

FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT

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FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT

Section 1: Agency overview

The role of the Federal Magistrates Court is to provide a simple and accessible forum for the resolution of less complex federal law disputes.

The court was established by the *Federal Magistrates Act 1999*, which provides for the court to also be known as the Federal Magistrates Service or the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia. In the appropriation bills, the court is referred to as the Federal Magistrates Service.

The jurisdiction of the Court includes family law and child support, administrative law, bankruptcy, unlawful discrimination, consumer protection law, privacy law, migration law and trade practices law. The court shares those jurisdictions with the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court of Australia.

The Court provides services in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Launceston, Newcastle, Parramatta, Sydney, Townsville and Darwin, where it shares accommodation with the Federal Court and the Family Court. Regular court circuits are conducted in a number of regional centres.

The Court encourages people to resolve disputes through primary dispute resolution. The court provides a range of means to resolve disputes and there is no automatic assumption that every matter will end in a contested hearing. The use of conciliation, counselling and mediation is strongly encouraged in appropriate cases. The court uses community based counselling and mediation services as well as the counselling and mediation services of the Family and Federal Courts, providing as wide a choice as possible.

Table 1.1: Agency outcomes and output groups

Federal Magistrates Court	
CEO : Mr John Mathieson	
Total Price of Outputs	\$45.959m
Departmental Outcome Appropriation	\$28.605m
Total Administered Expenses	\$0.727m

Outcome 1: To provide the Australian community with a simple and accessible forum for the resolution of less complex disputes within the jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Service	
Total Price of Outputs	\$45.959m
Departmental Outcome Appropriation	\$28.605m
Total Administered Expenses	\$0.727m

Output 1.1: Provision of a Federal Magistrates Court	
Total Price of Outputs	\$45.959m
Departmental Outcome Appropriation	\$28.605m
Total Administered Expenses	\$0.727m

Section 2: Agency resources for 2005–06

2.1: APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER RESOURCES

Table 2.1 shows the total resources from all origins for 2005–06, including appropriations. The table summarises how revenue will be applied by outcome, administered and departmental classification.

The total appropriation for the Court in the 2005–06 Budget is \$29.617m. This includes departmental equity injections (capital appropriations) of \$0.252m as part of the new budget measure to increase capacity to deal with family law disputes and \$0.033m for Fedlink Small Agency Supplementation.

The total resources for the Court in the 2005–06 Budget are \$46.971m, including estimated resources to be received free of charge of \$17.354m.

2.2: 2005–06 BUDGET MEASURES

Budget measures relating to the Federal Magistrates Court as explained in Budget Paper No. 2 are summarised in Tables 2.2.1 and 2.2.2. These tables also identify the relevant outcomes, administered items and outputs associated with each measure.

Table 2.1: Appropriations and other revenue 2005–06¹ ('0000)

Outcome	Appropriations				Revenue from Other Sources ⁵		Total Resources ⁷
	Bill No. 1	Bill No. 2 ²	Special approp ³	Total approp ⁴		% ⁶	
Outcome 1 To provide the Australian community with a simple and accessible forum for the resolution of less complex disputes within the jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Service Administered Departmental	727 28,605	- -	- -	727 28,605	- 17,354	- 38	727 45,959
Total outcome 1	29,332	-	-	29,332	17,354		46,686
Departmental capital (equity injections)	-	285	-	285	-	-	285
Previous year's outputs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administered assets and liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total resources	29,332	285	-	29,617	17,354		46,971

1 This table has been redesigned to correspond with Budget Paper No. 4 'Agency Resourcing'. It now includes (where appropriate) administered revenue from other sources.

2 Under the appropriation structure, Bill No. 2 includes Specific Purpose Payments (SPPs), New Agency Outcomes (NAOs), administered capital and departmental capital via departmental injections and loans.

3 Estimated expenses from individual Special Appropriations are shown at Section 3, Tables 3.1, etc.

4 Total appropriations = Bill No. 1 + Bill No. 2 + Special appropriations.

5 Revenue from other sources includes FMA s.31 revenues, CAC body revenues that are available to be expensed, special accounts (non-appropriation revenues) and resources received free of charge.

6 Percentage figures indicate the percentage contribution of Revenue from Government (departmental appropriations) to the total price of outputs, by outcome, and the percentage contribution of Revenue from other sources (Departmental) to the total price of outputs, by outcome.

7 Total resources = Total appropriations + Revenue from other sources.

Note: Refer to Budgeted statement of financial performance for application of agency revenue.

Table 2.2.1: Summary of expense measures disclosed in the 2005–06 Budget (impact on fiscal balance)

Measure	Outcome	Outputs Affected	Appropriations Budget 2005–06 (\$'000)			Appropriations Forward Estimate 2006–07 (\$'000)			Appropriations Forward Estimate 2007–08 (\$'000)			Appropriations Forward Estimate 2008–09 (\$'000)		
			Admin Expenses	Dept Outputs	Total	Admin Expenses	Dept Outputs	Total	Admin Expenses	Dept Outputs	Total	Admin Expenses	Dept Outputs	Total
Family law disputes - increased capacity	1	1.1	87	1,052	1,139	107	1,251	1,358	108	1,254	1,362	110	1,258	1,368
Efficiency dividend - increase in the rate from 1 per cent to 1.25 per cent	1	1.1	-	(69)	(69)	-	(141)	(141)	-	(215)	(215)	-	(215)	(215)
Total			87	983	1,070	107	1,110	1,217	108	1,039	1,147	110	1,043	1,153

Table 2.2.2: Summary of capital measures disclosed in the 2005–06 Budget (impact on fiscal balance)

Measure	Outcome	Outputs Affected	Budget 2005–06 (\$'000)			Forward Estimate 2006–07 (\$'000)			Forward Estimate 2007–08 (\$'000)			Forward Estimate 2008–09 (\$'000)		
			Admin Revenue	Dept Outputs	Total	Admin Revenue	Dept Outputs	Total	Admin Revenue	Dept Outputs	Total	Admin Revenue	Dept Outputs	Total
Family law disputes - increased capacity	1	1.1	-	252	252	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total			-	252	252	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2.2.3: Summary of revenue measures disclosed in the 2005–06 Budget (impact on fiscal balance)

Measure	Outcome	Outputs Affected	Budget 2005–06 (\$'000)			Forward Estimate 2006–07 (\$'000)			Forward Estimate 2007–08 (\$'000)			Forward Estimate 2008–09 (\$'000)		
			Admin Revenue	Dept Outputs	Total	Admin Revenue	Dept Outputs	Total	Admin Revenue	Dept Outputs	Total	Admin Revenue	Dept Outputs	Total
Family law disputes - increased capacity	1	1.1	(1,400)	-	(1,400)	(1,400)	-	(1,400)	(1,400)	-	(1,400)	(1,400)	-	(1,400)
Total			(1,400)	-	(1,400)	(1,400)	-	(1,400)	(1,400)	-	(1,400)	(1,400)	-	(1,400)

2.3: OTHER RECEIPTS AVAILABLE TO BE USED

Relevant receipts for the Court are set out below.

Table 2.3: Other receipts available to be used¹

	Note	Estimated Receipts 2004–05 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL OTHER RECEIPTS			
Sales of goods and services		121	-
Resources received free of charge	2	17,354	17,354
Total departmental other receipts available to be used		17,475	17,354

1. This table replaces the former table 'Receipts from independent sources'. It represents own source receipts available for spending on departmental purposes.
2. Resources received free of charge relate to registry services, property and infrastructure support services.

2.6: SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

The Federal Magistrates Court has a Court Litigants Fund special account to hold and disburse money paid into court in accordance with an order of the Federal Magistrates Court or a Federal Magistrate.

Table 2.6: Estimates of special account flows and balances

Special Accounts	Budget Estimate - 2005–06, Heavy Figures				
	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Adjustments	Closing Balance
Name of account	2005–06 2004–05 \$'000	2005–06 2004–05 \$'000	2005–06 2004–05 \$'000	2005–06 2004–05 \$'000	2005–06 2004–05 \$'000
Federal Magistrates Court Litigants Fund Special Account (Exempt Special Public Money) - s20 FMA Act (A)	194 28	200 241	200 75	- -	194 194
Total Special Accounts 2005–06 Budget Estimate	194	200	200	-	194
<i>Total Special Accounts 2004–05 Estimate Actual</i>	28	241	75	-	194

A = Administered

Acts Glossary: FMA Act = *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*

2.7: ADMINISTERED CAPITAL AND DEPARTMENTAL EQUITY INJECTIONS AND LOANS

The Court has received a departmental equity injection (capital appropriation) of \$0.252m as part of the new budget measure - 'Family law disputes - increased capacity' and \$0.033m for Fedlink Small Agency Supplementation.

The Federal Magistrates Court does not have an appropriation for administered capital.

Section 3: Agency outcomes

This section explains how the resources identified in Section 2 will be used to deliver outputs and administered items to contribute to the outcome for the Federal Magistrates Court.

3.1: SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES, OUTPUTS AND ADMINISTERED ITEMS

The Court works to achieve the outcome specified by Government. There has been no change to the Court's outcome and output from the 2004-05 Portfolio Budget Statements.

3.2: OUTCOMES — DEPARTMENTAL AND ADMINISTERED

Departmental appropriations by outcome

The Court has only one outcome.

Administered appropriations by outcome

The Court has only one outcome.

3.3: OUTCOMES RESOURCING

Outcome 1 resourcing

Table 3.1 shows how the 2005-06 Budget appropriations translate to total resourcing for Outcome 1, including administered expenses, revenue from government (appropriation), revenue from other sources (departmental) and the total price of outputs.

Table 3.1: Total resources for Outcome 1

	Estimated Actual 2004–05 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
ADMINISTERED APPROPRIATIONS		
Payments to Primary Dispute Resolution service providers	625	727
Total administered appropriations	625	727
from Special Accounts (estimated payments from Special Account balances²)		
Federal Magistrates Court Litigants Fund Special Account (Exempt Special Public Money) - s20 FMA Act ³		200
Total Special Account outflows		200
DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS		
Output Group 1.1 - Provision of a Federal Magistrate Court	23,847	28,605
Total departmental appropriations	23,847	28,605
Total revenue from Government (appropriations)		
Contributing to price of departmental outputs	23,847	28,605
REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES		
Output 1.1 - Provision of a Federal Magistrates Court Item 1	17,475	17,354
Total revenue from other sources	17,475	17,354
Total price from departmental outputs (Total revenue from Government and from other sources)	41,322	45,959
Total estimated resourcing for Outcome 1 (Total price of outputs and administered appropriations)	41,947	46,686
	2004–05	2005–06
Average staffing level (number)	114	127

- 1 Flows into Special Accounts are also shown in the receipts column of the Special Accounts table in Table 2.6.
- 2 Special Account outflows are shown in the payments column of the Special Account table in Table 2.6. The estimated payments from special account balances are provided by way of note only and do not form part of the total estimated resourcing.
- 3 Where names of Acts have been abbreviated, the full name of the Act can be found in the Acts Glossary at the end of Table 2.6.

Measures affecting Outcome 1

A summary of measures for 2005–06 Budget is at tables 2.2.1 and 2.2.2.

Performance information for Outcome 1

Table 3.2: Performance information for Outcome 1

Performance information for departmental outputs	
<i>Output description</i>	<i>Performance measure</i>
Output 1: Provision of a Federal Magistrates Court	<p><i>Price:</i> \$45.959m</p> <p><i>Quality:</i> Less than 1% of cases litigated or divorces processed are subject to complaint</p> <p>The time taken from filing to disposition is less than six months in 90% of cases</p> <p>Sixty percent of matters resolved before trial</p> <p>Feedback from clients as to whether they are satisfied that their disputes have been handled quickly and simply</p> <p>Feedback from clients regarding the simplicity and effectiveness of court rules</p> <p>Feedback from clients regarding the availability of information about the court</p>
	<p><i>Quantity:</i> Number of cases litigated and divorce cases processed – estimated at approximately 77,000</p> <p>Number of counselling, mediation, conciliation and other primary dispute resolution services delivered – estimated at approximately 7,000 sessions</p> <p>Number of presentations to organisations representing clients regarding the court, and publications issued</p>

Evaluations for Outcome 1

There are no evaluations planned for the forthcoming budget year.

Section 4: Other reporting requirements

4.1: PURCHASER-PROVIDER ARRANGEMENTS

Cross agency overview

The Court receives resources free of charge from the Family Court and Federal Court. These are included in the Statement of Financial Performance based on estimates provided by those courts in 2003-04.

4.2: COST RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS

The Federal Magistrates Court is not anticipating any departmental receipts from independent sources.

Section 5: Budgeted financial statements

5.1: ANALYSIS OF BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The major change for Budget 2005–06 relates to for the appointment of two federal magistrates and associated resources to increase the court’s family law capacity. This measure is offset by an increase in the application for divorce fee from \$288 to \$334.

The other significant change since the 2004–05 Additional Estimates is associated with supplementation for movements in wages and prices. In particular, the Remuneration Tribunal issued a Determination increasing the remuneration of federal magistrates effective from 10 December 2004. The Government has also increased the efficiency dividend from 1% to 1.25 %.

In addition, Fedlink Small Agency Supplementation funding of \$0.200m over four years, including \$0.033m as an equity injection, has been provided to connect and maintain a connection to Fedlink, the Australian Government’s secure virtual private network.

Departmental

Statement of financial performance

There has been an increase in revenues from government, mainly due to the new measure announced in the 2005–06 Budget, and the full-year impact of measures announced in the previous year.

Expenses have increased as a consequence of increased employee and supplier expenses.

Statement of financial position

The budgeted net position at the end of 2005–06 shows an increase in net equity due to the equity injection relating to the commencement of the new budget measure.

Statement of cash flows

The budgeted cash at the end of 2005–06 reflects a forecast working cash balance.

Capital budget statement

The court will receive departmental equity injections totalling \$0.285m during 2005–06 to assist in implementing the new budget measure and Fedlink connection.

Non financial assets — summary of movement

The majority of the court's capital purchases will relate to additional equipment and infrastructure associated with the increased staff level.

Administered

Budgeted revenues and expenses

The forecast revenue from court fees reflects the revenue trend established in 2003-04 and the impact of the increased fee for divorce applications.

Budgeted assets and liabilities

The forecast financial position reflects trends established over previous years.

Budgeted administered cash flows

The forecast cash received reflects the trend in cash receipts established in 2003-04.

5.2: BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TABLES

Table 5.1: Budgeted Departmental Statement of Financial Performance for the period ended 30 June

	Estimated Actual 2004-05 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2005-06 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2006-07 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2007-08 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2008-09 \$'000
REVENUE					
Revenues from ordinary activities					
Revenues from Government	23,847	28,605	28,724	29,160	29,366
Resources received free of charge	17,354	17,354	17,354	17,354	17,354
Goods and services	121	-	-	-	-
Revenues from ordinary activities	41,322	45,959	46,078	46,514	46,720
EXPENSE					
Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)					
Employees	14,194	16,572	16,899	17,603	18,091
Suppliers	26,006	28,791	28,653	28,337	28,127
Depreciation and amortisation	389	442	505	572	501
Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)	40,589	45,805	46,057	46,512	46,719
Operating surplus or (deficit) from ordinary activities	733	154	21	2	1
Net surplus or (deficit)	733	154	21	2	1
Net surplus or deficit attributable to the Australian Government	733	154	21	2	1

Table 5.2: Budgeted Departmental Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June

	Estimated Actual 2004-05 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2005-06 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2006-07 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2007-08 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2008-09 \$'000
ASSETS					
Financial assets					
Cash	500	500	500	500	500
Receivables	10,976	12,351	13,747	15,051	13,310
Total financial assets	11,476	12,851	14,247	15,551	13,810
Non-financial assets					
Land and buildings Infrastructure, plant and equipment	1,971	1,846	1,875	1,332	4,367
Intangibles	103	71	37	8	196
Other non-financial assets	57	57	57	57	57
Total non-financial assets	2,131	1,974	1,969	1,397	4,620
Total assets	13,607	14,825	16,216	16,948	18,430
LIABILITIES					
Provisions					
Employees	3,687	4,668	5,756	6,919	8,125
Total provisions	3,687	4,668	5,756	6,919	8,125
Payables					
Suppliers	1,658	1,456	1,738	1,305	1,580
Total payables	1,658	1,456	1,738	1,305	1,580
Total liabilities	5,345	6,124	7,494	8,224	9,705
EQUITY*					
Parent entity interest					
Contributed equity	193	478	478	478	478
Retained surpluses or accumulated deficits	8,069	8,223	8,244	8,246	8,247
Total parent entity interest	8,262	8,701	8,722	8,724	8,725
Total equity	8,262	8,701	8,722	8,724	8,725
CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES BY MATURITY					
Current assets	11,533	12,908	14,304	15,608	13,867
Non-current assets	2,074	1,917	1,912	1,340	4,563
Current liabilities	3,782	4,170	5,096	5,344	6,322
Non-current liabilities	1,563	1,954	2,398	2,880	3,383

* 'Equity' is the residual interest in assets after deduction of liabilities.

Table 5.3: Budgeted Departmental Statement of Cash Flows for the period ended 30 June

	Estimated Actual 2004-05 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2005-06 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2006-07 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2007-08 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2008-09 \$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Goods and services	121	-	-	-	-
Appropriations	16,990	27,230	27,328	27,856	31,107
Other	750	1,140	1,020	1,100	1,025
Total cash received	17,861	28,370	28,348	28,956	32,132
Cash used					
Employees	12,768	15,591	15,811	16,440	16,885
Suppliers	8,296	12,779	12,037	12,516	11,523
Total cash used	21,064	28,370	27,848	28,956	28,408
Net cash from or (used by) operating activities	(3,203)	-	500	-	3,724
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Cash used					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	1,714	285	500	-	3,724
Total cash used	1,714	285	500	-	3,724
Net cash from or (used by) investing activities	(1,714)	(285)	(500)	-	(3,724)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Appropriations - contributed equity	4,568	285	-	-	-
Total cash received	4,568	285	-	-	-
Net cash from/(used by) financing activities	4,568	285	-	-	-
Net increase or (decrease) in cash held	(349)	-	-	-	-
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	849	500	500	500	500
Cash at the end of the reporting period	500	500	500	500	500

Table 5.4: Departmental Capital Budget Statement for the period ended 30 June

	Estimated Actual 2004–05 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2005–06 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2006–07 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2007–08 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2008–09 \$'000
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS					
Total equity injections	4,568	285	-	-	-
Total capital appropriations	4,568	285	-	-	-
Represented by:					
Purchase of non-financial assets	1,714	285	-	-	-
Other	2,854	-	-	-	-
Total represented by	4,568	285	-	-	-
PURCHASE OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS					
Funded by capital appropriation	1,714	285	-	-	-
Funded internally by Departmental resources	-	-	500	-	3,724
Total	1,714	285	500	-	3,724

Table 5.5: Departmental Property, Plant, Equipment and Intangibles — Summary of Movement (Budget year 2005–06)

	Other Infrastructure Plant and Equipment \$'000	Heritage and Cultural Assets \$'000	Computer Software \$'000	Total \$'000
As at 1 July 2005				
Gross book value	2,959	-	298	3,257
Accumulated depreciation	988	-	195	1,183
Opening net book value	1,971	-	103	2,074
Additions:				
by purchase	285	-	-	285
Depreciation/amortisation expense	410	-	32	442
As at 30 June 2006				
Gross book value	3,244	-	298	3,542
Accumulated depreciation	1,398	-	227	1,625
Closing net book value	1,846	-	71	1,917

Table 5.6: Schedule of Budgeted Revenues and Expenses Administered on behalf of Government for the period ended 30 June

	Estimated Actual 2004–05 \$'000	Budget Estimates 2005–06 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2006–07 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2007–08 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2008–09 \$'000
REVENUES ADMINISTERED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT					
Non-taxation					
Revenues from Government	625	727	761	777	793
Other sources of non-taxation revenues	11,250	12,650	12,650	12,650	12,650
Total non-taxation	11,875	13,377	13,411	13,427	13,443
Total revenues administered on behalf of Government	11,875	13,377	13,411	13,427	13,443
EXPENSES ADMINISTERED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT					
Suppliers	625	727	761	777	793
Other	25	-	-	-	-
Total expenses administered on behalf of Government	650	727	761	777	793

Table 5.7: Schedule of Budgeted Assets and Liabilities Administered on behalf of Government as at 30 June

	Estimated Actual 2004–05 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2005–06 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2006–07 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2007–08 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2008–09 \$'000
ASSETS ADMINISTERED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT					
Financial assets					
Receivables	65	65	65	65	65
Total financial assets	65	65	65	65	65
Total assets administered on behalf of Government	65	65	65	65	65
LIABILITIES ADMINISTERED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT					
Payables					
Suppliers	52	52	52	52	52
Total payables	52	52	52	52	52
Total liabilities administered on behalf of Government	52	52	52	52	52

Table 5.8: Schedule of Budgeted Administered Cash Flows for the period ended 30 June

	Estimated Actual 2004-05 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2005-06 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2006-07 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2007-08 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2008-09 \$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Other taxes, fees and fines	11,250	12,650	12,650	12,650	12,650
Total cash received	11,250	12,650	12,650	12,650	12,650
Cash used					
Suppliers	685	797	831	847	863
Other	25	-	-	-	-
Total cash used	710	797	831	847	863
Net cash from/(used by) operating activities	10,540	11,853	11,819	11,803	11,787
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Other	60	70	70	70	70
Total cash received	60	70	70	70	70
Cash used					
Cash to Official Public Account	11,250	12,650	12,650	12,650	12,650
Total cash used	11,250	12,650	12,650	12,650	12,650
Net cash from/(used by) financing activities	(11,190)	(12,580)	(12,580)	(12,580)	(12,580)
Net increase or (decrease) in cash held	(650)	(727)	(761)	(777)	(793)
Cash at beginning of reporting period	-	-	-	-	-
Cash from Official Public Account for Appropriations	710	797	831	847	863
Cash to Official Public Account for Appropriations	(60)	(70)	(70)	(70)	(70)
Cash at end of reporting period	-	-	-	-	-

5.3: NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Departmental financial statements and notes administered items

Under the Commonwealth's accrual budgeting framework, and consistent with Australian Accounting Standards, transactions that agencies control (departmental transactions) are separately budgeted for and reported on from transactions agencies do not have control over (Administered transactions). This ensures that agencies are only held fully accountable for the transactions over which they have control. Differences are:

- Departmental items are those assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses in relation to an agency or authority that are controlled by the agency. Departmental expenses include employee and supplier expenses and other administrative costs, which are incurred by the agency in providing its goods and services, and
- Administered items are revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities that are managed by an agency or authority on behalf of the Government according to set Government directions. Administered expenses include subsidies, grants and personal benefit payments and Administered revenues include taxes, fees, fines and excises.

Appropriations in the accrual budgeting framework

Under the Commonwealth's accrual budgeting framework, separate annual appropriations are provided for:

- Departmental price of outputs appropriations—representing the Government's purchase of outputs from agencies,
- Departmental capital appropriations—for investments by the Government for either additional equity or loans in agencies,
- Administered expense appropriations—for the estimated Administered expenses relating to an existing outcome, a new outcome or a Specific Purpose Payment to the states, and
- Administered capital appropriations—for increases in Administered equity through funding non-expense Administered payments.

Special appropriations fund the majority of payments from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (especially those that are entitlement driven or involve transfers to State governments).