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COURT ADMINISTRATION (CHAPTER 7)

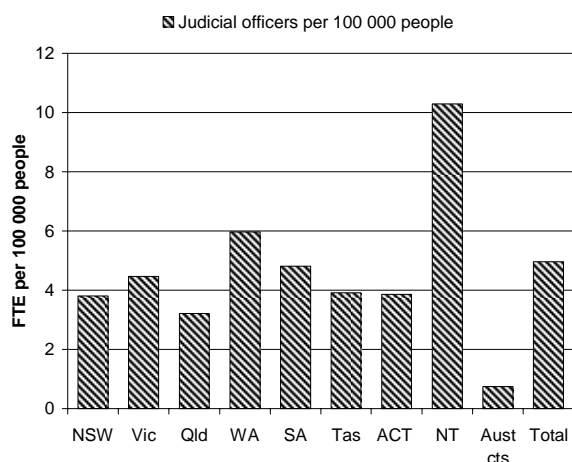
- The focus of this chapter is the court administration functions of Australian and State and Territory courts. Data are reported for the Federal Court, the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court, the criminal and civil jurisdictions of the supreme courts (including probate registries), district/county courts, magistrates' courts (including electronic systems and children's courts), coroners' courts and the Family Court of WA.
- In 2007-08, in the criminal jurisdiction of the supreme, district/county and magistrates' courts, approximately 869 700 cases were lodged, and 883 500 cases were finalised. In the civil jurisdiction of these same courts there were approximately 628 800 cases lodged and 615 300 cases finalised. In the Australian courts, approximately 114 300 cases were lodged, and approximately 115 800 cases finalised (pp. 7.16–20).
- Total court administration recurrent expenditure less income (excluding fines) by the court authorities covered in this chapter was approximately \$1.08 billion in 2007-08, comprising \$814 million for the State and Territory courts and \$266 million for the Australian courts (p. 7.12).

Objectives of court administration

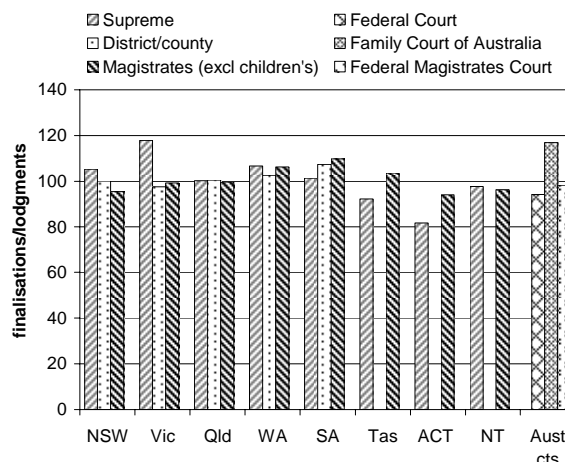
- Common objectives for court administration services across Australia are: to be open and accessible; to process matters in an expeditious and timely manner; to provide due process and equal protection before the law; and to be independent yet publicly accountable for performance (p. 7.20).

Selection of results

Judicial officers, full time equivalent, per 100 000 people, 2007-08^a (p. 7.32)



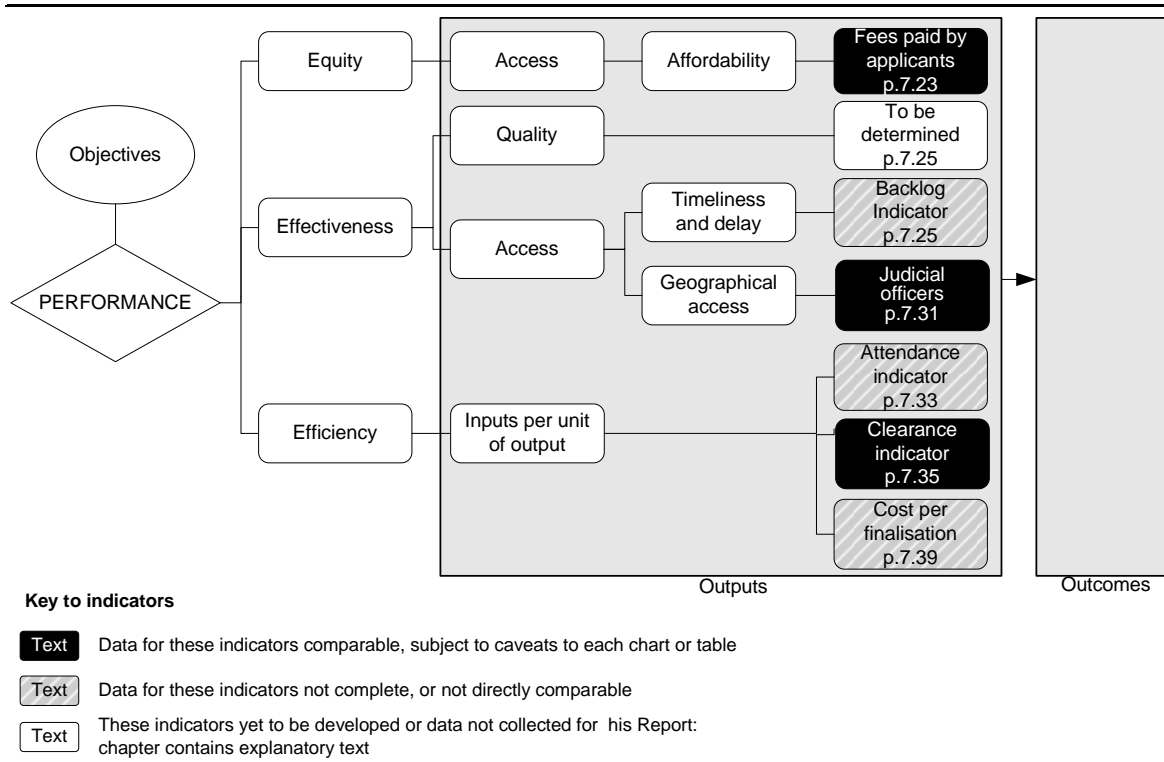
Clearance indicator (finalisations/ lodgments), all matters (criminal and civil), 2007-08^a (p. 7.38)



^aData and caveats for these figures are available electronically on the CD-ROM enclosed with the Report and from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2009). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for court administration (figure 7.3, p. 7.22)

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



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