

HIGH COURT OF
AUSTRALIA

Section 1: Overview, appropriations and budget measures summary

OVERVIEW

The High Court is the highest court in the Australian judicial system. It was established in 1901 by section 71 of the Constitution.

The Constitution confers both an appellate and an original jurisdiction upon the High Court. Appeals from the Supreme Court of the States and Territories, from the Federal Court of Australia and from the Family Court are heard pursuant to special leave granted. The High Court is also the final arbiter upon Constitutional questions. These may come on appeal from a lower court or be initiated by an application to the High Court itself.

The outcome does not include Justices' salaries and allowances. These are administered by the Attorney-General's Department.

APPROPRIATIONS

The total appropriation for the Court in the 2001–02 Budget is \$24.277m. Table 1.1 shows the total appropriation for the Court for 2001–02. The total price of the output does not include judicial salaries and allowances which are administered by the Attorney-General's Department.

ADMINISTERED CAPITAL AND DEPARTMENTAL EQUITY INJECTIONS AND LOANS

The High Court does not have an appropriation for an equity injection or loan or an appropriation for administered capital.

High Court of Australia — Appropriations 2001–02

Table 1.1: Appropriations and other revenue (\$'000)

Outcome	Departmental (Price of Outputs)					Administered			Total Appropriations	
	Revenue from Government (Appropriations)			Revenue from other sources	Price of Outputs	Annual Appropriations	Special Approps	Total Administered Appropriations		
	Bill No 1	Special Approps	Total			Bill No 1	Bill No 2 (SPPs & NAOs)			
	(A)	(B)	(C=A+B)	(D)	(E= C+D)	(F)	(G)	(H)		(I=F+G+H)
To interpret and uphold the Australian Constitution and perform the functions of the ultimate appellate Court in Australia	24,277		24,277 98.9%	266	24,543					24,277
Total	24,277	-	24,277	266	24,543	-	-	-	-	24,277
Departmental capital (equity injections and loans)									-	
Administered capital									-	
Total appropriations									24,277	

Notes:

- Columns C, D, E and I refer to information provided in Table 2.1.1.
- Under the appropriation structure, Bill No 2 includes Specific Purpose Payments (SPP's), New Agency Outcomes (NAO's), administered capital and departmental capital via departmental injections and loans.
- Refer to Note of Budgeted Administered Financial Performance for application of agency revenue.
- Revenue from other sources includes other revenue from government (eg resources free of charge) and revenue from other sources (eg sales of goods and services). Non-appropriated departmental and administered revenues are details in Appendix 1.
- Percentage figure in column C indicates the percentage contribution of Revenue from Government (Departmental Appropriations) to the Total Price of Outputs, by outcome.

Section 2: Outcomes and output information

OUTCOMES AND OUTPUT GROUPS

The High Court of Australia has one outcome, as follows:

To interpret and uphold the Australian Constitution and perform the functions of the ultimate appellate Court in Australia

There is one output for the High Court’s outcome:

High Court business

Financial detail and non-financial information is provided as follows:

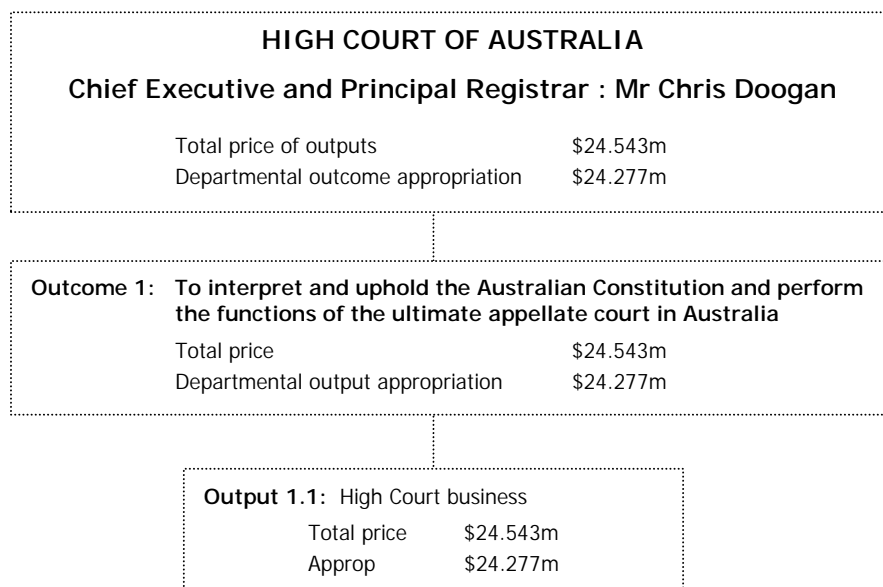
Map 2.1 - details outcome and output resourcing and illustrates the relationship between the outcome and contributing output.

Table 2.1.1 - details financial information for outcome 1.

CHANGES TO OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

There have been no changes to the outcome and output structure for the High Court.

Map 2.1: Outcome and output groups



OUTCOME 1 - TO INTERPRET AND UPHOLD THE AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION AND PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ULTIMATE APPELLATE COURT IN AUSTRALIA

The High Court is the highest court in the Australian judicial system. It was established in 1901 by s.71 of the Constitution. The functions of the High Court are to interpret and apply the law of Australia; to decide cases of special federal significance including challenges to the Constitutional validity of laws; and to hear appeals, by special leave, from federal, state and territory courts. The total price of the output includes all expenses associated with the business of the High Court with the exception of judicial salaries and allowances, which are administered by the Attorney-General's Department.

OUTCOME 1 - RESOURCING

Table 2.1.1 shows how the 2001–02 appropriations translate to total resourcing for the High Court's outcome: revenue from government (appropriations), revenue from other sources and the total price of the output.

Table 2.1.1: Total resources for outcome 1 (\$'000)

	Estimated Actual 2000–01 (\$'000)	Budget Estimate 2001–02 (\$'000)
DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS		
Output group 1.1 – High Court business	24,962	24,277
Total revenue from government (appropriations)	24,962	24,277
contributing to price of departmental outputs	97.5%	98.9%
REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES		
Sales of goods and services	99	99
Interest	544	167
Total revenue from other sources	643	266
Total price of departmental outputs <i>(Total revenue from Government and from other sources)</i>	25,605	24,543
Total estimated resourcing for outcome 1 <i>(Total price of outputs and administered expenses)</i>	25,605	24,543
AVERAGE STAFFING LEVEL	83	84

EVALUATIONS

Information on judicial workloads can be found in the High Court's Annual Report.

COMPETITIVE TENDERING AND CONTRACTING

The High Court has no plans for competitive tendering and contracting for the production of outputs that contribute to the outcome.

Section 3: Budgeted Financial Statements

Table 3.1: Budgeted Departmental Statement of Financial Performance for the period ended 30 June

	Note	Estimated Actual 2000–01 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2001–02 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000
Revenues from ordinary activities						
Revenues from government		24,962	24,277	24,363	24,465	24,569
Sales of goods and services	2	99	99	99	99	99
Interest		544	167	188	216	241
Net gains from sales of assets		-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues from ordinary activities		25,605	24,543	24,650	24,780	24,909
Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)						
Employees	3	4,332	4,419	4,507	4,597	4,689
Suppliers		3,645	3,708	3,737	3,775	3,810
Depreciation and amortisation		1,815	1,830	1,850	1,850	1,850
Write-down of assets		-	-	-	-	-
Interest		-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)		9,792	9,957	10,094	10,222	10,349
Net surplus or deficit from ordinary activities		15,813	14,587	14,556	14,558	14,560
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-	-
Net surplus or deficit		15,813	14,587	14,556	14,558	14,560
Capital use charge paid		(15,793)	(14,554)	(14,554)	(14,554)	(14,554)
Net surplus or deficit after capital use charge		20	33	2	4	6

Table 3.2: Budgeted Departmental Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June

	Note	Estimated Actual 2000–01 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2001–02 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000
ASSETS						
Financial assets						
Cash	4	2,110	2,583	3,202	3,761	4,259
Receivables		30	30	30	30	30
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Accrued revenues	5	60	65	65	70	70
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total financial assets		2,200	2,678	3,297	3,861	4,359
Non-financial assets						
Land and buildings		120,000	118,500	117,000	115,500	114,000
Infrastructure, plant and equipment		11,048	12,108	12,976	13,905	14,898
Inventories		-	-	-	-	-
Intangibles		135	95	100	105	110
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total non-financial assets		131,183	130,703	130,076	129,510	129,008
Total assets		133,383	133,381	133,373	133,371	133,366
LIABILITIES						
Provisions and payables						
Employees		536	491	470	453	431
Suppliers		525	536	546	557	568
Grants		-	-	-	-	-
Other		15	15	15	15	15
Total provisions and payables		1,076	1,041	1,031	1,025	1,014
Total liabilities		1,076	1,041	1,031	1,025	1,014
EQUITY						
Capital		53,427	53,427	53,427	53,427	53,427
Reserves		79,202	79,202	79,202	79,202	79,202
Accumulated surpluses or deficits		(322)	(289)	(287)	(283)	(276)
Total equity		132,307	132,340	132,342	132,346	132,353
Current liabilities		495	479	474	471	466
Non-current liabilities		581	562	557	553	547
Current assets		2,165	2,643	3,262	3,826	4,324
Non-current assets		131,218	130,738	130,111	129,545	129,043

**Table 3.3: Budgeted Departmental Statement of Cash Flows
for the period ended 30 June**

	Estimated Actual 2000–01 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2001–02 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000
Note					
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Appropriations for outputs	24,962	24,277	24,363	24,465	24,569
Sales of goods and services	101	101	101	101	101
Interest	544	167	188	216	241
Total cash received	25,607	24,545	24,652	24,782	24,911
Cash used					
Employees	(4,353)	(4,440)	(4,528)	(4,619)	(4,711)
Suppliers	(3,646)	(3,709)	(3,738)	(3,776)	(3,811)
Total cash used	(7,999)	(8,149)	(8,266)	(8,395)	(8,522)
Net cash from operating activities	17,608	16,397	16,386	16,387	16,389
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	5	5	5	5	5
Total cash received	5	5	5	5	5
Cash used					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,478)	(1,375)	(1,218)	(1,279)	(1,343)
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash used	(1,478)	(1,375)	(1,218)	(1,279)	(1,343)
Net cash from investing activities	(1,473)	(1,370)	(1,213)	(1,274)	(1,338)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Cash from CRF	590	-	-	-	-
Total cash received	590	-	-	-	-
Cash used					
Capital use and dividends paid	(15,793)	(14,554)	(14,554)	(14,554)	(14,554)
Total cash used	(15,793)	(14,554)	(14,554)	(14,554)	(14,554)
Net cash from financing activities	(15,203)	(14,554)	(14,554)	(14,554)	(14,554)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	932	473	619	560	497
Cash at beginning of reporting period	4 1,178	2,110	2,583	3,202	3,762
Cash at end of reporting period	4 2,110	2,583	3,202	3,762	4,259

Table 3.4: Departmental Capital Budget Statement

	Note	Estimated Actual 2000-01 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2001-02 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2002-03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004-05 \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL						
Total equity injections	6	590	-	-	-	-
Represented by:						
Purchase of non-current assets		375	215	-	-	-
Other		215	(215)	-	-	-
Total		590	-	-	-	-
PURCHASE OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS						
Funded by capital appropriations		375	215	-	-	-
Funded internally by departmental resources		1,103	1,160	1,218	1,279	1,343
Total		1,478	1,375	1,218	1,279	1,343

Table 3.5: Departmental Non-financial Assets — Summary of Movement (Budget Year 2001–02)

	Land	Buildings	Total Land and Buildings	Library Holdings	Other Infrastructure Plant and Equipment	Total Infrastructure Plant and Equipment	Intangibles	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
GROSS VALUE								
<i>As at 1 July 2001 (opening)</i>	4,500	150,000	154,500	8,283	4,365	12,648	455	167,603
Additions	-	-	-	850	500	1,350	25	1,375
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(25)	(25)	-	(25)
Other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>As at 30 June 2002 (closing)</i>	4,500	150,000	154,500	9,133	4,840	13,973	480	168,953
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION								
<i>As at 1 July 2001 (opening)</i>	-	34,500	34,500	100	1,500	1,600	320	36,420
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the reporting period	-	1,500	1,500	40	225	265	65	1,830
Other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>As at 30 June 2002 (closing)</i>	-	36,000	36,000	140	1,725	1,865	385	38,250
Net book value as at 30 June 2002 (closing book value)	4,500	114,000	118,500	8,993	3,115	12,108	95	130,703
Net book value as at 1 July 2001 (opening book value)	4,500	115,500	120,000	8,183	2,865	11,048	135	131,183
TOTAL ADDITIONS								
Self funded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriations	-	-	-	850	500	1,350	25	1,375
Total	-	-	-	850	500	1,350	25	1,375

**Table 3.6: Note of Budgeted Administered Financial Performance
for the period ended 30 June**

	Note	Estimated Actual 2000–01 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2001–02 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000
REVENUES						
Non-taxation						
Sales of goods and services		-	-	-	-	-
Other sources of non-taxation revenue	7	860	865	865	868	870
Total non-taxation		860	865	865	868	870
Total revenues administered on behalf of the Government		860	865	865	868	870
EXPENSES						
Suppliers		-	-	-	-	-
Total expenses administered on behalf of the Government		-	-	-	-	-
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-	-

**Table 3.8: Note of Budgeted Administered Cash Flows
for the period ended 30 June**

	Estimated Actual 2000–01 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2001–02 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000	
Note						
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Cash received						
Taxes, fees and fines	7	860	865	865	868	870
Total cash received		860	865	865	868	870
Cash used						
Cash to Official Public Account		(860)	(865)	(865)	(868)	(870)
Total cash used		(860)	(865)	(865)	(868)	(870)
Net cash from operating activities		-	-	-	-	-
Net increase/decrease in cash held		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at the end of the reporting period		-	-	-	-	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of accounting

The budgeted statements of the High Court have been prepared:

- in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Accounting Standards Board (Accounting Guidance Releases) and the consensus views of the Urgent Issues Group; and
- having regard to Statements of Accounting Concepts and the Explanatory Notes to Schedule 2 of the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Orders.

2. Sales of goods and services

This item consists of the following:

- rent obtained from the operation of the High Court's cafeteria;
- subscriptions to High Court judgments and transcripts;
- room hire to legal practitioners; and
- other sundry minor revenue.

3. Employee expenses

This item in the Operating Statement consists of:

- salaries, wages and allowances;
- employer superannuation contributions;
- provision for long service leave; and
- provision for recreation leave.

4. Cash

The item "cash" shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities includes funds on deposit with the Reserve Bank of Australia and cash on hand in the form of permanent advances.

5. Accrued Revenues

The item “accrued revenues in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities represents interest receivable on funds held in the Reserve Bank.

6. Equity injection

The amount shown in the Capital Budget Statement was appropriated in Appropriation Act (No.4) 2000–01.

7. Administered items

This item comprises fees and charges collected in accordance with Schedule 1 of the High Court of Australia (Fees) Regulations.

Appendix 1

Non-Appropriation Departmental and Administered Revenue

	Estimated Revenue 2000–01 \$'000	Estimated Revenue 2001–02 \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		
Sales of goods and services	99	99
Interest	544	167
Total Non-appropriation Departmental Revenue	643	266
ADMINISTERED REVENUE		
Fees and Charges	860	865
Total Non-appropriation Administered Revenue	860	865

