

FEDERAL MAGISTRATES
SERVICE

Section 1: Overview, variations and measures

OVERVIEW

The role of the Federal Magistrates Service is to provide a simple and accessible forum for the resolution of less complex federal law disputes. The Service was established by the *Federal Magistrates Act 1999*.

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

The Federal Magistrates Service has offices 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 metropolitan and regional centres.

The Federal Magistrates Service encourages people to resolve disputes through primary dispute resolution. The Service calls on 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 Service uses community based counselling and mediation services as well as the existing counselling and mediation services of the Family and Federal Courts, providing as wide a choice as possible for clients of the Service.

There are no changes to the Federal Magistrates Service role/mission or its outcomes/outputs structures as a result of Additional Estimates.

APPROPRIATIONS

The total appropriation for the Federal Magistrates Service in the Budget for 2002–03 was \$12.162m. The Additional Estimates increase this by \$0.395m to \$12.557m. Table 1.1 shows appropriations (2002–03) and other revenue by outcome.

Map 2.1: Outcome and output groups

FEDERAL MAGISTRATES SERVICE	
Chief Executive Officer: Mr Peter May	
Total price of output	\$12.057m (up \$0.259m)
Departmental outcome approp	\$12.057m (up \$0.395m)
Total administered expenses	\$0.500m (no change)

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 output	\$12.057m (up \$0.259m)
Departmental outcome approp	\$12.057m (up \$0.395m)
Total administered expenses	\$0.500m (no change)

Output 1.1: Provision of a Federal Magistrates Service	
Total price of output	\$12.057m (up \$0.259m)
Departmental outcome approp	\$12.057m (up \$0.395m)
Total administered expenses	\$0.500m (no change)

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS TO OUTCOMES**Additional Estimates and Variations to Outcomes - Other Changes to Appropriations**

	2002-03 (\$'000)	2003-04 (\$'000)	2004-05 (\$'000)	2005-06 (\$'000)
Outcome 1				
Capital use charge	406	396	396	396
Agency Banking Incentive Scheme	(11)	-	-	-
Total changes to appropriations	395	396	396	396

Explanation of Variations**Departmental****Capital Use Charge**

Additional amounts of \$0.406m in 2002-03 (and \$0.396m per year thereafter) will be provided for the estimated increases in the Capital Use Charge.

Agency Banking Incentive Scheme

An reduction in appropriations of \$0.011m will be made in 2002-03 under the Agency Banking Incentive Scheme.

BREAKDOWN OF ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES BY APPROPRIATION BILL**Table 1.2: Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2002-03**

	Actual 2001-02 \$'000	Budget 2002-03 \$'000	Revised 2002-03 \$'000	Additional Estimates \$'000	Reduced Estimates \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUTS					
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	11,338	11,662	12,057	395	-
Total	11,338	11,662	12,057	395	-

SUMMARY OF STAFFING CHANGES**Table 1.4: Average staffing level (ASL)**

	Budget 2002-03	Revised 2002-03	Variation
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	81	81	-
Total	81	81	-

VARIATIONS TO REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES THROUGH NET ANNOTATED (SECTION 31) RECEIPTS

Table 1.5: Changes to net annotated appropriations (Section 31) receipts

	Total approp 2002-03 Budget \$'000	Total approp 2002-03 Revised \$'000	Receipts from independent sources Budget \$'000	Receipts from independent sources Revised \$'000	Variation in non-govt revenue \$'000
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	12,162	12,557	136	-	(136)
Total	12,162	12,557	136	-	(136)

Section 2: Revisions to outcomes and outputs

There are no changes to the performance information for the Federal Magistrates Service outcome and outputs as a result of Additional Estimates.

Section 3: Budgeted Financial Statements

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

	Actual 2001–02 \$'000	Revised Budget 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
Revenues from ordinary activities					
Revenues from government	11,338	12,057	13,300	13,561	13,643
Resources received free of charge	9,891	9,891	9,891	9,891	9,891
Sales of goods and services	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	170	-	-	-	-
Other	161	-	-	-	-
Total revenues from ordinary activities	21,560	21,948	23,191	23,452	23,534
Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)					
Employees	7,120	8,643	8,725	8,843	8,877
Suppliers	13,827	13,788	13,401	13,544	13,592
Depreciation and amortisation	238	358	408	408	408
Other	13	-	-	-	-
Total expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)	21,198	22,789	22,534	22,795	22,877
Borrowing costs expense	-	-	-	-	-
Net surplus or (deficit) from ordinary activities	362	(841)	657	657	657
Gain or loss on extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Net surplus or (deficit)	362	(841)	657	657	657
Capital use charge	343	406	396	396	396
Net surplus or (deficit) after capital use charge	19	(1,247)	261	261	261

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

	Actual 2001–02 \$'000	Revised Budget 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
ASSETS					
Financial assets					
Cash	3,658	7,818	8,066	8,915	9,743
Receivables	5,688	130	130	130	130
Total financial assets	9,346	7,948	8,196	9,045	9,873
Non-financial assets					
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	945	1,767	2,039	1,741	1,473
Intangibles	90	100	110	110	111
Other	48	48	48	48	48
Total non-financial assets	1,083	1,915	2,197	1,899	1,632
Total assets	10,429	9,863	10,393	10,944	11,505
LIABILITIES					
Provisions and payables					
Employees	1,490	1,765	2,044	2,334	2,634
Suppliers	330	330	330	330	330
Other		406	396	396	396
Total provisions and payables	1,820	2,501	2,770	3,060	3,360
Total liabilities	1,820	2,501	2,770	3,060	3,360
EQUITY					
Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves	-	-	-	-	-
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	8,609	7,362	7,623	7,884	8,145
Total equity	8,609	7,362	7,623	7,884	8,145
Liabilities and equity	10,429	9,863	10,393	10,944	11,505
Current liabilities	1,164	1,651	1,720	1,810	1,910
Non-current liabilities	656	850	1,050	1,250	1,450
Current assets	9,394	7,996	8,244	9,093	9,921
Non-current assets	1,035	1,867	2,149	1,851	1,584

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

	Actual 2001–02 \$'000	Revised Budget 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Appropriations for outputs	10,507	12,057	13,300	13,561	13,643
Sales of goods and services	43	-	-	-	-
Interest	164	-	-	-	-
Other	388	5,558	-	-	-
Total cash received	11,102	17,615	13,300	13,561	13,643
Cash used					
Employees	6,384	8,368	8,446	8,553	8,578
Suppliers	4,203	3,897	3,510	3,653	3,701
Total cash used	10,587	12,265	11,956	12,206	12,279
Net cash from operating activities	515	5,350	1,344	1,355	1,364
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Cash used					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	539	1,190	690	110	140
Total cash used	539	1,190	690	110	140
Net cash from investing activities	(539)	(1,190)	(690)	(110)	(140)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash used					
Capital use and dividends paid	402	-	406	396	396
Total cash used	402	-	406	396	396
Net cash from financing activities	(402)	-	(406)	(396)	(396)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(426)	4,160	248	849	828
Cash at beginning of reporting period	4,084	3,658	7,818	8,066	8,915
Cash at end of reporting period	3,658	7,818	8,066	8,915	9,743

Table 3.4: Departmental Capital Budget Statement

	Actual 2001–02 \$'000	Revised Budget 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS					
Total equity injections	-	-	-	-	-
Total loans	-	-	-	-	-
Represented by:					
Purchase of non-financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
PURCHASE OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS					
Funded by capital appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Funded internally by departmental resources	539	1,190	690	110	140
Total	539	1,190	690	110	140

Table 3.5: Departmental Non-financial Assets — Summary of Movement (Budget Year 2002–03)

	Land	Buildings	Total land and buildings	Other infrastructure plant and equipment	Total infrastructure plant and equipment	Intangibles	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying amount at the start of year	-	-	-	945	945	90	1,035
Additions	-	-	-	1,150	1,150	40	1,190
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation increments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoverable amount write-downs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net transfers free of charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation/amortisation expenses	-	-	-	328	328	30	358
Write-off of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount at the end of year	-	-	-	1,767	1,767	100	1,867
Total Additions							
Self funded	-	-	-	1,150	1,150	40	1,190
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	1,150	1,150	40	1,190

Table 3.6: Note of Budgeted Revenues and Expenses Administered on Behalf of the Government for the period ended 30 June

	Actual 2001–02 \$'000	Revised Budget 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
REVENUES					
Non-taxation					
Revenues from government	125	500	600	-	-
Other sources of non-taxation revenues	8,745	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
Total non-taxation	8,870	9,000	9,100	8,500	8,500
Total revenues administered on behalf of the Government	8,870	9,000	9,100	8,500	8,500
EXPENSES					
Suppliers	178	447	600	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenses administered on behalf of the Government	178	447	600	-	-

Table 3.7: Note of Budgeted Assets and Liabilities Administered on Behalf of the Government as at 30 June

	Actual 2001–02 \$'000	Revised Budget 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
ASSETS					
Financial assets					
Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables	51	51	51	51	51
Total financial assets	51	51	51	51	51
Non-financial assets					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total non-financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets administered on behalf of the Government	51	51	51	51	51
LIABILITIES					
Provisions and payables					
Suppliers	58	5	5	-	-
Total provisions and payables	58	5	5	-	-
Total liabilities administered on behalf of the Government	58	5	5	-	-

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

	Actual 2001–02 \$'000	Revised Budget 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Appropriations	125	500	600	-	-
Other	8,708	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
Total cash received	8,833	9,000	9,100	8,500	8,500
Cash used					
Suppliers	135	500	600	5	-
Cash to Official Public Account	8,700	8,500	8,500	8,495	8,500
Total cash used	8,835	9,000	9,100	8,500	8,500
Net cash from operating activities	(2)	-	-	-	-
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Other	10	-	-	-	-
Total cash received	10	-	-	-	-
Cash used					
Other	8	-	-	-	-
Total cash used	8	-	-	-	-
Net cash from financing activities	2	-	-	-	-
Net increase in cash held	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at the end of the reporting period	-	-	-	-	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of accounting

The agency budget statements are prepared in compliance with Australian Accounting Standards, Accounting Guidance Releases and having regard to Statements of Accounting Concepts.

Departmental

The Federal Magistrates Service 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 2001–02.

APPENDIX 1

Receipts from Independent Sources

	Budget Estimate 2002-03 \$'000	Revised Estimate 2002-03 \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		
Sales of goods and services	-	-
Interest	136	-
Resources received free of charge	8,498	9,891
Other	161	-
Total Non Appropriation Departmental Revenue	8,634	9,891
ADMINISTERED REVENUE		
Fees and fines	8,500	8,500
Total Non Appropriation Administered Revenue	8,500	8,500