	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	..	..	..	10.1	..	..	..	..	14.4
2015-16	%	..	..	..	8.5	..	..	..	..	12.1
2014-15	%	..	..	..	6.0	..	..	..	..	10.5
2013-14	%	..	..	..	5.7	..	..	..	..	10.7
2012-13	%	..	..	..	5.8	..	..	..	..	11.2
2011-12	%	..	..	..	6.3	..	..	..	..	10.8
2010-11	%	..	..	..	6.4	..	..	..	..	11.6
Federal Circuit Court (f)										
Pending case load										
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46 864
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42 724
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39 452
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34 010
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31 067
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31 444
2010-11	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30 207
Cases >6 mths										
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18 442
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16 164
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13 272
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 598
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 688
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 653
2010-11	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 804

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >6 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39.4
2015-16	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37.8
2014-15	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33.6
2013-14	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34.1
2012-13	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34.4
2011-12	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.7
2010-11	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29.1
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 534
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 563
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 475
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 769
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 117
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 683
2010-11	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 129
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.2
2015-16	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17.7
2014-15	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13.9
2013-14	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.0
2012-13	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13.3
2011-12	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.7
2010-11	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.4

TABLE 7A.18

Table 7A.18		<b>Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)</b>								
	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Coroners' courts										
Pending case load										
2016-17	no.	2 849	3 785	2 684	2 173	2 478	563	164	275	..
2015-16	no.	2 487	3 526	2 127	2 178	2 050	555	169	304	..
2014-15	no.	2 489	3 895	2 185	2 027	1 747	518	137	427	..
2013-14	no.	2 841	4 209	1 844	1 891	1 862	479	150	407	..
2012-13	no.	3 331	5 306	2 069	1 926	1 661	440	234	454	..
2011-12	no.	2 543	4 956	2 333	1 994	1 249	481	281	397	..
2010-11	no.	2 586	4 509	2 719	2 310	1 669	357	249	344	..
Cases >12 mths										
2016-17	no.	669	1 066	991	361	917	219	69	87	..
2015-16	no.	540	936	706	465	720	177	53	132	..
2014-15	no.	695	1 242	565	397	619	172	53	159	..
2013-14	no.	1 009	1 366	515	416	472	174	53	119	..
2012-13	no.	1 221	2 106	549	425	465	110	85	134	..
2011-12	no.	316	2 048	701	570	307	112	81	106	..
2010-11	no.	682	2 246	858	840	459	109	77	109	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	23.5	28.2	36.9	16.6	37.0	38.9	42.1	31.6	..
2015-16	%	21.7	26.5	33.2	21.3	35.1	31.9	31.4	43.4	..
2014-15	%	27.9	31.9	25.9	19.6	35.4	33.2	38.7	37.2	..
2013-14	%	35.5	32.5	27.9	22.0	25.3	36.3	35.3	29.2	..
2012-13	%	36.7	39.7	26.5	22.1	28.0	25.0	36.3	29.5	..
2011-12	%	12.4	41.3	30.0	28.6	24.6	23.3	28.8	26.7	..
2010-11	%	26.4	49.8	31.6	36.4	27.5	30.5	30.9	31.7	..



Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths										
2016-17	no.	283	396	445	138	324	87	34	64	..
2015-16	no.	214	355	290	147	230	45	30	95	..
2014-15	no.	463	601	263	170	225	65	33	95	..
2013-14	no.	698	646	219	189	207	62	27	80	..
2012-13	no.	742	1 072	211	189	175	45	40	88	..
2011-12	no.	63	1 203	328	259	133	48	45	73	..
2010-11	no.	112	1 396	320	337	146	37	30	45	..
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	%	9.9	10.5	16.6	6.4	13.1	15.5	20.7	23.3	..
2015-16	%	8.6	10.1	13.6	6.7	11.2	8.1	17.8	31.3	..
2014-15	%	18.6	15.4	12.0	8.4	12.9	12.5	24.1	22.2	..
2013-14	%	24.6	15.3	11.9	10.0	11.1	12.9	18.0	19.7	..
2012-13	%	22.3	20.2	10.2	9.8	10.5	10.2	17.1	19.4	..
2011-12	%	2.5	24.3	14.1	13.0	10.6	10.0	16.0	18.4	..
2010-11	%	4.3	31.0	11.8	14.6	8.7	10.4	12.0	13.1	..

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Care should be taken when interpreting data in this table as the states and territories are not identical in their allocation of civil business between their court levels. This indicator compares the age (in elapsed time) of a court's pending caseload against agreed time standards. The date of lodgment of a case is the date of registration and refers to the date the documentary evidence is received in the court. Unless otherwise specified, pending counts are taken at 30 June each year. In the civil jurisdiction those lodgments that have not been acted upon in the last 12 months are deemed finalised and excluded from the pending population counts. The deeming rule does not apply to appeal cases. The aim has been to focus on those matters that are part of an 'active pending' population. Jurisdictions diverting from this national counting rule are footnoted.
- (b) Court backlog and timeliness of case processing can be affected by a number of factors. In addition to changes in lodgment and finalisation numbers, case timeliness in civil matters may be influenced by:
- different case flow management practices across court levels and across jurisdictions
  - a single case may involve several related applications or issues that require judgements and decision by the court
  - matters which may be adjourned at the instigation of, and by the consent of, the parties which are outside the control of the court
  - the court may employ case management or other dispute resolution processes (for example, mediation) as alternatives to formal adjudication.

Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
(c)	Non-appeal matters for the Federal Court include a significant number of Native Title matters which by nature are both long and complex.									
(d)	Given the return to normal trends in lodgments, and due to an increase in finalisations in the Supreme Court of Victoria Commercial Court, the total number of lodgments pending has decreased. However in the Commercial Court, pending matters over 24 months have increased in the 2016-17 financial year. This is due to a number of the debt recovery proceedings moving from the 12-24 months age bracket to the bracket of matters pending for more than 24 months.									
(e)	The Australian Courts do not apply the "deeming" rule. The Family Court of Australia does not deem a matter finalised even if it has not had a court event for at least 12 months as this is not consistent with its case management practices. Therefore some matters may be affected by proceedings in other courts and are counted as pending but are currently inactive. The more complex and entrenched Family Law disputes commence with the Family Court so a higher proportion of its cases require more lengthy and intensive case management. The Federal Court and the Federal Circuit Court do not apply the deeming rule.									
(f)	As the Federal Circuit Court undertakes a higher proportion of simpler Family Law matters, the more complex and entrenched disputes remain with the Family Court and therefore a higher proportion of its cases now require more lengthy and intensive case management.									

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

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

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Table 7A.19 Disposals indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Supreme courts — appeal										
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	14	34	46	80	16	14	21	5	..
2015-16	(no.)	37	40	60	52	27	11	na	1	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	3.4	12.4	11.7	24.3	6.9	37.8	22.3	50.0	..
2015-16	(%)	10.9	13.3	13.7	17.9	9.6	32.4	na	9.1	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	—	3	4	8	—	4	2	—	..
2015-16	(no.)	7	1	9	3	2	1	na	—	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.19 Disposals indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	–	1.1	1.0	2.4	–	10.8	2.1	–	..
2015-16	(%)	2.1	0.3	2.1	1.0	0.7	2.9	na	–	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Supreme courts — non-appeal										
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	52	36	165	22	14	164	63	50	..
2015-16	(no.)	31	44	139	29	10	158	na	32	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	51.5	30.0	8.0	7.3	32.6	37.5	29.6	9.1	..
2015-16	(%)	34.8	41.1	9.4	9.5	13.2	36.2	na	5.2	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.19 Disposals indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	10	1	24	5	1	51	9	15	..
2015-16	(no.)	7	4	26	1	2	62	na	7	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	9.9	0.8	1.2	1.7	2.3	11.7	4.2	2.7	..
2015-16	(%)	7.9	3.7	1.8	0.3	2.6	14.2	na	1.1	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
District/county courts — appeal (b)										
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	848	70	70	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	916	56	27	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..

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Table 7A.19 Disposals indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	11.8	2.4	16.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	12.1	1.8	6.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	147	3	28	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	177	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	2.0	0.1	6.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	2.3	0.2	1.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..

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Table 7A.19 Disposals indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
District/county courts — non-appeal (b)										
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	3 412	368	478	321	483	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	3 006	498	392	240	440	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	73.0	17.4	7.6	13.5	22.8	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	67.2	22.9	7.1	11.6	20.1	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	1 882	70	126	27	156	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	1 573	72	95	14	95	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..

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Table 7A.19 Disposals indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	40.2	3.3	2.0	1.1	7.4	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	35.2	3.3	1.7	0.7	4.3	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' courts only (excluding children's)										
Cases finalised >6 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	23 011	50 633	34 997	16 465	14 205	6 692	1 407	2 140	..
2015-16	(no.)	20 223	42 372	30 205	11 444	11 485	6 518	na	834	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >6 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	12.3	25.5	17.1	17.1	30.1	40.8	24.0	16.0	..
2015-16	(%)	11.1	21.2	14.0	12.5	23.5	39.1	na	5.7	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..



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Table 7A.19 Disposals indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	3 156	18 454	13 761	6 918	5 951	2 495	458	782	..
2015-16	(no.)	2 825	14 618	11 677	3 451	4 063	2 592	na	354	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	1.7	9.3	6.7	7.2	12.6	15.2	7.8	5.9	..
2015-16	(%)	1.6	7.3	5.4	3.8	8.3	15.6	na	2.4	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Children's courts										
Cases finalised >6 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	2 004	1 622	1 826	2 036	689	296	35	543	..
2015-16	(no.)	1 702	1 429	1 845	601	740	370	na	151	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.19 Disposals indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >6 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	19.5	7.8	14.0	27.4	19.1	26.7	14.7	25.5	..
2015-16	(%)	16.5	5.6	13.7	9.8	18.1	32.2	na	6.9	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	293	460	607	547	238	94	11	143	..
2015-16	(no.)	193	398	716	91	211	141	na	42	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	2.9	2.2	4.7	7.4	6.6	8.5	4.6	6.7	..
2015-16	(%)	1.9	1.5	5.3	1.5	5.2	12.3	na	1.9	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Table 7A.19 **Disposals indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
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- (a) 'Disposal' refers to the time taken to finalise a case from its date of lodgment in the relevant court. In the Magistrates and Children's criminal courts the date of lodgment is the date of registration and refers to the date the documentary evidence for a defendant is initially received in the court. Exceptions to this counting rule are: Victoria, the ACT and the NT use the date the case is added into the court system (date of physical lodgment is not captured in their systems). In the Supreme and District courts, the date of lodgment is generally the date of committal in the Magistrates' court. Exceptions to this counting rule are: Queensland uses the date the documentary evidence is lodged in the court (primarily because the date of committal is usually recorded on the higher court file at the time of indictment presentment at the first hearing which can be up to six months after the committal). This means Queensland Supreme and District courts data may reflect shorter disposal times and are not directly comparable with other jurisdictions.
- (b) The criminal jurisdiction of the District Courts in SA and WA do not have appellate jurisdiction. All appeals from the magistrates (criminal) court go directly to the supreme (criminal) courts in these two states.

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

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

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Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Supreme/Federal courts — appeal										
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	105	79	30	47	40	21	50	9	112
2015-16	(no.)	123	83	34	53	29	23	na	9	78
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	15.5	21.8	12.2	28.0	37.0	29.6	50.0	8.3	12.7
2015-16	(%)	16.9	26.9	12.1	29.6	32.6	31.1	na	7.8	8.2
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cases finalised >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	17	4	6	7	4	13	26	3	9
2015-16	(no.)	15	7	8	3	4	1	na	1	7
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	2.5	1.1	2.4	4.2	3.7	18.3	26.0	2.8	1.0
2015-16	(%)	2.1	2.3	2.8	1.7	4.5	1.4	na	0.9	0.7
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Supreme (excl probate) / Federal courts — non-appeal										
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	1 431	1 476	1 384	857	221	485	270	38	591
2015-16	(no.)	1 545	1 419	1 184	863	270	406	—	25	608
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	20.2	25.9	49.6	36.8	22.6	62.9	44.6	29.5	12.5
2015-16	(%)	18.7	20.9	37.8	35.7	23.7	52.9	na	21.7	12.4
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	552	574	206	246	72	116	85	13	292
2015-16	(no.)	610	466	210	267	81	92	na	10	316
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cases finalised >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	7.8	10.1	7.4	10.6	7.4	15.0	14.0	10.1	6.2
2015-16	(%)	7.4	6.9	6.7	11.1	7.1	12.0	na	8.7	6.4
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
District/county courts — appeal										
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	8	2	9	18	18	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	14	—	6	17	6	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..

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Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	9.4	3.1	12.2	16.5	16.7	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	11.8	–	7.7	15.9	5.9	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	–	1	3	5	2	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	5	–	2	2	–	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	–	1.5	4.1	4.6	1.9	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	4.2	–	2.6	1.9	–	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..

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Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
District/county courts — non-appeal										
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	2 925	3 084	2 815	1 498	959	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	3 247	3 448	2 314	1 525	892	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	37.8	48.0	58.0	30.7	52.0	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	41.8	51.1	44.8	31.4	51.2	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	676	662	265	514	519	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	712	904	331	458	453	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..



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Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	8.7	10.3	5.5	10.5	28.1	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	9.2	13.4	6.4	9.4	26.0	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' courts only (excluding children's)										
Cases finalised >6 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	48 852	4 122	18 434	12 180	11 636	2 869	548	1 100	..
2015-16	(no.)	na	4 200	19 872	13 169	11 479	na	na	178	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >6 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	38.7	4.6	31.5	24.0	46.3	46.7	15.8	17.5	..
2015-16	(%)	na	4.6	33.5	25.7	44.2	na	na	2.7	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	3 344	1 438	14 818	9 961	8 369	798	230	113	..
2015-16	(no.)	na	2 059	16 885	10 786	8 299	na	na	55	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	2.7	1.6	25.3	19.6	33.3	13.0	6.6	1.8	..
2015-16	(%)	na	2.3	28.5	21.1	31.9	na	na	0.8	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Children's courts										
Cases finalised >6 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	3 698	1 490	831	617	48	50	63	81	..
2015-16	(no.)	na	1 733	761	573	27	28	na	10	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >6 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	39.2	19.1	21.2	35.1	2.3	15.3	30.3	16.7	..
2015-16	(%)	na	22.1	19.5	32.4	1.2	8.2	na	2.5	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	834	445	284	355	5	11	23	2	..
2015-16	(no.)	na	537	254	339	2	4	na	-	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	8.8	5.7	7.3	20.2	0.2	3.4	11.1	0.4	..
2015-16	(%)	na	6.8	6.5	19.2	0.1	1.2	na	-	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Family courts - appeal										
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	93
2015-16	(no.)	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	81
2014-15	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2010-11	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	24.7
2015-16	(%)	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	22.9
2014-15	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2010-11	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
Cases finalised >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	21.0
2015-16	(no.)	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	18.0
2014-15	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2010-11	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na

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Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	5.6
2015-16	(%)	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	5.1
2014-15	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2010-11	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
Family courts - non appeal										
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	..	..	..	3 264	..	..	..	..	1 321
2015-16	(no.)	..	..	..	3 166	..	..	..	..	1 346
2014-15	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2010-11	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	..	..	..	21.8	..	..	..	..	6.5
2015-16	(%)	..	..	..	20.1	..	..	..	..	6.7
2014-15	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2010-11	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na

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Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	..	..	..	895	..	..	..	..	537
2015-16	(no.)	..	..	..	704	..	..	..	..	494
2014-15	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2010-11	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
Cases finalised >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	..	..	..	6.0	..	..	..	..	2.7
2015-16	(%)	..	..	..	4.5	..	..	..	..	2.4
2014-15	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2010-11	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
Federal Circuit Court										
Cases finalised >6 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21 288
2015-16	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18 764
2014-15	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2010-11	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na

TABLE 7A.20

Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >6 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23.5
2015-16	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20.8
2014-15	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2010-11	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 116
2015-16	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 681
2014-15	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2010-11	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.0
2015-16	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.5
2014-15	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2010-11	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na

TABLE 7A.20

Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Coroners courts										
Cases finalised >12 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	608	1 238	452	956	587	347	24	91	..
2015-16	(no.)	na	1 307	519	936	519	378	na	95	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >12 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	10.1	19.7	9.0	39.5	31.7	59.6	7.9	27.3	..
2015-16	(%)	na	19.8	9.8	45.7	23.8	76.5	na	31.1	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised >24 mths										
2016-17	(no.)	118	383	137	113	83	102	13	23	..
2015-16	(no.)	na	522	164	130	126	43	na	32	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..



Table 7A.20 Disposals indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised >24 mths (per cent)										
2016-17	(%)	2.0	6.1	2.7	4.7	4.5	17.5	4.3	6.9	..
2015-16	(%)	na	7.9	3.1	6.3	5.8	8.7	na	10.5	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2010-11	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) 'Disposal' refers to the time taken to finalise a case from its date of lodgment in the relevant court. For the purposes of this report, civil non-appeal lodgments that have had no court action in the past 12 months are counted (deemed) as finalised. A case which is deemed finalised is considered closed - in the event that it becomes active again in the court after 12 months it is not counted again in this Report. The inclusion of deemed cases means that time to disposal for some cases may be overestimated (where the inactivity was outside the court's control) or underestimated (where a case may become active again in the court after having been deemed as finalised).

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

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

TABLE 7A.21

Table 7A.21 Attendance indicator (average number of attendances per finalisation) (a)

	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Qld	WA (d)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Criminal — attendances per finalisation									
Supreme courts (e)									
2016-17	na	na	2.9	3.2	4.2	5.4	5.9	6.7	..
2015-16	na	na	3.9	3.2	3.7	5.4	7.9	6.9	..
2014-15	na	na	4.0	2.9	3.5	7.0	6.6	6.8	..
2013-14	na	na	3.5	2.5	3.7	6.0	8.6	6.1	..
2012-13	na	na	3.0	2.6	3.7	5.6	10.1	6.7	..
2011-12	na	na	3.0	2.6	3.5	5.4	7.4	6.6	..
2010-11	na	na	2.9	2.4	3.3	6.9	5.3	7.5	..
District/county courts									
2016-17	3.1	4.4	4.0	4.0	6.1	..	..	..	..
2015-16	3.1	4.8	4.8	3.8	6.1	..	..	..	..
2014-15	3.2	4.7	4.3	3.7	6.1	..	..	..	..
2013-14	3.1	4.7	4.3	3.6	6.0	..	..	..	..
2012-13	na	4.9	3.9	3.8	6.3	..	..	..	..
2011-12	na	5.1	4.0	4.0	6.3	..	..	..	..
2010-11	na	4.7	4.0	3.8	6.5	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f)									
2016-17	2.7	2.6	3.5	2.7	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.3	..
2015-16	2.7	2.5	3.4	2.7	4.0	4.3	4.0	3.2	..
2014-15	2.6	2.0	3.2	2.5	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.3	..
2013-14	2.6	2.0	3.0	2.4	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.1	..
2012-13	na	2.2	3.1	2.3	3.7	4.1	3.8	3.0	..
2011-12	na	2.2	2.6	2.2	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.3	..
2010-11	na	2.2	2.7	2.1	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.5	..

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Table 7A.21 Attendance indicator (average number of attendances per finalisation) (a)

	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Qld	WA (d)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Children's courts (f), (g)									
2016-17	3.9	2.0	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.9	4.7	5.3	..
2015-16	3.6	2.1	4.3	3.8	4.3	5.2	5.4	4.8	..
2014-15	3.6	2.2	4.5	3.8	3.9	5.1	3.9	4.8	..
2013-14	3.9	2.1	4.5	3.8	4.2	5.6	6.8	4.3	..
2012-13	na	2.7	4.9	4.0	4.1	5.5	6.8	4.2	..
2011-12	na	2.9	3.8	4.0	3.8	5.2	5.6	4.7	..
2010-11	na	3.1	3.6	4.0	3.6	5.6	6.6	5.8	..
Civil — attendances per finalisation									
Supreme (excl probate)/Federal Court (e)									
2016-17	na	na	1.2	1.9	3.1	1.6	5.4	6.0	3.0
2015-16	na	na	1.3	2.1	3.9	1.9	5.0	5.2	2.9
2014-15	na	na	1.2	2.2	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.2	3.2
2013-14	na	na	1.2	2.4	3.9	1.9	7.2	4.4	3.0
2012-13	na	na	1.0	2.1	3.4	1.9	4.9	4.5	2.5
2011-12	na	na	1.1	2.2	4.0	2.1	4.9	4.5	3.2
2010-11	na	na	1.0	2.6	4.3	2.0	4.3	3.6	3.6
District/county courts									
2016-17	3.3	0.6	0.3	1.1	2.8	..	..	..	..
2015-16	3.4	0.7	0.4	1.1	3.9	..	..	..	..
2014-15	3.7	0.8	0.4	1.2	4.0	..	..	..	..
2013-14	3.4	0.9	0.3	1.3	3.5	..	..	..	..
2012-13	na	1.0	0.2	1.2	4.1	..	..	..	..
2011-12	na	1.2	0.4	1.1	3.7	..	..	..	..
2010-11	na	1.6	0.6	1.0	3.7	..	..	..	..

TABLE 7A.21

Table 7A.21 Attendance indicator (average number of attendances per finalisation) (a)

	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Qld	WA (d)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f)									
2016-17	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.2	2.1	1.3	..
2015-16	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.1	..
2014-15	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.1	..
2013-14	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.1	..
2012-13	na	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.8	1.0	..
2011-12	na	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.6	1.3	..
2010-11	na	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.8	1.1	..
Children's courts (f), (g)									
2016-17	4.8	1.8	3.6	5.0	2.8	4.8	8.7	4.3	..
2015-16	na	1.7	3.6	4.4	2.6	5.0	7.3	4.2	..
2014-15	na	1.8	3.5	4.0	2.5	5.4	5.7	3.7	..
2013-14	na	1.7	3.7	3.6	2.5	5.9	7.3	3.1	..
2012-13	na	1.6	3.5	3.1	2.8	5.3	8.0	3.2	..
2011-12	na	1.6	3.2	4.5	2.6	5.2	7.9	2.4	..
2010-11	na	1.8	2.9	4.1	2.7	5.2	6.1	1.7	..
Family courts (h)									
2016-17	..	..	..	2.2	..	..	..	..	2.0
2015-16	..	..	..	1.8	..	..	..	..	2.1
2014-15	..	..	..	1.8	..	..	..	..	2.2
2013-14	..	..	..	1.9	..	..	..	..	2.2
2012-13	..	..	..	1.9	..	..	..	..	2.4
2011-12	..	..	..	2.0	..	..	..	..	2.4
2010-11	..	..	..	1.9	..	..	..	..	2.5

TABLE 7A.21

Table 7A.21 Attendance indicator (average number of attendances per finalisation) (a)

	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Qld	WA (d)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Federal Circuit Court (i)									
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.0
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.9
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.9
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.0
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.0
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.0
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.0
Coroners' courts (j)									
2016-17	6.8	1.5	4.8	2.7	1.3	3.1	7.1	1.0	..
2015-16	5.0	1.1	6.7	2.1	2.7	1.4	4.5	1.0	..
2014-15	4.0	1.0	3.8	2.7	1.9	1.0	3.4	1.0	..
2013-14	3.8	1.0	3.3	1.4	1.5	1.0	8.5	1.0	..
2012-13	na	1.0	3.6	4.6	1.5	1.0	5.8	1.0	..
2011-12	na	1.0	3.4	2.1	1.5	1.0	2.6	1.0	..
2010-11	na	1.0	3.9	1.0	1.5	1.0	3.1	1.0	..

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) The attendance index is based on a count of the number of times each case actually comes before the court before it is finalised. An attendance is defined as the number of times that parties or their representatives were required to be present in court (including any appointment which is adjourned or rescheduled) for all finalised matters during the year. Unless otherwise noted, a court appearance extending over more than one day is counted as one attendance. Attendances are heard by a judicial officer or mediator/arbitrator.
- (b) NSW attendance indicator data have been sourced from a combination of recently developed reports and manual interpretation. The reporting process continues to be refined.
- (c) Although Victorian Supreme Court attendance data were provided up until the 2015 report, data have not been provided by the Victorian Supreme Court in subsequent year reports.
- (d) Attendance data for WA are based on number of hearings listed, not the number which actually occurred.
- (e) Queensland Supreme Court data for the count of attendances in the criminal and civil jurisdictions do not include appeal cases.

Table 7A.21 **Attendance indicator (average number of attendances per finalisation) (a)**

	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>
(f)	For the civil jurisdiction of the ACT Magistrates and Children's court, data are based on all listings for a case, including return of subpoenas, settlement and case management conferences and multiple attendances are counted for a single event. For the criminal jurisdiction of the ACT Magistrates and Children's court, data are based on all listings for a case and multiple attendances are counted for a single event.								
(g)	Queensland Children's Court finalisation data are based on a count of cases, not the number of children involved in the care and protection case.								
(h)	Family Court of Australia data include all conference events that may have a binding order made. It also contains divorce hearings that may not require the attendance of parties, however these are included as they form part of the lodgment and finalisation data.								
(i)	Excludes responses to applications.								
(j)	Coroner court data refer to attendances where an inquest was held.								
	<b>na</b> Not available. ... Not applicable.								

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

TABLE 7A.22

	<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>Total</i>
Supreme courts									
Appeal									
2016-17	114.6	83.3	104.2	97.3	97.1	160.9	93.1	52.6	99.8
2015-16	94.2	109.1	106.6	93.9	106.5	106.3	93.9	68.8	101.1
2014-15	127.2	107.6	94.4	104.9	89.4	74.3	95.7	111.8	104.4
2013-14	86.3	99.7	101.4	108.0	87.5	81.8	79.0	147.4	95.9
2012-13	109.1	112.7	92.8	98.2	99.6	113.6	122.2	51.7	102.4
2011-12	87.6	151.7	104.1	90.4	105.1	92.9	103.5	114.3	106.9
2010-11	104.5	158.8	89.4	97.6	93.3	103.0	81.5	147.4	109.0
Non-appeal									
2016-17	101.0	111.1	86.8	86.5	81.1	85.4	83.9	105.2	89.5
2015-16	81.7	124.4	86.7	93.3	126.7	97.1	93.9	83.7	89.7
2014-15	105.8	83.2	89.6	88.9	92.0	90.0	90.5	85.0	89.0
2013-14	103.4	100.9	89.8	81.2	104.6	88.8	106.6	79.7	89.7
2012-13	129.5	89.0	118.4	98.1	115.3	102.5	175.6	94.2	111.4
2011-12	79.6	139.8	105.8	91.4	98.3	95.2	99.3	101.2	100.7
2010-11	67.5	113.8	98.4	95.0	113.6	100.5	117.6	83.5	97.7
All matters									
2016-17	111.6	90.2	89.2	91.8	94.2	88.6	86.5	103.3	92.6
2015-16	91.3	112.7	90.5	93.6	110.2	97.7	93.9	83.4	93.4
2014-15	122.4	100.9	90.6	96.9	89.8	88.9	92.2	85.7	94.5
2013-14	89.4	100.0	93.0	95.9	90.9	88.4	96.6	82.2	92.2
2012-13	114.7	104.9	110.5	98.2	103.7	102.9	155.3	91.8	107.7
2011-12	85.4	149.4	105.3	90.8	104.0	95.1	100.5	101.7	103.2
2010-11	95.8	149.0	96.6	96.6	96.8	100.6	105.8	86.2	101.9

TABLE 7A.22

Table 7A.22 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, criminal (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>Total</i>
District/county courts									
Appeal									
2016-17	99.9	97.4	102.5	..	..	..	..	..	99.3
2015-16	99.3	100.2	103.5	..	..	..	..	..	99.7
2014-15	98.3	108.4	91.1	..	..	..	..	..	100.8
2013-14	99.8	103.4	87.4	..	..	..	..	..	100.3
2012-13	99.2	92.1	271.9	..	..	..	..	..	104.2
2011-12	102.8	103.6	83.4	..	..	..	..	..	102.0
2010-11	100.6	110.7	38.5	..	..	..	..	..	97.9
Non-appeal									
2016-17	94.5	88.1	96.8	93.9	98.2	..	..	..	94.8
2015-16	91.8	97.4	94.2	84.6	100.6	..	..	..	93.4
2014-15	85.9	105.3	96.5	86.0	92.5	..	..	..	92.9
2013-14	94.9	99.5	96.8	95.3	101.3	..	..	..	97.2
2012-13	89.5	96.1	105.9	101.4	95.3	..	..	..	98.0
2011-12	98.7	109.6	104.5	99.5	99.8	..	..	..	102.5
2010-11	86.8	97.6	104.4	103.5	107.7	..	..	..	99.6
All matters									
2016-17	97.7	93.3	97.1	93.9	98.2	..	..	..	96.4
2015-16	96.4	99.0	94.8	84.6	100.6	..	..	..	95.9
2014-15	93.6	107.1	96.1	86.0	92.5	..	..	..	96.0
2013-14	98.0	101.7	96.0	95.3	101.3	..	..	..	98.4
2012-13	95.6	94.0	119.1	101.4	95.3	..	..	..	100.4
2011-12	101.4	106.3	102.5	99.5	99.8	..	..	..	102.3
2010-11	96.0	104.4	95.5	103.5	107.7	..	..	..	98.9



TABLE 7A.22

Table 7A.22 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, criminal (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>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts									
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)									
2016-17	100.0	119.0	101.3	105.6	104.6	92.2	71.5	102.6	105.2
2015-16	97.4	124.2	98.4	101.9	94.1	95.7	97.3	103.3	103.9
2014-15	101.1	111.5	97.4	103.4	102.7	91.9	95.7	103.9	103.6
2013-14	100.4	108.7	95.4	98.4	105.8	94.3	97.5	95.1	101.3
2012-13	98.4	107.5	97.5	95.6	100.8	108.1	98.8	107.8	100.8
2011-12	104.9	104.9	100.1	96.5	101.3	102.9	103.8	111.1	102.3
2010-11	101.1	108.1	104.4	97.6	107.4	98.4	98.5	100.0	103.5
Children's courts									
2016-17	100.9	111.4	97.8	112.2	113.2	86.5	85.0	97.9	105.2
2015-16	98.1	108.6	110.5	96.8	98.2	103.7	108.8	95.6	104.6
2014-15	100.0	103.3	102.4	104.6	110.0	98.9	102.6	103.2	103.1
2013-14	101.9	106.7	101.3	100.0	105.2	101.2	105.0	90.9	103.1
2012-13	99.6	105.5	106.9	98.5	100.8	110.6	114.5	104.3	103.7
2011-12	105.6	101.7	101.8	101.4	101.9	94.8	107.6	88.9	101.8
2010-11	98.4	107.9	104.7	101.0	106.1	108.9	103.9	105.2	103.8
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)									
2016-17	100.0	118.3	101.1	106.1	105.2	91.9	71.9	101.9	105.2
2015-16	97.4	122.2	99.1	101.5	94.4	96.2	97.8	102.3	103.9
2014-15	101.1	110.9	97.7	103.5	103.3	92.4	95.9	103.8	103.5
2013-14	100.5	108.5	95.7	98.5	105.8	94.8	97.8	94.6	101.5
2012-13	98.5	107.3	98.1	95.8	100.8	108.3	100.0	107.4	101.0
2011-12	105.0	104.6	100.2	96.8	101.3	102.1	104.1	108.5	102.3
2010-11	100.9	108.1	104.4	97.9	107.3	99.2	99.0	100.5	103.5

TABLE 7A.22

Table 7A.22 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, criminal (per cent) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
All criminal courts									
2016-17	99.9	117.5	100.8	105.7	104.8	91.8	72.5	102.0	104.8
2015-16	97.3	121.6	98.9	101.1	94.7	96.2	97.6	101.5	103.6
2014-15	100.7	110.8	97.6	103.0	102.8	92.3	95.8	103.2	103.2
2013-14	100.3	108.4	95.7	98.4	105.5	94.7	97.8	94.3	101.3
2012-13	98.3	107.0	98.7	96.0	100.6	108.1	102.7	106.9	101.0
2011-12	104.7	104.7	100.3	96.9	101.3	102.0	103.9	108.3	102.3
2010-11	100.6	108.1	104.0	98.0	107.2	99.3	99.4	100.0	103.3

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Note: < 100: There were more lodgments than finalisations in the reported year.

100: There were the same number of lodgments as finalisations in the reported year.

>100: There were more finalisations than lodgments in the reported year.

- (a) The clearance indicator is derived by dividing the number of finalisations in the reporting period, by the number of lodgments in the same period. The result is multiplied by 100 to convert to a percentage. The clearance rate should be interpreted alongside lodgment and finalisation data (tables 7A.1 and 7A.5), and the backlog indicator (table 7A.17). Trends over time should also be considered. The clearance rate can be affected by external factors (such as those causing changes in lodgment rates), as well as by changes in a court's case management practices. The following can assist in interpretation of this indicator: • a figure of 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised as many cases as were lodged, and the pending caseload should be similar to the pending caseload 12 months earlier, • a figure greater than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised more cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload should have decreased, • a figure less than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised fewer cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload should have increased.

.. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.1 and 7A.5.

TABLE 7A.23

Table 7A.23 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, civil (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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
Appeal										
2016-17	109.5	112.1	90.1	110.5	89.3	89.9	169.5	86.4	84.8	97.5
2015-16	105.8	93.1	127.0	112.7	87.3	90.2	88.7	106.5	96.4	101.5
2014-15	111.9	117.8	75.5	81.6	91.0	85.1	116.1	95.5	84.2	95.3
2013-14	112.9	104.7	104.2	107.5	110.3	101.1	59.7	83.2	96.0	102.9
2012-13	91.2	105.9	99.6	106.0	86.7	105.6	80.0	110.9	100.2	98.4
2011-12	78.9	107.9	98.5	93.9	98.2	89.3	95.3	81.9	111.6	95.7
2010-11	102.5	100.0	104.6	98.8	95.2	95.7	60.4	104.7	95.9	99.2
Non-appeal										
2016-17	101.2	106.1	93.5	89.5	95.6	101.3	114.6	93.5	102.1	100.3
2015-16	104.8	115.0	103.5	94.0	102.4	103.6	102.2	78.8	98.3	104.3
2014-15	110.9	91.9	101.7	98.0	97.9	103.7	106.4	99.3	91.4	100.0
2013-14	115.6	101.9	111.9	96.3	107.1	116.5	111.4	106.5	114.7	109.7
2012-13	135.7	105.2	112.6	110.1	106.0	90.3	162.0	120.3	114.6	117.7
2011-12	125.3	112.9	129.2	109.6	98.8	102.7	172.3	107.9	109.7	118.1
2010-11	87.9	102.3	129.6	93.0	95.3	102.1	131.6	97.7	93.8	100.5
All matters										
2016-17	101.9	106.5	93.2	90.6	94.9	100.2	120.1	90.1	98.9	100.0
2015-16	104.9	113.8	105.1	95.1	101.2	102.3	100.8	90.6	98.0	104.0
2014-15	111.0	93.0	99.5	96.6	97.3	101.8	107.3	97.4	89.9	99.6
2013-14	115.4	102.1	111.4	97.0	107.4	115.1	105.9	96.7	112.0	109.1
2012-13	132.0	105.3	111.7	109.8	104.1	91.5	153.9	116.0	113.0	116.1
2011-12	121.7	112.6	127.3	108.7	98.7	101.6	167.1	96.0	109.9	116.3
2010-11	88.9	102.2	128.5	93.3	95.3	101.5	127.4	100.7	94.1	100.4

TABLE 7A.23

Table 7A.23 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, civil (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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts										
Appeal										
2016-17	119.7	185.7	88.1	97.3	138.5	..	..	..	..	116.1
2015-16	152.6	67.2	97.5	95.5	90.3	..	..	..	..	100.7
2014-15	118.7	181.6	91.8	99.2	102.7	..	..	..	..	111.4
2013-14	99.5	125.4	83.8	84.7	113.2	..	..	..	..	103.3
2012-13	107.2	81.5	118.9	98.3	80.9	..	..	..	..	93.3
2011-12	106.6	109.6	109.2	120.2	102.8	..	..	..	..	109.8
2010-11	74.3	100.0	130.8	104.9	90.0	..	..	..	..	92.9
Non-appeal										
2016-17	105.3	102.4	99.7	94.3	104.1	..	..	..	..	101.2
2015-16	108.9	113.0	103.2	101.7	108.9	..	..	..	..	107.3
2014-15	94.9	99.9	100.7	96.1	142.4	..	..	..	..	100.6
2013-14	103.9	100.3	95.7	98.1	152.1	..	..	..	..	103.6
2012-13	104.8	92.9	107.4	98.8	94.8	..	..	..	..	100.3
2011-12	107.0	96.8	94.9	106.8	124.5	..	..	..	..	103.4
2010-11	96.3	86.1	93.2	82.4	104.9	..	..	..	..	91.4
All matters										
2016-17	105.5	102.9	99.5	94.3	105.5	..	..	..	..	101.4
2015-16	109.4	112.6	103.1	101.5	107.7	..	..	..	..	107.2
2014-15	95.2	100.5	100.6	96.2	138.3	..	..	..	..	100.8
2013-14	103.8	100.8	95.6	97.8	148.6	..	..	..	..	103.6
2012-13	104.9	92.6	107.5	98.8	93.9	..	..	..	..	100.1
2011-12	107.0	97.2	95.0	107.1	124.2	..	..	..	..	103.6
2010-11	95.7	86.4	93.6	82.8	104.7	..	..	..	..	91.4

TABLE 7A.23

Table 7A.23 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, civil (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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	106.5	96.9	96.2	99.6	100.4	104.5	99.6	128.2	..	101.1
2015-16	106.7	104.5	102.9	97.1	102.9	104.0	103.7	101.6	..	103.7
2014-15	105.1	106.9	104.8	96.9	102.7	106.8	104.2	98.6	..	104.1
2013-14	103.3	109.9	97.9	101.1	101.4	108.9	99.7	123.8	..	104.0
2012-13	99.5	107.7	97.5	100.1	91.3	107.1	93.6	105.7	..	100.9
2011-12	101.9	104.4	99.9	97.9	102.1	104.4	98.0	100.5	..	101.7
2010-11	92.3	105.0	110.4	102.0	102.0	99.1	97.7	97.7	..	99.6
Children's courts										
2016-17	103.2	97.4	91.9	97.8	100.7	107.6	122.4	98.4	..	99.1
2015-16	92.9	94.7	98.3	97.6	98.8	100.9	111.7	98.5	..	95.4
2014-15	95.1	86.5	98.4	105.1	88.1	121.2	72.3	102.5	..	93.6
2013-14	99.0	87.0	103.1	100.7	102.5	97.5	97.5	106.1	..	96.5
2012-13	100.4	98.2	99.2	90.2	102.0	108.7	112.3	103.4	..	98.6
2011-12	102.7	87.8	94.0	86.1	96.3	97.3	87.2	91.9	..	95.0
2010-11	89.7	86.6	95.9	95.2	103.1	106.0	98.7	95.4	..	91.5
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	106.2	96.9	95.9	99.5	100.4	104.6	100.7	125.4	..	101.0
2015-16	105.7	103.6	102.6	97.1	102.6	103.8	104.0	101.4	..	103.1
2014-15	104.4	105.3	104.4	97.2	101.9	107.4	103.0	98.8	..	103.4
2013-14	103.1	108.3	98.2	101.1	101.5	108.5	99.7	122.6	..	103.6
2012-13	99.5	107.1	97.6	99.6	91.7	107.2	94.1	105.6	..	100.8
2011-12	101.9	103.4	99.5	97.4	101.8	104.0	97.6	100.1	..	101.4
2010-11	92.2	104.0	109.4	101.8	102.0	99.4	97.8	97.6	..	99.2

TABLE 7A.23

Table 7A.23 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, civil (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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Circuit Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	106.0	97.8	96.0	98.6	100.5	104.1	103.4	123.8	98.9	100.9
2015-16	105.9	104.7	102.8	97.4	102.8	103.6	103.6	101.0	98.0	103.4
2014-15	104.4	104.2	103.8	97.1	103.7	106.7	103.5	98.7	89.9	103.0
2013-14	103.8	107.5	98.7	100.6	104.7	109.2	100.5	121.6	112.0	104.0
2012-13	101.5	106.2	99.2	99.9	92.4	105.3	101.3	106.0	113.0	101.8
2011-12	103.3	103.6	100.8	98.8	103.5	103.7	107.5	99.9	109.9	102.5
2010-11	92.1	102.9	109.6	99.6	102.0	99.6	103.3	97.8	94.1	98.9
Family courts										
Appeal										
2016-17	..	..	..	100.0	..	..	..	..	109.6	109.3
2015-16	..	..	..	100.0	..	..	..	..	95.4	95.5
2014-15	..	..	..	133.3	..	..	..	..	91.5	92.2
2013-14	..	..	..	83.3	..	..	..	..	105.8	105.4
2012-13	..	..	..	50.0	..	..	..	..	102.1	101.5
2011-12	..	..	..	80.0	..	..	..	..	89.0	88.9
2010-11	..	..	..	125.0	..	..	..	..	99.1	99.4
Non-appeal										
2016-17	..	..	..	92.3	..	..	..	..	97.6	95.3
2015-16	..	..	..	97.1	..	..	..	..	98.9	98.1
2014-15	..	..	..	93.5	..	..	..	..	98.6	96.4
2013-14	..	..	..	95.0	..	..	..	..	98.4	96.9
2012-13	..	..	..	100.5	..	..	..	..	101.2	100.9
2011-12	..	..	..	101.2	..	..	..	..	99.6	100.3
2010-11	..	..	..	101.5	..	..	..	..	106.2	104.1

TABLE 7A.23

Table 7A.23 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, civil (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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All matters										
2016-17	..	..	..	92.3	..	..	..	..	97.8	95.4
2015-16	..	..	..	97.1	..	..	..	..	98.9	98.1
2014-15	..	..	..	93.6	..	..	..	..	98.5	96.4
2013-14	..	..	..	95.0	..	..	..	..	98.5	97.0
2012-13	..	..	..	100.5	..	..	..	..	101.2	100.9
2011-12	..	..	..	101.2	..	..	..	..	99.4	100.2
2010-11				101.5					106.1	104.0
Federal Circuit Court										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95.4	95.4
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	96.5	96.5
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	93.9	93.9
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	96.7	96.7
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	101.1	101.1
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	96.8	96.8
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	98.5	98.5
Coroners' courts										
2016-17	94.5	100.6	89.7	99.9	72.9	100.5	102.0	118.5	..	93.8
2015-16	100.2	104.6	100.5	92.5	89.8	87.0	85.6	115.1	..	99.3
2014-15	106.1	108.5	93.1	92.2	106.6	90.2	104.4	91.1	..	102.1
2013-14	108.8	121.7	104.8	101.3	90.9	92.3	105.0	116.8	..	108.6
2012-13	110.9	93.3	105.0	102.9	84.2	81.1	104.0	99.7	..	100.4
2011-12	131.9	98.4	106.9	115.6	113.9	96.7	100.9	93.4	..	112.5
2010-11	108.8	115.0	99.8	68.7	95.8	93.0	96.8	100.4	..	102.1

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Table 7A.23 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, civil (per cent) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
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Note: < 100: There were more lodgments than finalisations in the reported year.

100: There were the same number of lodgments as finalisations in the reported year.

>100: There were more finalisations than lodgments in the reported year.

- (a) The clearance indicator is derived by dividing the number of finalisations in the reporting period, by the number of lodgments in the same period. The result is multiplied by 100 to convert to a percentage. The clearance rate should be interpreted alongside lodgment and finalisation data (tables 7A.2 and 7A.6), and the backlog indicator (table 7A.18). Trends over time should also be considered. The clearance rate can be affected by external factors (such as those causing changes in lodgment rates), as well as by changes in a court's case management practices. The following can assist in interpretation of this indicator:
- a figure of 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised as many cases as were lodged, and the pending caseload should be similar to the pending caseload 12 months earlier,
  - a figure greater than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised more cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload should have decreased,
  - a figure less than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised fewer cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload should have increased.

.. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.2 and 7A.6.



TABLE 7A.24

Table 7A.24		Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)										
	Unit (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (c)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts (d)	Total (e)	
<b>Criminal</b>												
Number of FTE judicial officers												
Supreme courts (f)												
	2016-17	(no. FTE)	13.0	15.3	10.5	6.4	6.8	4.0	4.4	5.0	..	65.4
	2015-16	(no. FTE)	15.3	17.5	10.2	7.5	7.3	3.9	4.0	5.0	..	70.7
	2014-15	(no. FTE)	12.3	17.4	9.6	7.5	6.5	3.9	3.4	4.4	..	65.0
	2013-14	(no. FTE)	11.6	16.4	10.2	6.3	6.3	3.9	3.4	4.1	..	62.3
	2012-13	(no. FTE)	12.1	16.1	10.6	6.5	7.2	3.9	3.1	4.0	..	63.5
	2011-12	(no. FTE)	13.5	16.1	10.9	7.7	6.6	3.9	2.6	3.7	..	65.0
	2010-11	(no. FTE)	12.7	19.1	10.9	9.0	6.5	3.9	2.8	3.6	..	68.5
District/county courts (g), (h)												
	2016-17	(no. FTE)	43.7	44.1	26.7	16.3	13.9	..	..	..	..	144.6
	2015-16	(no. FTE)	42.7	43.2	27.9	18.3	12.9	..	..	..	..	145.0
	2014-15	(no. FTE)	38.6	43.0	29.5	17.5	12.3	..	..	..	..	140.9
	2013-14	(no. FTE)	38.0	41.0	28.1	16.9	14.0	..	..	..	..	138.0
	2012-13	(no. FTE)	37.5	42.7	28.0	18.3	15.8	..	..	..	..	142.3
	2011-12	(no. FTE)	37.6	43.9	28.4	18.4	15.4	..	..	..	..	143.7
	2010-11	(no. FTE)	41.0	43.9	28.1	19.6	15.2	..	..	..	..	147.8
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)												
	2016-17	(no. FTE)	83.9	75.1	73.6	32.3	26.9	8.6	5.8	8.8	..	315.0
	2015-16	(no. FTE)	89.7	71.7	69.1	31.3	27.7	8.6	6.1	8.5	..	312.7
	2014-15	(no. FTE)	91.8	71.8	70.0	37.0	27.3	8.6	4.0	8.8	..	319.4
	2013-14	(no. FTE)	88.5	72.4	69.2	37.5	24.7	9.9	3.8	8.3	..	314.3
	2012-13	(no. FTE)	89.0	70.9	67.3	38.6	25.1	9.9	3.7	8.5	..	313.0
	2011-12	(no. FTE)	108.3	72.9	64.6	34.9	26.0	9.9	3.5	8.2	..	328.3
	2010-11	(no. FTE)	107.4	68.8	64.1	34.6	26.0	9.9	3.4	8.3	..	322.5

TABLE 7A.24

Table 7A.24 **Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)**

	<i>Unit (b)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
Children's courts (i)											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	14.7	2.7	5.0	2.3	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.2	..	28.6
2015-16	(no. FTE)	14.3	2.9	3.4	2.3	1.8	1.1	0.4	1.3	..	27.6
2014-15	(no. FTE)	11.9	2.5	3.6	3.7	1.9	1.1	0.4	1.2	..	26.2
2013-14	(no. FTE)	12.3	2.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	1.1	0.4	1.1	..	28.6
2012-13	(no. FTE)	12.7	2.4	5.2	3.6	3.8	1.1	0.4	1.1	..	30.3
2011-12	(no. FTE)	13.8	2.0	5.3	3.9	3.6	1.1	0.4	1.1	..	31.1
2010-11	(no. FTE)	8.8	1.8	5.1	4.0	3.4	1.1	0.4	0.8	..	25.4
<b>Total number FTE judicial officers for criminal courts</b>											
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>155.2</b>	<b>137.2</b>	<b>115.8</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>553.6</b>
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>162.0</b>	<b>135.3</b>	<b>110.6</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>556.0</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>154.6</b>	<b>134.7</b>	<b>112.7</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>551.6</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>150.4</b>	<b>132.4</b>	<b>111.1</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>543.2</b>
<b>2012-13</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>151.3</b>	<b>132.1</b>	<b>111.1</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>549.0</b>
<b>2011-12</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>173.2</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>568.1</b>
<b>2010-11</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>169.8</b>	<b>133.7</b>	<b>108.2</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>564.2</b>
<b>Civil</b>											
Number of FTE judicial officers											
Supreme/Federal Court (f)											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	45.3	42.1	13.4	15.6	6.0	3.2	2.1	3.4	44.7	175.9
2015-16	(no. FTE)	41.3	40.9	12.3	14.6	6.9	3.1	1.9	3.3	56.0	180.3
2014-15	(no. FTE)	45.9	40.5	14.5	14.9	6.2	3.1	2.1	3.8	55.2	186.1
2013-14	(no. FTE)	48.7	38.2	14.2	16.4	6.9	3.1	2.1	4.1	61.0	194.7
2012-13	(no. FTE)	45.5	37.6	13.2	16.1	6.4	3.1	3.0	4.1	56.0	185.0
2011-12	(no. FTE)	47.2	37.7	13.5	19.4	7.8	3.1	2.8	4.6	57.0	193.0
2010-11	(no. FTE)	47.8	32.4	12.8	24.7	7.2	3.1	2.9	4.5	50.0	185.3

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	<i>Unit (b)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
District/county courts (g), (h)											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	27.8	18.9	7.1	11.1	5.7	..	..	..	..	70.5
2015-16	(no. FTE)	25.1	20.3	6.7	9.9	5.5	..	..	..	..	67.5
2014-15	(no. FTE)	25.7	19.7	7.0	9.8	5.9	..	..	..	..	68.1
2013-14	(no. FTE)	26.4	20.6	6.5	9.1	5.2	..	..	..	..	67.8
2012-13	(no. FTE)	27.1	18.6	6.3	9.9	5.4	..	..	..	..	67.3
2011-12	(no. FTE)	28.0	17.0	6.5	9.9	5.6	..	..	..	..	67.0
2010-11	(no. FTE)	18.5	16.0	6.6	10.5	6.2	..	..	..	..	57.8
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	25.7	35.6	13.0	14.4	6.1	1.8	1.3	5.4	..	103.3
2015-16	(no. FTE)	17.8	33.7	12.8	14.6	6.1	1.8	1.4	5.5	..	93.7
2014-15	(no. FTE)	19.5	33.8	11.9	8.6	6.0	1.9	2.7	5.7	..	90.1
2013-14	(no. FTE)	22.8	34.1	11.2	8.7	8.2	1.8	2.5	4.9	..	94.1
2012-13	(no. FTE)	24.0	33.4	10.9	9.0	8.4	1.8	2.4	6.2	..	96.1
2011-12	(no. FTE)	5.7	34.3	9.8	12.8	8.7	1.8	2.5	6.2	..	81.8
2010-11	(no. FTE)	7.7	32.0	9.2	12.8	8.7	1.8	3.3	6.0	..	81.4
Children's courts (i)											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	13.0	10.9	1.5	2.6	2.9	0.3	0.5	0.5	..	32.2
2015-16	(no. FTE)	12.2	11.6	2.1	2.2	2.6	0.3	0.5	0.3	..	31.9
2014-15	(no. FTE)	10.6	10.1	2.2	1.0	1.9	0.3	0.1	0.4	..	26.5
2013-14	(no. FTE)	10.9	10.4	2.2	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.4	..	26.7
2012-13	(no. FTE)	11.3	9.6	3.3	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.3	..	27.3
2011-12	(no. FTE)	11.3	8.0	3.6	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.3	..	25.7
2010-11	(no. FTE)	16.2	7.3	3.2	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.3	..	29.8

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Table 7A.24 **Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)**

	<i>Unit (b)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
Family courts (j)											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	15.1	..	..	..	..	32.0	47.1
2015-16	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	15.3	..	..	..	..	33.4	48.7
2014-15	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	14.8	..	..	..	..	32.7	47.5
2013-14	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	14.0	..	..	..	..	33.4	47.4
2012-13	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	15.9	..	..	..	..	31.2	47.1
2011-12	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	14.0	..	..	..	..	31.0	45.0
2010-11	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	15.7	..	..	..	..	33.3	49.0
Federal Circuit Court (j)											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63.1	63.1
2015-16	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61.4	61.4
2014-15	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	62.2	62.2
2013-14	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64.8	64.8
2012-13	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	62.5	62.5
2011-12	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	62.4	62.4
2010-11	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60.8	60.8
Coroners' courts											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	5.3	9.0	8.0	4.0	2.0	2.8	0.2	1.5	..	32.7
2015-16	(no. FTE)	5.0	9.0	8.1	3.9	2.0	2.8	0.2	1.6	..	32.5
2014-15	(no. FTE)	5.0	9.3	8.0	4.0	2.0	2.5	0.9	1.5	..	33.1
2013-14	(no. FTE)	5.0	9.5	8.0	3.3	2.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	..	30.5
2012-13	(no. FTE)	5.0	9.5	9.5	4.0	2.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	..	32.7
2011-12	(no. FTE)	5.0	9.5	10.2	2.5	2.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	..	31.9
2010-11	(no. FTE)	5.0	9.0	8.1	2.2	2.0	0.4	0.7	1.5	..	28.9

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	Unit (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (c)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts (d)	Total (e)
<b>Total number FTE judicial officers for civil courts</b>											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	117.0	116.5	43.0	62.8	22.8	8.1	4.0	10.9	139.7	524.7
2015-16	(no. FTE)	101.4	115.5	42.0	60.5	23.1	8.0	3.9	10.7	150.8	516.0
2014-15	(no. FTE)	106.7	113.3	43.6	53.1	22.0	7.8	5.7	11.3	150.1	513.6
2013-14	(no. FTE)	113.7	112.8	42.1	52.7	23.2	5.9	5.5	10.9	159.2	526.0
2012-13	(no. FTE)	112.9	108.7	43.2	56.1	23.1	5.9	6.3	12.1	149.7	517.9
2011-12	(no. FTE)	97.1	106.5	43.6	59.6	24.9	5.9	6.1	12.7	150.4	506.8
2010-11	(no. FTE)	95.1	96.7	39.9	67.0	25.0	5.9	7.1	12.3	144.1	493.1
<b>Criminal and civil</b>											
Number of FTE judicial officers											
Supreme/ Federal Court											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	58.3	57.5	23.9	22.0	12.9	7.2	6.5	8.4	44.7	241.3
2015-16	(no. FTE)	56.6	58.4	22.5	22.1	14.2	7.0	5.8	8.4	56.0	251.0
2014-15	(no. FTE)	58.2	57.9	24.1	22.4	12.7	7.0	5.5	8.2	55.2	251.2
2013-14	(no. FTE)	60.4	54.6	24.4	22.7	13.2	7.0	5.5	8.3	61.0	257.0
2012-13	(no. FTE)	57.6	53.7	23.8	22.6	13.6	7.0	6.1	8.1	56.0	248.5
2011-12	(no. FTE)	60.7	53.8	24.4	27.1	14.4	7.0	5.3	8.3	57.0	258.0
2010-11	(no. FTE)	60.4	51.5	23.7	33.7	13.7	7.0	5.7	8.1	50.0	253.8
District/county courts											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	71.4	63.0	33.8	27.3	19.6	..	..	..	..	215.1
2015-16	(no. FTE)	67.8	63.5	34.6	28.2	18.4	..	..	..	..	212.5
2014-15	(no. FTE)	64.3	62.7	36.5	27.3	18.2	..	..	..	..	209.0
2013-14	(no. FTE)	64.4	61.6	34.6	26.0	19.2	..	..	..	..	205.8
2012-13	(no. FTE)	64.6	61.3	34.3	28.2	21.2	..	..	..	..	209.6
2011-12	(no. FTE)	65.6	60.9	34.9	28.3	21.0	..	..	..	..	210.7
2010-11	(no. FTE)	59.5	59.9	34.7	30.1	21.4	..	..	..	..	205.6

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	Unit (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (c)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts (d)	Total (e)
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	109.5	110.7	86.6	46.7	33.1	10.4	7.1	14.2	..	418.3
2015-16	(no. FTE)	107.5	105.4	81.9	45.9	33.8	10.4	7.5	14.0	..	406.4
2014-15	(no. FTE)	111.3	105.6	81.9	45.6	33.3	10.5	6.7	14.6	..	409.5
2013-14	(no. FTE)	111.3	106.5	80.4	46.2	32.9	11.7	6.2	13.2	..	408.4
2012-13	(no. FTE)	113.0	104.3	78.2	47.6	33.5	11.7	6.1	14.6	..	409.1
2011-12	(no. FTE)	114.0	107.2	74.4	47.7	34.7	11.7	6.0	14.4	..	410.1
2010-11	(no. FTE)	115.0	100.8	73.3	47.4	34.7	11.7	6.7	14.3	..	403.9
Children's courts											
2016-17	(no. FTE)	27.8	13.6	6.5	4.9	4.1	1.4	0.9	1.7	..	60.9
2015-16	(no. FTE)	26.5	14.5	5.5	4.6	4.4	1.4	0.9	1.7	..	59.5
2014-15	(no. FTE)	22.5	12.6	5.8	4.7	3.8	1.4	0.5	1.5	..	52.7
2013-14	(no. FTE)	23.2	13.0	5.8	4.9	4.7	1.7	0.5	1.4	..	55.2
2012-13	(no. FTE)	24.0	12.0	8.5	4.8	4.7	1.7	0.4	1.4	..	57.6
2011-12	(no. FTE)	25.0	10.0	8.9	4.9	4.4	1.7	0.4	1.4	..	56.8
2010-11	(no. FTE)	25.0	9.2	8.3	5.1	4.3	1.7	0.5	1.1	..	55.2
<b>Total number FTE judicial officers for criminal and civil courts</b>											
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>272.2</b>	<b>253.7</b>	<b>158.7</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>139.7</b>	<b>1 078.4</b>
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>263.3</b>	<b>250.8</b>	<b>152.6</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>150.8</b>	<b>1 072.0</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>261.3</b>	<b>248.0</b>	<b>156.3</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>150.1</b>	<b>1 065.2</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>264.2</b>	<b>245.3</b>	<b>153.2</b>	<b>117.1</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>159.2</b>	<b>1 069.2</b>
<b>2012-13</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>264.2</b>	<b>240.8</b>	<b>154.3</b>	<b>123.1</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>149.7</b>	<b>1 067.0</b>
<b>2011-12</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>270.3</b>	<b>241.4</b>	<b>152.8</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>76.5</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>150.4</b>	<b>1 074.9</b>
<b>2010-11</b>	<b>(no. FTE)</b>	<b>264.9</b>	<b>230.4</b>	<b>148.1</b>	<b>134.2</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>144.1</b>	<b>1 057.3</b>

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Table 7A.24 **Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)**

<i>Unit (b)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>	
Criminal											
Number of FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people											
Supreme courts											
2016-17	(no. FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.1	2.0	..	0.3
2015-16		0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	1.0	2.1	..	0.3
2014-15		0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.9	1.8	..	0.3
2013-14		0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.9	1.7	..	0.3
2012-13		0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.7	..	0.3
2011-12		0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.7	1.6	..	0.3
2010-11		0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.6	..	0.3
District/county courts											
2016-17	(no. FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people)	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	..	..	..	..	0.6
2015-16		0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	..	..	..	..	0.6
2014-15		0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	..	..	..	..	0.6
2013-14		0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	..	..	..	..	0.6
2012-13		0.5	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.0	..	..	..	..	0.6
2011-12		0.5	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.9	..	..	..	..	0.6
2010-11		0.6	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.9	..	..	..	..	0.7
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)											
2016-17	(no. FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people)	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.4	3.6	..	1.3
2015-16		1.2	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.5	3.5	..	1.3
2014-15		1.2	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.0	3.6	..	1.4
2013-14		1.2	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.0	3.4	..	1.3
2012-13		1.2	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.0	3.6	..	1.4
2011-12		1.5	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.0	3.5	..	1.5
2010-11		1.5	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.9	0.9	3.6	..	1.5

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Unit (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (c)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts (d)	Total (e)	
Children's courts											
2016-17	(no. FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people)	0.2	–	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	..	0.1
2015-16		0.2	–	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	..	0.1
2014-15		0.2	–	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	..	0.1
2013-14		0.2	–	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	..	0.1
2012-13		0.2	–	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	..	0.1
2011-12		0.2	–	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	..	0.1
2010-11		0.1	–	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	..	0.1
<b>Total for criminal courts</b>											
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>(no. FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people)</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>2015-16</b>		<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>2014-15</b>		<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>2013-14</b>		<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>2012-13</b>		<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>2011-12</b>		<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>2010-11</b>		<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Civil											
Number of FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people											
Supreme/Federal Court											
2016-17	(no. FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people)	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.7
2015-16		0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.8
2014-15		0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.6	0.2	0.8
2013-14		0.7	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.7	0.3	0.8
2012-13		0.6	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.7	0.2	0.8
2011-12		0.7	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	2.0	0.3	0.9
2010-11		0.7	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.9	0.2	0.8



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<i>Unit (b)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
District/county courts										
2016-17	(no. FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people)	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	..	..	..	0.3
2015-16		0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	..	..	..	0.3
2014-15		0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	..	..	..	0.3
2013-14		0.4	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.3	..	..	..	0.3
2012-13		0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	..	..	..	0.3
2011-12		0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	..	..	..	0.3
2010-11		0.3	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4	..	..	..	0.3
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	(no. FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people)	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	2.2	0.4
2015-16		0.2	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	2.3	0.4
2014-15		0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.7	2.3	0.4
2013-14		0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	2.0	0.4
2012-13		0.3	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	2.6	0.4
2011-12		0.1	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.7	2.7	0.4
2010-11		0.1	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.9	2.6	0.4
Children's courts										
2016-17	(no. FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people)	0.2	0.2	–	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
2015-16		0.2	0.2	–	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
2014-15		0.1	0.2	–	–	0.1	0.1	–	0.1	0.1
2013-14		0.1	0.2	–	–	0.1	0.1	–	0.1	0.1
2012-13		0.2	0.2	0.1	–	0.1	0.1	–	0.1	0.1
2011-12		0.2	0.1	0.1	–	–	0.1	–	0.1	0.1
2010-11		0.2	0.1	0.1	–	0.1	0.1	–	0.1	0.1

TABLE 7A.24

Table 7A.24 **Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)**

<i>Unit (b)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
Family courts										
2016-17	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
2015-16	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
2014-15	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
2013-14	..	..	..	0.5	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
2012-13	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
2011-12	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
2010-11	..	..	..	0.7	..	..	..	..	0.2	0.2
Federal Circuit Court										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
Coroner's court										
2016-17	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	–	0.6	..	0.1
2015-16	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	–	0.6	..	0.1
2014-15	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.6	..	0.1
2013-14	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	..	0.1
2012-13	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	..	0.1
2011-12	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	..	0.1
2010-11	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	..	0.1

TABLE 7A.24

Table 7A.24 **Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)**

<i>Unit (b)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
<b>Total for civil courts</b>										
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>2012-13</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>2011-12</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>2010-11</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Criminal and civil										
Number of FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people										
Supreme/Federal Court										
2016-17	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.6	3.4	0.2	1.0
2015-16	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.5	3.4	0.2	1.0
2014-15	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	3.4	0.2	1.1
2013-14	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	3.4	0.3	1.1
2012-13	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.6	3.4	0.2	1.1
2011-12	0.8	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.4	3.6	0.3	1.1
2010-11	0.8	0.9	0.5	1.5	0.8	1.4	1.6	3.5	0.2	1.1
District/county courts										
2016-17	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.1 ..	..	..	..	..	0.9
2015-16	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.1 ..	..	..	..	..	0.9
2014-15	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.1 ..	..	..	..	..	0.9
2013-14	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.1 ..	..	..	..	..	0.9
2012-13	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.3 ..	..	..	..	..	0.9
2011-12	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.3 ..	..	..	..	..	0.9
2010-11	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.3 ..	..	..	..	..	0.9

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Table 7A.24 **Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)**

Unit (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (c)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts (d)	Total (e)
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.7	5.8 ..		1.7
2015-16	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	5.7 ..		1.7
2014-15	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.7	6.0 ..		1.7
2013-14	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.3	1.6	5.5 ..		1.8
2012-13	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.3	1.6	6.2 ..		1.8
2011-12	1.6	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.6	6.2 ..		1.8
2010-11	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.8	6.2 ..		1.8
Children's courts										
2016-17	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.7 ..		0.2
2015-16	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.7 ..		0.2
2014-15	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.6 ..		0.2
2013-14	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6 ..		0.2
2012-13	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6 ..		0.3
2011-12	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6 ..		0.3
2010-11	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.5 ..		0.2
Total for criminal and civil courts										
2016-17	3.5	4.1	3.3	4.7	4.2	4.2	3.6	10.6	0.6	4.4
2015-16	3.4	4.2	3.2	4.6	4.3	4.2	3.7	10.5	0.6	4.5
2014-15	3.5	4.2	3.3	4.6	4.1	4.2	3.5	10.5	0.6	4.5
2013-14	3.5	4.2	3.3	4.6	4.3	4.0	3.4	10.1	0.7	4.6
2012-13	3.6	4.2	3.3	5.0	4.5	4.1	3.5	10.8	0.7	4.7
2011-12	3.7	4.3	3.4	5.2	4.7	4.1	3.4	11.0	0.7	4.8
2010-11	3.7	4.2	3.3	5.8	4.7	4.1	3.7	10.9	0.6	4.8

Aust cts = Australian courts.

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

(b) no. FTE = number of full time equivalent judicial officers.

Table 7A.24 **Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)**

<i>Unit (b)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
(c)	WA Supreme Court judicial officers FTE and registry court FTE staff between 2011-12 and 2014-15 were revised following a detailed review of WA's adherence to relevant counting rules. The data extraction process is now in line with the counting rules. Bail hearings are now excluded, however this significantly under-represents the true FTE usage associated with the processing of bail applications in their entirety as out of court time is not captured. Data for the reference periods prior to 2011-12 should not be used to undertake comparative analysis.									
(d)	For the Australian courts, the number of FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people is derived by dividing the number of FTE officers for each court by the Australian population.									
(e)	FTE totals in this column are the sum of all states and territories, and the Australian courts, as applicable. Totals for the number of FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people are derived by dividing the total number of judicial FTE in the financial year by the Australian population (per 100,000 people) for the relevant reference period. Population is estimated by taking the midpoint population estimate of the relevant financial year (31 December). The estimated residential populations (ERPs) used to derive rates differ across years. For data up to 2015-16 the rates are derived using the ERPs based on the 2011 Census. For 2016-17 data the rates are derived using the ERPs based on the 2016 Census. The December 2016 ERP also includes Norfolk Island in the Australian total (in addition to the other territories).									
(f)	In the NSW Supreme Court the FTE counts for permanent judges are based on the appointments in place at 30 June; for acting judges the FTE counts are based on actual days paid for during the reporting period.									
(g)	Appeals are not heard in the criminal jurisdiction of the district courts in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the supreme courts in WA and SA.									
(h)	WA District Court judicial officers FTE for financial year 2016-17 have been revised following a detailed review of WA's adherence to relevant counting rules. Instances of non-adherence have now been addressed to bring the data extraction process in line with the RoGS counting rules. Data for the reference years prior to 2016-17 should not be used to undertake comparative analysis.									
(i)	In Tasmania, all children's court judicial resources are included in the criminal jurisdiction. Child protection matters are lodged in the Criminal Registry.									
(j)	The Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court share resources for administration and some judicial type functions. The FTE values have been attributed to each jurisdiction on the basis of either being directly attributed to the jurisdiction or allocated to the jurisdiction on a proportional basis of the total services that jurisdiction has generated and subsequently likely to have consumed to deliver that service. These are estimates only.									
	.. Not applicable.									

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

TABLE 7A.25

Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 100 finalisations (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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Criminal</b>										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	2.51	3.88	0.43	1.01	2.49	0.84	1.43	0.90	..	1.17
2015-16	3.57	4.30	0.53	1.26	2.05	0.83	1.52	0.81	..	1.40
2014-15	2.18	3.82	0.66	1.26	2.30	0.87	1.11	0.75	..	1.38
2013-14	2.69	3.76	0.82	1.00	2.10	0.93	0.93	1.00	..	1.47
2012-13	2.34	3.45	0.79	0.92	2.14	0.70	0.70	0.85	..	1.31
2011-12	3.12	2.44	0.71	1.28	1.79	0.69	0.64	0.68	..	1.27
2010-11	2.51	2.42	0.59	1.57	1.96	0.60	0.73	0.93	..	1.25
District/county courts										
2016-17	0.37	0.88	0.40	0.68	0.65	..	..	..	..	0.51
2015-16	0.35	0.82	0.47	0.89	0.59	..	..	..	..	0.53
2014-15	0.36	0.79	0.51	0.93	0.58	..	..	..	..	0.55
2013-14	0.35	0.78	0.52	0.92	0.58	..	..	..	..	0.54
2012-13	0.37	0.85	0.46	0.91	0.72	..	..	..	..	0.56
2011-12	0.36	0.84	0.49	0.94	0.75	..	..	..	..	0.56
2010-11	0.40	0.85	0.45	0.95	0.70	..	..	..	..	0.57
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.10	0.06	..	0.04
2015-16	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.11	0.06	..	0.04
2014-15	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.05	..	0.04
2013-14	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.06	0.05	..	0.04
2012-13	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.05	..	0.04
2011-12	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	..	0.05
2010-11	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.07	..	0.04

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Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 100 finalisations (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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Children's courts</b>										
2016-17	0.14	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.10	0.17	0.06	..	0.05
2015-16	0.14	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.14	0.06	..	0.04
2014-15	0.11	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.09	0.14	0.05	..	0.04
2013-14	0.12	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.11	0.05	..	0.05
2012-13	0.13	0.01	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.05	..	0.05
2011-12	0.12	0.01	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.07	..	0.05
2010-11	0.05	0.01	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	..	0.04
<b>Total criminal</b>										
2016-17	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.08	0.17	0.09	..	0.06
2015-16	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.07	0.18	0.08	..	0.06
2014-15	0.08	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.12	0.08	..	0.06
2013-14	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.07	..	0.06
2012-13	0.09	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.12	0.07	..	0.07
2011-12	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.10	0.07	..	0.07
2010-11	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.11	0.09	..	0.07
<b>Civil</b>										
<b>Supreme/Federal Court</b>										
2016-17	0.58	0.69	0.44	0.63	0.56	0.38	0.29	1.45	0.79	0.63
2015-16	0.46	0.58	0.36	0.56	0.56	0.37	0.30	1.44	0.95	0.58
2014-15	0.48	0.55	0.43	0.62	0.53	0.33	0.34	1.44	1.41	0.63
2013-14	0.48	0.55	0.37	0.69	0.55	0.28	0.31	1.78	1.09	0.60
2012-13	0.37	0.50	0.31	0.57	0.49	0.30	0.35	1.37	0.85	0.50
2011-12	0.38	0.44	0.25	0.60	0.55	0.29	0.26	1.59	0.98	0.49
2010-11	0.47	0.45	0.18	0.94	0.54	0.31	0.28	1.48	1.08	0.53

TABLE 7A.25

Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 100 finalisations (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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts										
2016-17	0.35	0.29	0.14	0.22	0.29	..	..	..	..	0.27
2015-16	0.32	0.30	0.13	0.20	0.30	..	..	..	..	0.25
2014-15	0.38	0.29	0.13	0.21	0.24	..	..	..	..	0.26
2013-14	0.35	0.31	0.12	0.20	0.17	..	..	..	..	0.25
2012-13	0.35	0.29	0.10	0.22	0.18	..	..	..	..	0.24
2011-12	0.34	0.27	0.11	0.19	0.18	..	..	..	..	0.23
2010-11	0.23	0.27	0.13	0.20	0.20	..	..	..	..	0.21
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.09	..	0.03
2015-16	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.08	..	0.03
2014-15	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.08	..	0.02
2013-14	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.07	..	0.02
2012-13	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.09	..	0.02
2011-12	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.10	..	0.02
2010-11	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.10	0.10	..	0.02
Children's courts										
2016-17	0.14	0.14	0.04	0.15	0.14	0.09	0.24	0.11	..	0.12
2015-16	0.15	0.15	0.05	0.13	0.12	0.09	0.28	0.09	..	0.13
2014-15	0.13	0.15	0.06	0.04	0.13	0.08	0.07	0.08	..	0.11
2013-14	0.12	0.17	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.22	0.07	0.08	..	0.12
2012-13	0.13	0.15	0.08	0.04	0.07	0.14	0.06	0.09	..	0.11
2011-12	0.13	0.14	0.10	0.06	0.06	0.14	0.09	0.10	..	0.12
2010-11	0.19	0.15	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.14	0.10	0.11	..	0.14



TABLE 7A.25

Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 100 finalisations (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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total civil (excluding family courts, federal magistrates court and coroners courts)										
2016-17	0.07	0.10	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.13	0.79	0.09
2015-16	0.06	0.09	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.13	0.95	0.08
2014-15	0.06	0.09	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.10	0.13	1.41	0.08
2013-14	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.10	0.12	1.09	0.08
2012-13	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.12	0.14	0.85	0.08
2011-12	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.11	0.16	0.98	0.07
2010-11	0.05	0.07	0.04	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.14	0.17	1.08	0.07
Family courts										
2016-17	..	..	..	0.10	..	..	..	..	0.16	0.13
2015-16	..	..	..	0.10	..	..	..	..	0.16	0.13
2014-15	..	..	..	0.10	..	..	..	..	0.16	0.14
2013-14	..	..	..	0.10	..	..	..	..	0.17	0.14
2012-13	..	..	..	0.11	..	..	..	..	0.17	0.14
2011-12	..	..	..	0.09	..	..	..	..	0.17	0.14
2010-11	..	..	..	0.10	..	..	..	..	0.18	0.14
Federal Circuit Court										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.07	0.07
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.07	0.07
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.07	0.07
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.07	0.07
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.07	0.07
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.07	0.07
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.07	0.07

TABLE 7A.25

Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 100 finalisations (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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Coroners' courts</b>										
2016-17	0.09	0.14	0.16	0.16	0.11	0.48	0.05	0.45	..	0.14
2015-16	0.08	0.14	0.15	0.19	0.09	0.57	0.07	0.51	..	0.14
2014-15	0.08	0.13	0.17	0.20	0.08	0.51	0.09	0.57	..	0.14
2013-14	0.08	0.12	0.16	0.16	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.44	..	0.12
2012-13	0.08	0.17	0.19	0.18	0.11	0.09	0.06	0.50	..	0.14
2011-12	0.06	0.19	0.21	0.11	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.53	..	0.13
2010-11	0.08	0.16	0.18	0.16	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.52	..	0.13
<b>Criminal and Civil</b>										
<b>Supreme/Federal Court</b>										
2016-17	0.70	0.89	0.44	0.70	0.95	0.55	0.64	1.06	0.79	0.72
2015-16	0.60	0.78	0.42	0.69	0.90	0.53	0.66	0.98	0.95	0.70
2014-15	0.57	0.75	0.50	0.74	0.88	0.50	0.60	0.96	1.41	0.73
2013-14	0.57	0.74	0.48	0.76	0.85	0.46	0.53	1.28	1.09	0.71
2012-13	0.44	0.68	0.43	0.64	0.83	0.44	0.47	1.05	0.85	0.59
2011-12	0.48	0.58	0.35	0.71	0.81	0.43	0.36	0.99	0.98	0.58
2010-11	0.57	0.65	0.27	1.05	0.83	0.42	0.40	1.17	1.08	0.62
<b>District/county courts</b>										
2016-17	0.36	0.55	0.29	0.37	0.48	..	..	..	..	0.40
2015-16	0.34	0.53	0.31	0.40	0.46	..	..	..	..	0.39
2014-15	0.37	0.51	0.33	0.41	0.40	..	..	..	..	0.40
2013-14	0.35	0.52	0.32	0.41	0.36	..	..	..	..	0.39
2012-13	0.36	0.54	0.28	0.43	0.41	..	..	..	..	0.40
2011-12	0.35	0.53	0.29	0.39	0.40	..	..	..	..	0.38
2010-11	0.32	0.54	0.31	0.42	0.40	..	..	..	..	0.39

TABLE 7A.25

Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 100 finalisations (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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.07	..	0.04
2015-16	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.08	0.06	..	0.04
2014-15	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.06	..	0.03
2013-14	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.06	..	0.04
2012-13	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.06	..	0.04
2011-12	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.07	..	0.04
2010-11	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.08	..	0.03
Children's courts										
2016-17	0.14	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.10	0.20	0.07	..	0.07
2015-16	0.14	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.20	0.06	..	0.07
2014-15	0.12	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.13	0.06	..	0.06
2013-14	0.12	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.11	0.10	0.06	..	0.07
2012-13	0.13	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.06	..	0.07
2011-12	0.12	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	..	0.07
2010-11	0.10	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	..	0.06
Total criminal and civil										
2016-17	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.13	0.11	0.12	0.07
2015-16	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.14	0.10	0.13	0.07
2014-15	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.10	0.13	0.07
2013-14	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.14	0.07
2012-13	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.09	0.13	0.07
2011-12	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.10	0.10	0.13	0.08
2010-11	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.07

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 100 finalisations (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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
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(a) Judicial officers are defined as: judges; magistrates; masters; coroners; judicial registrars; and all other officers who, following argument and giving of evidence, make enforceable orders of the court. The data are provided on the basis of the proportion of time spent on the judicial activity.

(b) Judicial officers per 100 finalisations are derived from FTE judicial officer data presented in table 7A.24 and finalisation data presented in tables 7A.5 and 7A.6. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.5, 7A.6 and 7A.24.

.. Not applicable.

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

TABLE 7A.26

Table 7A.26 Full time equivalent (FTE) staff per 100 finalisations (a), (b), (c)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Criminal</b>										
Total criminal courts										
2016-17	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.5	..	0.5
2015-16	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.5	..	0.4
2014-15	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.4	..	0.4
2013-14	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.4	..	0.4
2012-13	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.4	..	0.5
2011-12	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.4	..	0.5
2010-11	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.4	..	0.5
<b>Civil</b>										
Total civil courts (excluding family courts, federal magistrates court and coroners courts)										
2016-17	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.3	0.6	5.4	0.6
2015-16	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.2	0.7	5.1	0.6
2014-15	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.7	7.8	0.6
2013-14	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	1.1	0.7	5.6	0.6
2012-13	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.1	0.7	4.6	0.6
2011-12	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.1	0.8	5.2	0.6
2010-11	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.1	0.8	6.6	0.5
Family courts (d)										
2016-17	..	..	..	0.9	..	..	..	..	1.0	1.0
2015-16	..	..	..	0.9	..	..	..	..	1.2	1.1
2014-15	..	..	..	1.0	..	..	..	..	1.2	1.1
2013-14	..	..	..	1.0	..	..	..	..	1.3	1.2
2012-13	..	..	..	0.9	..	..	..	..	1.9	1.5
2011-12	..	..	..	0.9	..	..	..	..	2.0	1.5
2010-11	..	..	..	0.9	..	..	..	..	2.0	1.5

TABLE 7A.26

Table 7A.26 Full time equivalent (FTE) staff per 100 finalisations (a), (b), (c)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Federal Circuit Court (d)										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.6	0.6
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.6	0.6
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.6	0.6
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.6	0.6
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.5	0.5
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.5	0.5
2010-11									0.5	0.5
Coroners' courts (e)										
2016-17	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.5	..	1.1
2015-16	0.6	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.0	1.2	np	1.5	..	1.0
2014-15	0.7	1.1	1.3	1.5	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.7	..	1.0
2013-14	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.0	0.4	0.6	1.1	..	1.0
2012-13	0.7	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.2	0.5	0.4	1.3	..	1.2
2011-12	0.5	1.8	1.7	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.4	1.4	..	1.1
2010-11	0.7	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.1	0.5	0.5	1.4	..	1.2

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) FTE staff include: Judicial officers, judicial support staff, registry court staff, court security and sheriff type staff, court reporters, library staff, information technology staff, counsellors and mediators, interpreters, cleaners, gardening and maintenance staff, first line support staff, probate staff and corporate administration staff.
- (b) WA Supreme Court judicial officers FTE and registry court staff FTE between 2011-12 and 2014-15, and WA District Court judicial officers FTE for financial year 2016-17 have been revised following a detailed review of WA's adherence to relevant counting rules. Data extraction processes are now in line with the counting rules.
- (c) FTE staff per 100 finalisations are derived from FTE staff data and finalisation data presented in tables 7A.5 and 7A.6. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.5 and 7A.6.

Table 7A.26 **Full time equivalent (FTE) staff per 100 finalisations (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(d)	The Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court prescribed agencies were merged from 1 July 2013 into a single prescribed agency. As a result FCoA and FCC share resources for administration and some judicial type functions. The FTE values have been attributed to each jurisdiction on the basis of either being directly attributed to the jurisdiction or allocated to the jurisdiction on a proportional basis of the total services that jurisdiction has generated and subsequently likely to have consumed to deliver that service. These are estimates only.									
(e)	The scope of fires captured by the ACT Coroner's court changed in 2015-16, resulting in a substantial reduction in lodgments and finalisations. The number of cases finalised in 2015-16 was too small to produce a reliable result. Total column excludes ACT coroner's court.									
	.. Not applicable. <b>np</b> Not published									

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

TABLE 7A.27

Table 7A.27 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	40 666	61 600	7 152	25 348	32 294	16 601	29 261	23 980	..	21 058
2015-16	55 342	63 386	8 623	26 691	25 661	16 902	33 448	20 628	..	23 838
2014-15	38 577	51 875	10 422	26 004	31 705	17 771	25 260	19 973	..	23 939
2013-14	44 209	51 960	13 092	21 529	27 518	19 534	20 823	25 658	..	25 076
2012-13	39 695	47 707	13 184	19 081	27 683	14 586	14 060	22 144	..	22 324
2011-12	46 352	36 043	10 595	21 511	24 492	14 489	14 014	16 629	..	20 540
2010-11	32 477	34 177	8 405	21 122	27 832	11 725	14 111	24 338	..	18 791
District/county courts										
2016-17	6 846	16 496	7 160	16 885	9 657	..	..	..	..	9 703
2015-16	6 051	15 622	7 697	18 483	8 829	..	..	..	..	9 386
2014-15	6 408	15 356	7 864	21 311	9 419	..	..	..	..	9 944
2013-14	6 596	13 908	8 181	20 970	8 962	..	..	..	..	9 672
2012-13	6 911	16 085	7 922	19 348	10 655	..	..	..	..	10 287
2011-12	7 860	15 984	7 511	20 496	10 835	..	..	..	..	10 652
2010-11	7 059	15 962	6 950	17 980	10 635	..	..	..	..	9 982
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	562	547	438	639	828	494	1 348	994	..	563
2015-16	588	494	393	633	835	489	1 814	889	..	543
2014-15	644	341	419	800	795	551	1 261	831	..	522
2013-14	684	376	431	942	574	667	1 053	843	..	549
2012-13	741	466	466	957	557	528	1 365	716	..	603
2011-12	801	491	472	877	560	435	1 313	747	..	616
2010-11	592	481	437	797	515	396	1 374	882	..	549



TABLE 7A.27

Table 7A.27 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	881	230	810	553	546	682	2 473	863	..	574
2015-16	809	177	577	710	529	645	2 291	963	..	485
2014-15	729	185	663	1 025	505	601	3 935	839	..	547
2013-14	726	175	647	994	762	884	3 114	885	..	566
2012-13	809	142	747	897	753	646	2 053	740	..	564
2011-12	848	134	751	908	672	538	1 903	907	..	585
2010-11	1 006	115	747	772	605	551	1 731	842	..	617
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	578	517	460	633	808	505	1 392	976	..	564
2015-16	600	458	404	638	811	499	1 839	899	..	538
2014-15	649	329	433	814	771	555	1 380	831	..	524
2013-14	687	359	443	946	591	685	1 157	848	..	550
2012-13	745	432	484	952	575	539	1 423	718	..	600
2011-12	804	455	490	879	571	444	1 367	763	..	614
2010-11	627	444	456	795	525	410	1 412	878	..	555
All criminal courts										
2016-17	1 031	981	731	1 130	1 323	924	2 727	1 755	..	994
2015-16	1 035	912	655	1 149	1 286	915	3 240	1 586	..	952
2014-15	1 078	677	694	1 332	1 238	1 000	2 509	1 425	..	908
2013-14	1 143	714	712	1 508	1 034	1 166	2 128	1 411	..	947
2012-13	1 224	899	790	1 508	1 072	944	2 357	1 242	..	1 045
2011-12	1 338	961	766	1 426	1 036	789	2 128	1 262	..	1 067
2010-11	1 021	962	721	1 266	1 020	718	2 196	1 519	..	970

TABLE 7A.27

Table 7A.27 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	41 931	63 287	7 152	25 348	33 532	16 601	29 261	24 430	..	21 399
2015-16	57 299	65 010	8 628	26 691	26 673	16 902	33 448	21 174	..	24 274
2014-15	39 779	53 245	10 428	26 004	32 900	17 771	25 260	20 380	..	24 341
2013-14	45 605	53 316	13 385	21 529	28 624	19 534	20 823	26 172	..	25 571
2012-13	40 864	48 983	13 460	19 081	28 771	14 659	14 060	22 713	..	22 788
2011-12	48 236	36 920	10 856	21 511	25 483	14 740	14 014	17 026	..	21 033
2010-11	33 876	35 156	8 637	21 122	28 892	11 942	14 111	24 896	..	19 269
District/county courts										
2016-17	7 008	16 789	7 160	16 885	10 005	..	..	..	..	9 850
2015-16	6 232	15 888	7 700	18 483	9 149	..	..	..	..	9 543
2014-15	6 599	15 624	7 869	21 311	9 751	..	..	..	..	10 107
2013-14	6 792	14 161	8 348	20 970	9 281	..	..	..	..	9 870
2012-13	7 112	16 354	8 098	19 348	11 026	..	..	..	..	10 495
2011-12	8 136	16 241	7 677	20 496	11 235	..	..	..	..	10 887
2010-11	7 311	16 220	7 131	17 980	11 010	..	..	..	..	10 208
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	582	561	438	639	856	494	1 348	1 019	..	574
2015-16	612	507	393	633	863	489	1 814	914	..	554
2014-15	669	350	420	800	822	551	1 261	852	..	533
2013-14	710	386	444	942	596	667	1 053	863	..	563
2012-13	768	479	480	957	579	531	1 365	738	..	618
2011-12	833	504	486	877	582	445	1 313	772	..	633
2010-11	620	494	451	797	537	405	1 374	906	..	565

TABLE 7A.27

Table 7A.27 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	914	236	810	553	564	682	2 473	885	..	584
2015-16	843	181	578	710	547	645	2 291	988	..	494
2014-15	758	190	663	1 025	522	601	3 935	861	..	556
2013-14	754	180	663	994	792	884	3 114	905	..	580
2012-13	840	146	767	897	782	650	2 053	762	..	578
2011-12	894	137	771	908	699	550	1 903	934	..	602
2010-11	1 048	119	768	772	628	562	1 731	865	..	635
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	599	530	460	633	836	505	1 392	1 001	..	575
2015-16	624	470	404	638	838	499	1 839	923	..	550
2014-15	674	338	434	814	797	555	1 380	853	..	534
2013-14	713	369	457	946	613	685	1 157	867	..	564
2012-13	772	444	498	952	597	542	1 423	740	..	615
2011-12	837	467	504	879	594	454	1 367	788	..	631
2010-11	655	456	471	795	546	419	1 412	902	..	571
All criminal courts										
2016-17	1 063	1 004	731	1 130	1 369	924	2 727	1 794	..	1 011
2015-16	1 073	933	655	1 149	1 331	915	3 240	1 629	..	970
2014-15	1 116	692	695	1 332	1 281	1 000	2 509	1 458	..	925
2013-14	1 183	731	732	1 508	1 072	1 166	2 128	1 441	..	969
2012-13	1 265	920	810	1 508	1 113	949	2 357	1 277	..	1 069
2011-12	1 390	982	786	1 426	1 077	805	2 128	1 298	..	1 094
2010-11	1 064	984	743	1 266	1 059	732	2 196	1 557	..	996

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Table 7A.27 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
(a)	Real net recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in table 7A.9, income data presented in table 7A.11 and finalisation data presented in table 7A.5. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.9, 7A.11 and 7A.5.									
(b)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2016-17 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2016-17=100). See table 2A.49 and Chapter 2 for more information.									
(c)	The total (i.e. for all states and territories) expenditure in the financial year, divided by the total (i.e. for all states and territories) number of finalisations for the same reference period.									
(d)	In 2015-16 the Victorian Magistrates' court made changes to its case management system to improve processes relating to the initiation of infringement matters referred to the court. This has affected the counting rules in relation to criminal finalisations resulting in an overall reduction and therefore an increase in expenditure per finalisation.									
	.. Not applicable.									

*Source:* State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.5, 7A.9, 7A.11.

TABLE 7A.28

Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (d)										
2016-17	4 264	7 681	5 223	12 085	4 790	4 567	5 550	17 164	14 125	7 978
2015-16	4 021	6 091	3 643	6 894	5 479	4 686	6 269	17 717	14 867	6 982
2014-15	4 731	5 577	4 550	8 133	5 231	3 596	6 531	17 782	21 852	7 604
2013-14	4 743	5 502	3 917	9 214	4 695	3 408	5 224	22 621	14 967	7 011
2012-13	3 465	5 359	3 449	7 617	4 099	4 108	5 450	18 415	12 222	5 917
2011-12	4 035	4 934	2 308	7 372	4 599	4 056	4 150	19 987	15 833	6 159
2010-11	4 511	5 028	1 644	8 365	5 324	3 994	4 456	19 824	19 021	6 401
District/county courts										
2016-17	2 602	3 721	1 629	2 256	3 009	..	..	..	..	2 661
2015-16	2 860	3 609	1 131	2 320	3 257	..	..	..	..	2 638
2014-15	3 527	3 255	1 072	2 428	2 535	..	..	..	..	2 659
2013-14	3 028	3 054	950	2 483	1 617	..	..	..	..	2 376
2012-13	3 070	3 422	947	2 721	1 317	..	..	..	..	2 446
2011-12	2 081	3 301	675	2 195	1 437	..	..	..	..	2 006
2010-11	2 037	3 219	1 197	2 048	1 624	..	..	..	..	2 089
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	228	319	304	453	202	261	1 289	903	..	314
2015-16	186	265	291	447	203	261	1 381	863	..	285
2014-15	264	201	271	262	186	229	1 345	821	..	264
2013-14	284	165	254	214	270	149	1 328	734	..	255
2012-13	310	169	284	210	245	96	1 459	741	..	266
2011-12	322	230	299	214	266	95	1 700	776	..	292
2010-11	255	212	275	188	285	80	1 956	968	..	260

TABLE 7A.28

Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	868	2 455	793	1 699	1 354	639	4 598	1 188	..	1 460
2015-16	857	2 313	1 219	1 357	1 280	617	5 627	940	..	1 477
2014-15	807	2 391	1 355	668	1 397	724	3 771	849	..	1 383
2013-14	761	2 450	1 318	628	742	2 100	3 518	924	..	1 311
2012-13	856	2 010	1 481	591	644	1 236	3 573	825	..	1 238
2011-12	844	1 892	1 759	858	709	1 273	5 226	972	..	1 289
2010-11	1 336	1 886	1 527	916	877	1 403	3 434	1 065	..	1 456
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	272	490	334	495	291	280	1 476	924	..	390
2015-16	228	428	349	478	287	280	1 581	867	..	361
2014-15	296	342	333	279	245	254	1 410	823	..	327
2013-14	312	293	318	234	288	216	1 392	745	..	312
2012-13	341	272	365	229	263	151	1 524	745	..	321
2011-12	351	315	391	234	286	150	1 796	785	..	343
2010-11	309	286	349	208	311	140	2 022	973	..	315
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	598	1 077	635	1 124	628	774	2 131	1 473	14 125	997
2015-16	596	978	562	904	666	772	2 233	1 407	14 867	950
2014-15	703	838	592	779	595	638	2 090	1 423	21 852	927
2013-14	698	738	567	747	578	600	1 931	1 418	14 967	875
2012-13	686	730	609	759	517	570	2 238	1 432	12 222	863
2011-12	684	781	568	786	582	556	2 314	1 578	15 833	902
2010-11	606	698	525	696	642	493	2 578	1 859	19 021	828

TABLE 7A.28

Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Family courts										
2016-17	..	..	..	1 649	..	..	..	..	2 273	2 011
2015-16	..	..	..	1 474	..	..	..	..	3 123	2 407
2014-15	..	..	..	1 616	..	..	..	..	3 250	2 571
2013-14	..	..	..	1 615	..	..	..	..	3 366	2 631
2012-13	..	..	..	1 710	..	..	..	..	5 113	3 585
2011-12	..	..	..	1 647	..	..	..	..	6 037	4 031
2010-11				1 603					5 899	3 977
Federal Circuit Court										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	971	971
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	755	755
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	954	954
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 020	1 020
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	769	769
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	880	880
2010-11									823	823
Coroners' courts (e)										
2016-17	1 123	2 105	2 052	2 774	1 781	2 156	2 985	2 873	..	1 904
2015-16	925	1 963	1 965	2 867	1 589	2 482	4 050	3 123	..	1 783
2014-15	910	1 848	2 181	2 921	1 416	2 042	2 004	3 994	..	1 753
2013-14	918	1 758	1 914	2 760	1 651	806	1 407	3 078	..	1 633
2012-13	896	2 829	2 355	2 960	1 746	939	780	4 217	..	1 996
2011-12	600	3 129	2 840	2 311	1 349	1 013	905	4 370	..	1 858
2010-11	977	2 689	2 635	3 530	1 569	1 127	1 408	4 219	..	2 042

TABLE 7A.28

Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (d)										
2016-17	4 551	7 935	5 223	12 085	5 116	4 567	5 550	17 517	14 125	8 128
2015-16	4 280	6 310	3 647	6 894	5 817	4 686	6 269	18 211	14 867	7 125
2014-15	5 002	5 777	4 556	8 133	5 550	3 596	6 531	18 169	21 852	7 757
2013-14	5 002	5 701	4 063	9 214	5 009	3 408	5 224	23 111	14 967	7 168
2012-13	3 667	5 546	3 572	7 617	4 391	4 127	5 450	18 900	12 222	6 051
2011-12	4 308	5 089	2 409	7 372	4 929	4 126	4 150	20 489	15 833	6 310
2010-11	4 843	5 210	1 724	8 365	5 633	4 071	4 456	20 329	19 021	6 568
District/county courts										
2016-17	2 755	3 826	1 629	2 256	3 161	..	..	..	..	2 744
2015-16	3 022	3 711	1 133	2 320	3 422	..	..	..	..	2 723
2014-15	3 716	3 344	1 074	2 428	2 661	..	..	..	..	2 744
2013-14	3 182	3 150	1 002	2 483	1 710	..	..	..	..	2 463
2012-13	3 224	3 512	996	2 721	1 416	..	..	..	..	2 532
2011-12	2 218	3 380	721	2 195	1 533	..	..	..	..	2 082
2010-11	2 173	3 299	1 258	2 048	1 723	..	..	..	..	2 168
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	241	334	304	453	215	261	1 289	926	..	323
2015-16	200	278	291	447	215	261	1 381	887	..	294
2014-15	279	213	272	262	197	229	1 345	845	..	273
2013-14	299	176	265	214	284	149	1 328	752	..	266
2012-13	326	180	295	210	260	98	1 459	765	..	278
2011-12	338	241	310	214	282	99	1 700	802	..	304
2010-11	270	223	286	188	301	84	1 956	997	..	271



TABLE 7A.28

Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	901	2 519	793	1 699	1 404	639	4 598	1 218	..	1 496
2015-16	892	2 374	1 220	1 357	1 331	617	5 627	966	..	1 513
2014-15	840	2 456	1 356	668	1 456	724	3 771	871	..	1 418
2013-14	791	2 514	1 353	628	771	2 100	3 518	945	..	1 347
2012-13	888	2 063	1 520	591	669	1 244	3 573	851	..	1 272
2011-12	885	1 942	1 807	858	737	1 298	5 226	999	..	1 329
2010-11	1 387	1 940	1 572	916	909	1 426	3 434	1 095	..	1 500
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	287	509	334	495	306	280	1 476	947	..	401
2015-16	243	445	349	478	301	280	1 581	892	..	372
2014-15	312	358	334	279	259	254	1 410	846	..	338
2013-14	328	307	330	234	303	216	1 392	763	..	325
2012-13	358	285	378	229	279	153	1 524	770	..	334
2011-12	369	327	404	234	302	156	1 796	811	..	357
2010-11	325	299	363	208	328	144	2 022	1 002	..	328
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	634	1 114	635	1 124	663	774	2 131	1 508	14 125	1 022
2015-16	633	1 013	563	904	703	772	2 233	1 447	14 867	975
2014-15	742	869	593	779	628	638	2 090	1 459	21 852	951
2013-14	734	767	590	747	611	600	1 931	1 451	14 967	901
2012-13	722	757	632	759	552	573	2 238	1 474	12 222	889
2011-12	725	806	591	786	620	567	2 314	1 623	15 833	930
2010-11	644	723	548	696	679	504	2 578	1 911	19 021	855

TABLE 7A.28

Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Family courts										
2016-17	..	..	..	1 649	..	..	..	..	2 273	2 011
2015-16	..	..	..	1 474	..	..	..	..	3 123	2 407
2014-15	..	..	..	1 616	..	..	..	..	3 250	2 571
2013-14	..	..	..	1 615	..	..	..	..	3 366	2 631
2012-13	..	..	..	1 710	..	..	..	..	5 113	3 585
2011-12	..	..	..	1 647	..	..	..	..	6 037	4 031
2010-11	..	..	..	1 603	..	..	..	..	5 899	3 977
Federal Circuit Court										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	971	971
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	755	755
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	954	954
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 020	1 020
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	769	769
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	880	880
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	823	823
Coroners' courts (e)										
2016-17	1 159	2 157	2 052	2 774	1 849	2 156	2 985	2 952	..	1 935
2015-16	963	2 020	1 967	2 867	1 647	2 482	4 050	3 208	..	1 815
2014-15	948	1 902	2 183	2 921	1 466	2 042	2 004	4 073	..	1 785
2013-14	957	1 811	1 951	2 760	1 708	806	1 407	3 164	..	1 672
2012-13	938	2 901	2 433	2 960	1 811	939	780	4 320	..	2 048
2011-12	637	3 220	2 912	2 311	1 401	1 032	905	4 486	..	1 909
2010-11	1 023	2 766	2 709	3 530	1 626	1 142	1 408	4 324	..	2 097

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
(a)	Real net recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in table 7A.10, income data presented in table 7A.11 and finalisation data presented in table 7A.6. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.10, 7A.11 and 7A.6.									
(b)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2015-16 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2016-17=100). See table 2A.49 and Chapter 2 for more information.									
(c)	The total (i.e. for all states and territories, and the Australian courts where applicable) expenditure in the financial year, divided by the total (i.e. for all states and territories, and the Australian courts where applicable) number of finalisations for the same reference period.									
(d)	For the WA Supreme court, the civil net expenditure increased significantly in 2016-17 due to the General Division of the Supreme Court of Western Australia moving to the new David Malcolm Justice Centre. This resulted in a significant accommodation cost incurred by the WA Supreme court.									
(e)	Excludes expenditure associated with autopsy, forensic science, pathology tests and body conveyancing fees. Expenditure for autopsy and chemical analysis work is inconsistent between states and territories. In some states and territories autopsy expenses are shared with health departments and are not recognised in the court's expenditure.									
	.. Not applicable.									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.6, 7A.10, 7A.11.

TABLE 7A.29

Table 7A.29 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2016-17	6 538	10 978	6 084	14 752	10 335	8 901	12 736	21 948	14 125	10 165
2015-16	6 355	9 212	5 436	10 600	10 015	9 066	14 351	19 844	14 867	9 359
2014-15	6 612	8 298	6 326	11 659	10 398	8 158	12 794	19 293	21 852	9 844
2013-14	6 357	8 244	6 138	11 806	9 092	7 895	10 761	24 564	14 967	9 112
2012-13	4 906	7 854	5 788	9 903	8 925	7 768	8 364	20 699	12 222	7 812
2011-12	5 479	7 133	4 148	9 598	8 704	7 627	6 832	17 790	15 833	7 818
2010-11	5 843	7 906	3 056	10 641	9 817	7 040	7 065	22 370	19 021	8 066
District/county courts										
2016-17	5 159	9 285	4 823	6 978	6 471	..	..	..	..	6 306
2015-16	4 788	8 843	4 630	7 075	6 280	..	..	..	..	6 062
2014-15	5 280	8 625	4 575	7 749	5 730	..	..	..	..	6 269
2013-14	5 134	7 831	4 590	7 775	4 898	..	..	..	..	5 930
2012-13	5 224	9 026	4 454	7 845	5 316	..	..	..	..	6 196
2011-12	5 303	9 021	4 020	7 134	5 113	..	..	..	..	6 036
2010-11	4 859	9 187	4 347	6 585	5 319	..	..	..	..	5 930
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	427	476	408	576	611	431	1 326	966	..	483
2015-16	425	422	371	568	616	427	1 639	881	..	460
2014-15	477	305	386	615	581	453	1 295	828	..	441
2013-14	496	312	391	655	474	489	1 155	810	..	448
2012-13	529	359	425	668	456	386	1 405	723	..	480
2011-12	564	394	433	627	464	331	1 465	756	..	497
2010-11	433	381	398	566	439	298	1 601	909	..	442

TABLE 7A.29

Table 7A.29 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	875	836	806	772	843	672	3 464	923	..	846
2015-16	830	676	721	855	790	639	3 554	959	..	765
2014-15	764	705	820	934	711	629	3 889	841	..	783
2013-14	742	681	800	888	759	1 095	3 216	892	..	776
2012-13	831	556	922	809	732	762	2 361	753	..	753
2011-12	846	522	973	899	679	670	2 410	917	..	770
2010-11	1 117	464	929	794	650	701	2 074	887	..	815
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	454	509	432	587	628	445	1 423	961	..	508
2015-16	449	449	392	583	629	439	1 735	890	..	482
2014-15	494	333	411	633	590	464	1 392	829	..	462
2013-14	510	340	415	670	494	529	1 243	818	..	469
2012-13	547	376	457	677	477	416	1 465	726	..	499
2011-12	582	405	468	644	481	357	1 529	769	..	516
2010-11	479	388	430	581	457	329	1 640	907	..	469
All courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Circuit Court, and coroners' courts)										
2016-17	850	1 013	708	1 128	1 071	881	2 485	1 671	14 125	995
2015-16	850	934	633	1 058	1 063	873	2 808	1 535	14 867	952
2014-15	909	722	670	1 132	1 007	884	2 335	1 424	21 852	914
2013-14	928	721	677	1 196	879	965	2 052	1 413	14 967	921
2012-13	952	837	744	1 205	885	818	2 304	1 296	12 222	975
2011-12	1 008	892	716	1 174	882	716	2 206	1 352	15 833	1 003
2010-11	824	863	669	1 044	891	647	2 357	1 624	19 021	916

TABLE 7A.29

Table 7A.29 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2016-17	6 886	11 319	6 084	14 752	10 845	8 901	12 736	22 369	14 125	10 348
2015-16	6 692	9 507	5 440	10 600	10 504	9 066	14 351	20 376	14 867	9 543
2014-15	6 935	8 566	6 331	11 659	10 888	8 158	12 794	19 694	21 852	10 032
2013-14	6 662	8 511	6 319	11 806	9 559	7 895	10 761	25 069	14 967	9 309
2012-13	5 146	8 105	5 948	9 903	9 380	7 806	8 364	21 236	12 222	7 984
2011-12	5 807	7 340	4 285	9 598	9 171	7 759	6 832	18 223	15 833	8 008
2010-11	6 226	8 167	3 169	10 641	10 277	7 172	7 065	22 905	19 021	8 275
District/county courts										
2016-17	5 317	9 471	4 823	6 978	6 725	..	..	..	..	6 422
2015-16	4 962	9 017	4 633	7 075	6 529	..	..	..	..	6 183
2014-15	5 470	8 794	4 579	7 749	5 952	..	..	..	..	6 393
2013-14	5 313	7 996	4 700	7 775	5 092	..	..	..	..	6 071
2012-13	5 404	9 195	4 567	7 845	5 531	..	..	..	..	6 340
2011-12	5 517	9 181	4 125	7 134	5 327	..	..	..	..	6 187
2010-11	5 060	9 350	4 473	6 585	5 531	..	..	..	..	6 081
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	472	524	432	587	651	445	1 423	985	..	519
2015-16	469	462	392	583	652	439	1 735	914	..	493
2014-15	515	343	411	633	612	464	1 392	851	..	473
2013-14	531	351	428	670	514	529	1 243	837	..	483
2012-13	569	389	471	677	497	418	1 465	749	..	514
2011-12	608	417	482	644	502	366	1 529	794	..	532
2010-11	502	400	445	581	477	337	1 640	933	..	483

TABLE 7A.29

Table 7A.29 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	445	491	408	576	634	431	1 326	990	..	494
2015-16	445	436	371	568	638	427	1 639	906	..	471
2014-15	498	314	387	615	602	453	1 295	850	..	451
2013-14	516	323	404	655	493	489	1 155	829	..	461
2012-13	550	371	438	668	475	389	1 405	746	..	494
2011-12	589	407	447	627	484	339	1 465	781	..	512
2010-11	454	393	411	566	458	306	1 601	935	..	456
Children's courts										
2016-17	908	858	806	772	873	672	3 464	947	..	864
2015-16	865	694	722	855	819	639	3 554	985	..	782
2014-15	794	725	821	934	739	629	3 889	863	..	799
2013-14	771	699	821	888	789	1 095	3 216	913	..	796
2012-13	862	570	946	809	761	767	2 361	776	..	773
2011-12	890	535	999	899	705	684	2 410	945	..	793
2010-11	1 162	478	956	794	674	714	2 074	911	..	839
All courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Circuit Court, and coroners' courts)										
2016-17	883	1 040	708	1 128	1 113	881	2 485	1 709	14 125	1 015
2015-16	887	959	634	1 058	1 105	873	2 808	1 577	14 867	972
2014-15	947	742	670	1 132	1 046	884	2 335	1 459	21 852	934
2013-14	966	742	697	1 196	916	965	2 052	1 444	14 967	944
2012-13	990	860	766	1 205	924	823	2 304	1 333	12 222	1 000
2011-12	1 055	915	737	1 174	921	731	2 206	1 392	15 833	1 030
2010-11	865	886	691	1 044	929	661	2 357	1 667	19 021	942

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Table 7A.29 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
(a)	Real net recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in tables 7A.9 (criminal) and 7A.10 (civil), income data presented in table 7A.11 and finalisation data presented in tables 7A.5 (criminal) and 7A.6 (civil). Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.9, 7A.10, 7A.11, 7A.5 and 7A.6.									
(b)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2015-16 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2016-17=100). See table 2A.49 and Chapter 2 for more information.									
(c)	The total (i.e. for all states and territories, and the Australian courts where applicable) expenditure in the financial year, divided by the total (i.e. for all states and territories, and the Australian courts where applicable) number of finalisations for the same reference period.									
(d)	In 2015-16 the Victorian Magistrates' court made changes to its case management system to improve processes relating to the initiation of infringement matters referred to the court. This has affected the counting rules in relation to criminal finalisations resulting in an overall reduction and therefore an increase in expenditure per finalisation.									
	.. Not applicable.									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.5, 7A.6, 7A.9-11.



TABLE 7A.30

Table 7A.30 Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	41 021	61 600	7 195	25 562	34 257	16 601	29 385	24 946	..	21 332
2015-16	55 477	63 386	8 668	26 951	26 997	16 902	33 665	21 472	..	24 106
2014-15	38 775	51 875	10 486	26 124	33 570	17 771	25 425	20 491	..	24 186
2013-14	44 544	51 960	13 164	21 627	29 102	19 534	21 050	26 248	..	25 335
2012-13	39 892	47 707	13 336	19 180	29 212	14 586	14 169	22 671	..	22 569
2011-12	46 713	36 043	10 720	21 650	25 983	14 489	14 088	17 088	..	20 787
2010-11	32 693	34 191	8 470	21 256	29 265	11 725	14 324	24 877	..	18 989
District/county courts										
2016-17	7 163	16 496	7 203	16 964	9 997	..	..	..	..	9 880
2015-16	6 344	15 622	7 747	18 560	9 111	..	..	..	..	9 554
2014-15	6 686	15 356	7 924	21 363	9 698	..	..	..	..	10 098
2013-14	6 826	13 908	8 241	21 015	9 223	..	..	..	..	9 808
2012-13	7 190	16 085	8 032	19 370	10 990	..	..	..	..	10 455
2011-12	8 182	15 984	7 618	20 562	11 230	..	..	..	..	10 845
2010-11	7 405	15 962	7 021	18 020	11 005	..	..	..	..	10 171
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	641	547	443	720	849	547	1 434	999	..	598
2015-16	652	494	399	715	852	541	1 871	896	..	572
2014-15	717	341	426	883	812	601	1 356	837	..	551
2013-14	759	376	438	1 034	618	709	1 101	849	..	580
2012-13	806	466	475	1 046	631	584	1 394	717	..	637
2011-12	870	491	480	977	635	485	1 361	749	..	653
2010-11	643	481	446	894	610	456	1 463	886	..	585

TABLE 7A.30

Table 7A.30 Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	884	230	821	559	550	682	2 473	868	..	578
2015-16	809	177	591	718	532	645	2 291	966	..	489
2014-15	729	185	678	1 028	508	603	3 935	842	..	550
2013-14	726	175	663	999	770	887	3 141	888	..	571
2012-13	809	142	763	904	764	649	2 053	740	..	569
2011-12	854	134	765	914	682	540	1 903	909	..	591
2010-11	1 006	115	764	775	616	551	1 731	846	..	622
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	653	517	466	709	828	555	1 475	982	..	596
2015-16	660	458	410	715	827	548	1 893	905	..	566
2014-15	718	329	441	893	786	601	1 470	837	..	551
2013-14	757	359	451	1 032	632	724	1 204	853	..	580
2012-13	806	432	493	1 035	643	590	1 450	720	..	632
2011-12	869	455	498	972	640	490	1 410	765	..	648
2010-11	673	444	466	883	610	465	1 491	882	..	588
All criminal courts										
2016-17	1 120	981	738	1 207	1 365	972	2 812	1 793	..	1 032
2015-16	1 109	912	663	1 227	1 321	963	3 301	1 621	..	985
2014-15	1 159	677	704	1 410	1 272	1 046	2 603	1 446	..	941
2013-14	1 224	714	722	1 593	1 090	1 204	2 185	1 429	..	981
2012-13	1 298	899	803	1 589	1 157	994	2 389	1 257	..	1 082
2011-12	1 419	961	778	1 518	1 124	833	2 173	1 278	..	1 108
2010-11	1 083	963	734	1 354	1 122	771	2 284	1 537	..	1 009

TABLE 7A.30

Table 7A.30 Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme courts										
2016-17	42 286	63 287	7 195	25 562	35 495	16 601	29 385	25 395	..	21 674
2015-16	57 434	65 010	8 672	26 951	28 009	16 902	33 665	22 017	..	24 542
2014-15	39 976	53 245	10 493	26 124	34 765	17 771	25 425	20 897	..	24 587
2013-14	45 939	53 316	13 458	21 627	30 208	19 534	21 050	26 761	..	25 831
2012-13	41 061	48 983	13 611	19 180	30 300	14 659	14 169	23 240	..	23 032
2011-12	48 597	36 920	10 981	21 650	26 974	14 740	14 088	17 485	..	21 280
2010-11	34 092	35 170	8 702	21 256	30 325	11 942	14 324	25 434	..	19 468
District/county courts										
2016-17	7 325	16 789	7 203	16 964	10 346	..	..	..	..	10 026
2015-16	6 525	15 888	7 750	18 560	9 431	..	..	..	..	9 710
2014-15	6 877	15 624	7 929	21 363	10 030	..	..	..	..	10 262
2013-14	7 022	14 161	8 408	21 015	9 542	..	..	..	..	10 007
2012-13	7 391	16 354	8 208	19 370	11 361	..	..	..	..	10 662
2011-12	8 457	16 241	7 784	20 562	11 630	..	..	..	..	11 081
2010-11	7 657	16 220	7 201	18 020	11 380	..	..	..	..	10 397
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	661	561	443	720	877	547	1 434	1 024	..	608
2015-16	676	507	399	715	880	541	1 871	920	..	583
2014-15	743	350	427	883	838	601	1 356	859	..	562
2013-14	785	386	451	1 034	640	709	1 101	868	..	594
2012-13	833	479	488	1 046	653	587	1 394	739	..	652
2011-12	903	504	494	977	658	494	1 361	774	..	670
2010-11	670	494	460	894	631	465	1 463	910	..	601

TABLE 7A.30

Table 7A.30 Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	917	236	821	559	568	682	2 473	889	..	588
2015-16	843	181	591	718	550	645	2 291	992	..	498
2014-15	758	190	679	1 028	525	603	3 935	864	..	560
2013-14	755	180	680	999	800	887	3 141	908	..	585
2012-13	840	146	782	904	793	654	2 053	763	..	582
2011-12	900	137	785	914	708	552	1 903	936	..	608
2010-11	1 048	119	785	775	639	562	1 731	869	..	640
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	674	530	466	709	855	555	1 475	1 006	..	607
2015-16	685	470	411	715	854	548	1 893	929	..	577
2014-15	743	338	441	893	812	601	1 470	859	..	562
2013-14	783	369	465	1 032	654	724	1 204	873	..	594
2012-13	833	444	507	1 035	665	593	1 450	742	..	647
2011-12	903	467	512	972	663	500	1 410	790	..	665
2010-11	702	456	481	883	632	474	1 491	906	..	604
All criminal courts										
2016-17	1 152	1 004	738	1 207	1 412	972	2 812	1 832	..	1 049
2015-16	1 147	933	663	1 227	1 366	963	3 301	1 664	..	1 003
2014-15	1 197	692	704	1 410	1 315	1 046	2 603	1 480	..	957
2014-15	1 264	731	741	1 593	1 129	1 204	2 185	1 460	..	1 003
2012-13	1 339	920	823	1 589	1 198	999	2 389	1 292	..	1 106
2011-12	1 472	982	798	1 518	1 164	849	2 173	1 315	..	1 135
2010-11	1 126	985	755	1 354	1 162	786	2 284	1 575	..	1 035

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Table 7A.30 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
(a)	Real recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in tables 7A.9 and finalisation data presented in tables 7A.5. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.9 and 7A.5.									
(b)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2016-17 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2016-17=100). See table 2A.49 and Chapter 2 for more information.									
(c)	The total (i.e. for all states and territories) expenditure in the financial year, divided by the total (i.e. for all states and territories) number of finalisations for the same reference period.									
(d)	In 2015-16 the Victorian Magistrates' court made changes to its case management system to improve processes relating to the initiation of infringement matters referred to the court. This has affected the counting rules in relation to criminal finalisations resulting in an overall reduction and therefore an increase in expenditure per finalisation.									
	.. Not applicable.									

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

TABLE 7A.31

Table 7A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (d)										
2016-17	8 164	9 665	7 737	15 330	8 690	5 518	8 160	20 669	17 380	10 996
2015-16	7 146	7 830	5 861	9 574	9 172	5 548	9 193	20 340	17 958	9 598
2014-15	7 675	7 518	6 621	10 638	9 159	4 461	8 925	19 933	27 128	10 427
2013-14	7 790	7 170	5 764	11 682	8 361	4 197	8 069	25 109	19 197	9 718
2012-13	5 979	6 790	5 202	9 632	7 952	4 902	6 937	19 661	15 536	8 194
2011-12	6 759	6 053	3 613	9 320	8 524	4 616	5 250	21 200	18 650	8 211
2010-11	7 659	6 245	2 529	10 589	8 561	4 615	5 508	20 987	22 151	8 487
District/county courts										
2016-17	4 667	5 557	2 721	3 593	4 205	..	..	..	..	4 283
2015-16	4 713	5 230	2 183	3 467	4 503	..	..	..	..	4 102
2014-15	5 609	4 903	2 101	3 543	3 413	..	..	..	..	4 125
2013-14	4 863	4 952	2 016	3 587	2 456	..	..	..	..	3 842
2012-13	4 861	5 024	1 903	3 779	2 643	..	..	..	..	3 843
2011-12	3 677	4 676	1 704	3 053	2 488	..	..	..	..	3 243
2010-11	3 659	4 731	2 076	2 967	2 660	..	..	..	..	3 348
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	445	575	437	618	397	400	1 801	918	..	517
2015-16	400	507	414	601	388	400	1 764	917	..	479
2014-15	454	451	407	416	373	365	1 750	886	..	455
2013-14	464	408	406	352	465	256	1 723	790	..	441
2012-13	502	389	438	344	482	225	1 757	789	..	453
2011-12	515	394	441	332	483	209	1 982	838	..	460
2010-11	406	382	409	305	503	203	2 214	1 039	..	412

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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>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	871	2 455	804	1 715	1 361	639	4 598	1 194	..	1 465
2015-16	857	2 313	1 249	1 376	1 287	617	5 627	940	..	1 484
2014-15	807	2 391	1 389	679	1 406	724	3 771	850	..	1 390
2013-14	761	2 450	1 353	638	746	2 100	3 553	926	..	1 318
2012-13	856	2 010	1 513	602	650	1 236	3 573	825	..	1 245
2011-12	850	1 892	1 793	872	715	1 273	5 226	976	..	1 298
2010-11	1 337	1 886	1 565	925	884	1 403	3 434	1 065	..	1 464
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	475	725	460	655	471	413	1 959	938	..	579
2015-16	429	651	465	627	458	411	1 946	918	..	542
2014-15	475	576	463	427	423	382	1 804	884	..	508
2013-14	481	522	463	366	476	320	1 776	798	..	489
2012-13	522	479	511	357	490	273	1 813	791	..	498
2011-12	534	470	526	349	493	259	2 070	844	..	503
2010-11	452	449	478	323	520	257	2 269	1 041	..	461
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	1 087	1 504	932	1 511	1 007	1 000	2 957	1 606	17 380	1 448
2015-16	1 060	1 381	847	1 244	1 039	985	2 954	1 541	17 958	1 375
2014-15	1 131	1 261	884	1 104	960	852	2 750	1 558	27 128	1 350
2013-14	1 114	1 139	877	1 041	958	787	2 662	1 546	19 197	1 292
2012-13	1 105	1 080	927	1 044	994	763	2 745	1 524	15 536	1 267
2011-12	1 107	1 063	875	1 064	1 030	711	2 771	1 684	18 650	1 275
2010-11	973	985	774	964	1 055	657	3 010	1 979	22 151	1 167

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Table 7A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Family courts										
2016-17	..	..	..	2 101	..	..	..	..	2 577	2 377
2015-16	..	..	..	1 869	..	..	..	..	3 519	2 803
2014-15	..	..	..	2 073	..	..	..	..	3 580	2 955
2013-14	..	..	..	2 042	..	..	..	..	3 695	3 002
2012-13	..	..	..	2 039	..	..	..	..	5 453	3 920
2011-12	..	..	..	1 919	..	..	..	..	6 373	4 337
2010-11	..	..	..	1 860	..	..	..	..	6 282	4 303
Federal Circuit Court										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 621	1 621
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 513	1 513
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 572	1 572
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 619	1 619
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 232	1 232
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 263	1 263
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 199	1 199
Coroners' courts (e)										
2016-17	1 131	2 105	2 138	2 804	1 798	2 165	3 135	2 917	..	1 933
2015-16	952	1 963	1 972	3 082	1 610	2 482	4 241	3 180	..	1 815
2014-15	926	1 848	2 192	2 953	1 431	2 042	2 030	4 034	..	1 765
2013-14	939	1 758	1 920	2 796	1 666	810	1 448	3 078	..	1 646
2012-13	921	2 829	2 380	2 999	1 769	944	811	4 217	..	2 016
2011-12	617	3 129	2 872	2 334	1 364	1 022	918	4 370	..	1 874
2010-11	1 005	2 689	2 674	3 567	1 588	1 136	1 418	4 219	..	2 063



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Table 7A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (d)										
2016-17	8 451	9 919	7 737	15 330	9 017	5 518	8 160	21 022	17 380	11 146
2015-16	7 405	8 049	5 865	9 574	9 509	5 548	9 193	20 833	17 958	9 741
2014-15	7 946	7 717	6 627	10 638	9 478	4 461	8 925	20 320	27 128	10 581
2013-14	8 049	7 368	5 909	11 682	8 675	4 197	8 069	25 600	19 197	9 876
2012-13	6 181	6 976	5 325	9 632	8 245	4 921	6 937	20 145	15 536	8 328
2011-12	7 033	6 208	3 714	9 320	8 854	4 686	5 250	21 702	18 650	8 363
2010-11	7 991	6 428	2 610	10 589	8 871	4 691	5 508	21 492	22 151	8 654
District/county courts										
2016-17	4 820	5 662	2 721	3 593	4 357	..	..	..	..	4 365
2015-16	4 876	5 332	2 185	3 467	4 668	..	..	..	..	4 187
2014-15	5 798	4 993	2 103	3 543	3 539	..	..	..	..	4 209
2013-14	5 018	5 048	2 068	3 587	2 549	..	..	..	..	3 929
2012-13	5 015	5 114	1 952	3 779	2 741	..	..	..	..	3 929
2011-12	3 813	4 754	1 750	3 053	2 583	..	..	..	..	3 319
2010-11	3 794	4 811	2 137	2 967	2 759	..	..	..	..	3 428
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2016-17	459	590	437	618	409	400	1 801	941	..	526
2015-16	414	521	414	601	400	400	1 764	942	..	488
2014-15	469	464	407	416	384	365	1 750	910	..	464
2013-14	479	419	417	352	479	256	1 723	808	..	452
2012-13	518	400	449	344	497	226	1 757	813	..	465
2011-12	531	405	452	332	498	213	1 982	863	..	472
2010-11	421	393	420	305	519	207	2 214	1 069	..	423

TABLE 7A.31

Table 7A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2016-17	903	2 519	804	1 715	1 411	639	4 598	1 224	..	1 500
2015-16	892	2 374	1 250	1 376	1 338	617	5 627	966	..	1 520
2014-15	840	2 456	1 391	679	1 465	724	3 771	873	..	1 425
2013-14	791	2 514	1 389	638	775	2 100	3 553	947	..	1 354
2012-13	888	2 063	1 552	602	675	1 244	3 573	851	..	1 279
2011-12	892	1 942	1 840	872	743	1 298	5 226	1 002	..	1 338
2010-11	1 388	1 940	1 609	925	916	1 426	3 434	1 095	..	1 509
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2016-17	490	744	460	655	486	413	1 959	962	..	591
2015-16	444	669	466	627	472	411	1 946	943	..	553
2014-15	491	592	463	427	437	382	1 804	907	..	519
2013-14	497	536	475	366	490	320	1 776	816	..	501
2012-13	539	492	524	357	505	275	1 813	815	..	510
2011-12	552	483	539	349	509	264	2 070	870	..	517
2010-11	469	461	491	323	537	261	2 269	1 070	..	474
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2016-17	1 123	1 541	932	1 511	1 042	1 000	2 957	1 641	17 380	1 472
2015-16	1 097	1 416	848	1 244	1 076	985	2 954	1 581	17 958	1 399
2014-15	1 170	1 292	885	1 104	993	852	2 750	1 594	27 128	1 374
2013-14	1 150	1 169	900	1 041	992	787	2 662	1 578	19 197	1 319
2012-13	1 141	1 107	950	1 044	1 028	766	2 745	1 566	15 536	1 293
2011-12	1 148	1 089	898	1 064	1 067	722	2 771	1 730	18 650	1 303
2010-11	1 011	1 010	797	964	1 091	668	3 010	2 031	22 151	1 193

TABLE 7A.31

Table 7A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Family courts										
2016-17	..	..	..	2 101	..	..	..	..	2 577	2 377
2015-16	..	..	..	1 869	..	..	..	..	3 519	2 803
2014-15	..	..	..	2 073	..	..	..	..	3 580	2 955
2013-14	..	..	..	2 042	..	..	..	..	3 695	3 002
2012-13	..	..	..	2 039	..	..	..	..	5 453	3 920
2011-12	..	..	..	1 919	..	..	..	..	6 373	4 337
2010-11	..	..	..	1 860	..	..	..	..	6 282	4 303
Federal Circuit Court										
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 621	1 621
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 513	1 513
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 572	1 572
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 619	1 619
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 232	1 232
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 263	1 263
2010-11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 199	1 199
Coroners' courts (e)										
2016-17	1 167	2 157	2 138	2 804	1 866	2 165	3 135	2 996	..	1 963
2015-16	990	2 020	1 974	3 082	1 667	2 482	4 241	3 264	..	1 847
2014-15	964	1 902	2 195	2 953	1 482	2 042	2 030	4 114	..	1 797
2013-14	978	1 811	1 957	2 796	1 723	810	1 448	3 164	..	1 685
2012-13	963	2 901	2 457	2 999	1 835	944	811	4 320	..	2 068
2011-12	654	3 220	2 945	2 334	1 416	1 041	918	4 486	..	1 925
2010-11	1 052	2 766	2 749	3 567	1 645	1 151	1 418	4 324	..	2 119

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Table 7A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2016–17 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
(a)	Real recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in table 7A.10 and finalisation data presented in table 7A.6. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.10 and 7A.6.									
(b)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2016-17 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2016-17=100). See table 2A.49 and Chapter 2 for more information.									
(c)	The total (i.e. for all states and territories, and the Australian courts where applicable) expenditure in the financial year, divided by the total (i.e. for all states and territories, and the Australian courts where applicable) number of finalisations for the same reference period.									
(d)	For the WA Supreme court, the civil net expenditure increased significantly in 2016-17 due to the General Division of the Supreme Court of Western Australia moving to the new David Malcolm Justice Centre. This resulted in a significant accommodation cost incurred by the WA Supreme court.									
(e)	Excludes expenditure associated with autopsy, forensic science, pathology tests and body conveyancing fees. Expenditure for autopsy and chemical analysis work is inconsistent between states and territories. In some states and territories autopsy expenses are shared with health departments and are not recognised in the court's expenditure.									
	.. Not applicable.									

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

TABLE 7A.32

Table 7A.32 Treatment of assets by court authorities

		<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>	<i>Federal Circuit Court</i>	<i>Family Court of Australia</i>	<i>NSW (a)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Revaluation method	Land	na	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	na	..	Market	Deprival	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value
	Buildings	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	na	..	Market	Deprival	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value
	Other assets	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	na	..	..	Deprival	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value
Frequency of revaluations	Land, buildings	3yrs	sufficient regularity to avoid material misstatement	sufficient regularity to avoid material misstatement	5yrs	5yrs	5yrs	na	3yrs	5yrs	3 yrs	sufficient regularity to avoid material misstatement
	Other assets	3yrs	misstatement	misstatement	..	..	..	na	3yrs	5yrs	3 yrs	misstatement
Useful asset lives (c)	Buildings	na	na	na	various	40yrs	50yrs	40–50yrs	30–60yrs	50yrs	1-40 yrs	50yrs
	General equipment	4–10yrs	4–8yrs	1–10yrs	4–10yrs	5–10yrs	3–7yrs	5–10yrs	3–10yrs	5–20yrs	3-20 yrs	5–10yrs
	IT	4yrs	4–8yrs	1–10yrs	3–4yrs	3–5yrs	3–4yrs	3–10yrs	3–10yrs	na	4-5 yrs	3–6yrs
	Office equipment	8yrs	4–8yrs	1–10yrs	4–10yrs	10yrs	3–5yrs	5–10yrs	5-10yrs	na	3-20 yrs	5–10yrs
	Vehicles	na	na	na	na	5yrs	na	2–8yrs	na	na	na	na
Library material	10–40yrs	na	10yrs	na	na	Infinite	na	5-25 years	20yrs	50 yrs	na	na
Capitalisation threshold	Buildings	2 000	2 000	2 000	3 000	na	10 000	1 000	5 000	5 000	5 000	5 000
	IT	1 500	2 000	2 000	3 000	na	5 000	1 000	5 000	5 000	50 000 (d)	5 000
	Other assets	2 000	2 000	2 000	3 000	5 000	5 000	1 000	5 000	5 000	5 000	5 000

(a) NSW: Land and buildings are revalued at least every five years. Property, plant and equipment are measured on an existing use basis, where there are no feasible alternative uses in the existing natural, legal, financial and socio-political environment. The straight line method of depreciation is used.

(b) In Queensland non-current physical assets measured at Fair value are comprehensively revalued at least every five years with interim valuations, using appropriate indices, being otherwise performed on an annual basis where there has been a material variation in the index.

(c) Asset lives for some assets have been grouped with other classifications. For some jurisdictions, IT equipment includes software.

(d) For software only.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

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

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**Table 7A.33 Supreme court jurisdictions across states and territories**


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**Criminal courts**


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All State and Territory supreme courts have jurisdiction over similar criminal matters such as murder, treason and certain serious drug offences, but significant differences exist in this court level across the states and territories:

- District/county courts do not operate in Tasmania, the ACT and the NT, so in this state and these territories the supreme courts generally exercise a jurisdiction equal to that of both the supreme and district/county courts in other states.
- The Queensland Supreme Court deals with a number of drug matters, which supreme courts in other states and territories do not hear.
- In the NSW Supreme Court, almost all indictments are for offences of murder and manslaughter, whereas the range of indictments routinely presented in most other states and territories is broader.

All State and Territory supreme courts hear appeals, but the number and type of appeals vary because NSW, Victoria and Queensland also hear some appeals in their district/county courts.

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**Civil courts**


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All supreme courts deal with appeals and probate applications and have an unlimited jurisdiction on claims but:

**NSW** usually deals with complex cases, all claims over \$750 000 (except claims related to motor vehicle accidents or worker's compensation) and various other civil matters.

**Victoria** generally handles civil claims over \$200 000.

**Queensland** deals with claims over \$750 000 from 1 November 2010 and administrative law matters.

**WA** usually deals with claims over \$750 000.

**SA** exercises its unlimited jurisdiction for general and personal injury matters.

**Tasmania** usually deals with claims over \$50 000.

**ACT** usually deals with claims over \$250 000.

**NT** also deals with mental health, family law and *Coroners Act 1993* applications.

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*Source:* Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments.

## Table 7A.34 District/county court jurisdictions across states and territories

There are no district/county courts in Tasmania, the ACT or the NT.

### Criminal courts

The district/county courts have jurisdiction over indictable criminal matters (such as rape and armed robbery) except murder and treason, but differences exist among the states that have a district/county court. For example, appeals from magistrates' courts are heard in the district/county courts in NSW, Victoria and Queensland, but not in WA and SA. Briefly, the jurisdictions of the district/county courts are:

**NSW:** The NSW District Court deals with most of the serious criminal cases that come before the courts in NSW. It has responsibility for indictable criminal offences that are normally heard by a judge and jury, but on occasions by a judge alone. It does not deal with treason or murder.

**Victoria:** The Victorian County Court deals with all indictable offences, except the following which must be heard in the Supreme court: murder, attempted murder, child destruction, certain conspiracy charges, treason, and concealing an offence of treason. Examples of criminal offences heard in the County Court include drug trafficking, serious assaults, serious theft, rape and obtaining financial advantage by deception.

**Queensland:** The Queensland District Court deals with more serious criminal offences than heard by the Magistrates' Court - for example, rape, armed robbery and fraud.

**WA:** The WA District Court deals with any indictable offence except those that carry a penalty of life imprisonment.

**SA:** The SA District Court is the principal trial court and has jurisdiction to try a charge of any offence except treason or murder or offences related to those charges. Almost all matters have been referred following a committal process in the Magistrates Court.

### Civil courts

All district/county courts hear appeals and deal with the following types of cases:

**NSW:** claims up to \$750 000 (or more if the parties consent) and has unlimited jurisdiction in motor accident injury claims.

**Victoria:** appeals under the *Crimes (Family Violence) Act 1987*, adoption matters and change-of-name applications. Has unlimited jurisdiction in both personal injury claims and other claims.

**Queensland:** claims between \$150 000 and \$750 000 from 1 November 2010.

**WA:** claims up to \$750 000 and unlimited claims for personal injuries and has exclusive jurisdiction for motor accident injury claims.

**SA:** unlimited claims for general and personal injury matters.

*Source:* Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments.

Table 7A.35

**Magistrates' court jurisdictions across states and territories****Criminal courts**

**NSW:** deals summarily with matters with a maximum penalty of up to two years' imprisonment for a single offence, and up to five years' imprisonment for multiple offences, including some indictable offences.

**Victoria:** deals with summary offences and determines some indictable offences summarily.

**Queensland:** deals with summary offences and determines summarily some indictable matters where the penalty imposed by this jurisdiction may be up to three years' imprisonment.

**WA:** deals with summary offences and determines some indictable offences summarily.

**SA:** deals with matters with a maximum penalty of up to five years imprisonment for a single offence and 10 years imprisonment for multiple offences. Magistrates are able to sentence a defendant in relation to certain major indictable offences where the Director of Public Prosecutions and defence agree to the defendant being sentenced in the Magistrates Court.

**Tasmania:** deals with matters with a maximum penalty of up to two years imprisonment for a single offence and up to five years imprisonment for multiple offences. Also deals with some indictable offences summarily.

**ACT:** deals summarily with matters with a maximum penalty of up to two years imprisonment. With the DPP's consent, an offence punishable by imprisonment for longer than two years but up to five years. With a defendant's consent, matters with a maximum penalty of up to 14 years imprisonment where the offence relates to money or property (up to 10 years in other cases).

**NT:** deals with some drug and fraud charges and matters with a maximum penalty of up to 10 years imprisonment (or 10-14 years imprisonment if the accused consents).

**Civil courts**

**NSW:** deals with small claims up to \$10 000 and general division claims up to \$100 000, as well as family law matters.

**Victoria:** deals with claims up to \$100 000 for monetary damages, and applications for equitable relief and applications under the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008* and *Personal Safety Intervention Orders Act 2010*.

**Queensland:** [prior to 1 December 2009] dealt with small claims (including residential tenancy disputes) up to \$7500, minor debt claims up to \$7500 and other claims up to \$50 000. Now deals with claims up to \$150 000. Since 1 November 2010 minor civil disputes are lodged with the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT).

**WA:** deals with claims for debt recovery and damages (not personal injury) up to \$75 000, minor cases up to \$10 000, residential tenancy applications for monies up to \$10 000, residential tenancy disputes and restraining orders.

**SA:** [from 1 August 2016] deals with minor civil claims up to \$12 000, and all other claims including commercial cases and personal injury claims up to \$100 000.

**Tasmania:** deals with claims up to \$50 000 (or more if both parties consent) for monetary damages and debt recovery, minor civil claims up to \$5000, residential tenancy disputes, restraint orders and family violence orders.



Table 7A.35                    **Magistrates' court jurisdictions across states and territories**

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**ACT:** deals with claims between \$25 000 and \$250 000, victims financial assistance applications up to \$50 000, matters under the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994* and commercial leasing matters. From February 2009 until December 2016, small claims up to \$10 000 were dealt with by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal. From December 2016 the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal has jurisdiction for small claims up to \$25 000.

**NT:** deals with claims up to \$100 000 and workers compensation claims.

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*Source:* Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments.

## Table 7A.36 State and territory court levels - specific elements

The data sets from the following areas are reported separately from their court level to improve comparability and understanding of the data presented.

### Probate

In all states and territories, probate issues are heard in supreme courts and encompass applications for the appointment of an executor or administrator to the estate of a deceased person. The two most common types of application are:

- where the executor nominated by a will applies to have the will proved
- where the deceased was intestate (died without a will) and a person applies for letters of administration to be entitled to administer the estate.

### Children's courts

Children's Courts are specialist jurisdiction courts which sit within Magistrates' courts. Depending on the State or Territory legislation, children's courts may hear both criminal and civil matters. These courts in the main deal with summary proceedings, however some jurisdictions have the power to also hear indictable matters.

Children's courts deal with complaints of offences alleged to have been committed by young people. In all states and territories, children aged under 10 years cannot be charged with a criminal offence. People aged under 18 years at the time the offence was committed are considered a child or juvenile in all states and territories except Queensland. In Queensland, a child or juvenile is aged under 17 years. (ABS 2017).

Children's courts may also hear matters where a child has been seriously abused or neglected. In these instances, the court has jurisdiction to determine matters relating to the child's care and protection. The majority of matters heard in the civil jurisdiction of children's courts are care and protection orders although some jurisdictions also hear matters such as applications for intervention orders. In Tasmania, child protection matters are lodged in the criminal registry.

### Coroners' courts

In all states and territories, coroners' courts (which generally operate under the auspices of State and Territory magistrates' courts) inquire into the cause of sudden and/or unexpected reported deaths. The definition of a reported death differs across states and territories, but generally includes deaths for which the cause is violent, suspicious or unknown. In some states and territories, the coroner has the power to commit for hearing, while in others the coroner is prohibited from making any finding of criminal or civil liability (but may refer the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions). Suspicious fires are generally within the jurisdiction of the coroners' courts in NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT but not in the other states and territories. In 2015-16 the scope of fires captured by the ACT Coroners' Act changed which has resulted in a substantial reduction in the number of fires reported to the Coroner in the ACT.

*Source:* Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments.  
Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2017 *Criminal Courts, Australia, 2015-16*, Cat no. 4513.0, Canberra.

## Table 7A.37 Australian court levels - specific elements

The Federal Court of Australia, the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia are, for the purposes of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, a single listed entity known as the Federal Court of Australia.

### Federal Court of Australia

This court is a superior court of record and a court of law and equity. It sits in all capital cities on a continuous basis and elsewhere in Australia from time to time. The Federal Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine any civil matter arising under laws made by the Federal Parliament, as well as any matter arising under the Constitution or involving its interpretation. The Federal Court also has original jurisdiction in respect of specific subject matter conferred by over 150 statutes of the Federal Parliament.

The Federal Court has a substantial and diverse appellate jurisdiction. It hears appeals from decisions of single judges of the Federal Court, decisions of the Federal Circuit Court in non-family law matters, decisions of the Supreme Court of Norfolk Island and particular decisions of State and Territory supreme courts exercising federal jurisdiction.

The Federal Court has the power to exercise indictable criminal jurisdiction for serious cartel offences under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (formerly the *Trade Practices Act*). The jurisdiction came into force on 6 November 2009 and the first Australian prosecution for a cartel offence was finalised in the Federal Court in 2017. The Federal Court also exercises a very small summary criminal jurisdiction, but the cases are not separately counted. There are so few cases, these would not make a material difference by being included in the civil case totals.

### Family Court of Australia and Family Court of Western Australia

The Family Court of Australia has jurisdiction in all states and territories except WA (which has its own family court). It has jurisdiction to deal with matrimonial cases and associated responsibilities, including divorce proceedings, financial issues and children's matters such as who the children will live with, spend time with and communicate with, as well as other specific issues relating to parental responsibilities. It can also deal with ex nuptial cases involving children's matters.

A practice direction was issued by the Family Court of Australia with agreement from the [then] Federal Magistrates Court that, from November 2003, all divorce applications were to be lodged in the [then] Federal Magistrates Court. As a result, almost all divorces (other than in Western Australia) are now brought in the Federal Circuit Court where they are heard and decided finally by registrars. The Family Court's practice direction does not affect the Family Court of WA.

Table 7A.37 **Australian court levels - specific elements****Federal Circuit Court of Australia (formerly the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia)**

The first sittings of the Federal Magistrates Court were on 3 July 2000. The court was established to provide a simpler and more accessible service for litigants, and to ease the workloads of both the Federal Court and the Family Court of Australia. As a result of legislative amendments which recognise the work and status of the Court, the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia was renamed the Federal Circuit Court of Australia on 12 April 2013. The inclusion of the word 'circuit' to the name of the court highlights the importance of the Court's circuit work in regional areas and its broad Commonwealth jurisdiction in both family law and general federal law. The jurisdiction, status and arrangements under which the Court operates have not changed. Its jurisdiction includes family law and child support, administrative law, admiralty, anti-terrorism, bankruptcy, copyright, human rights, migration, privacy and trade practices. State and Territory courts also continue to do some work in these areas.

The Federal Circuit Court has concurrent jurisdiction in almost all family law matters with the Family Court and in some significant areas of general federal law with the Federal Court. The intention is for the latter two courts to focus on more complex legal matters. The Federal Circuit Court hears most first instance judicial reviews of migration matters. In trade practices matters it can award damages up to \$750 000. In family law matters its jurisdiction is similar to that of the Family Court of Australia, except that only the Family Court of Australia can consider adoption disputes, applications concerning the nullity and validity of marriages, and dealing with parenting issues under The Hague Convention. Otherwise, the Federal Circuit Court has jurisdiction to hear any matter transferred to it by either the Federal Court or the Family Court of Australia.

*Source:* Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments.