

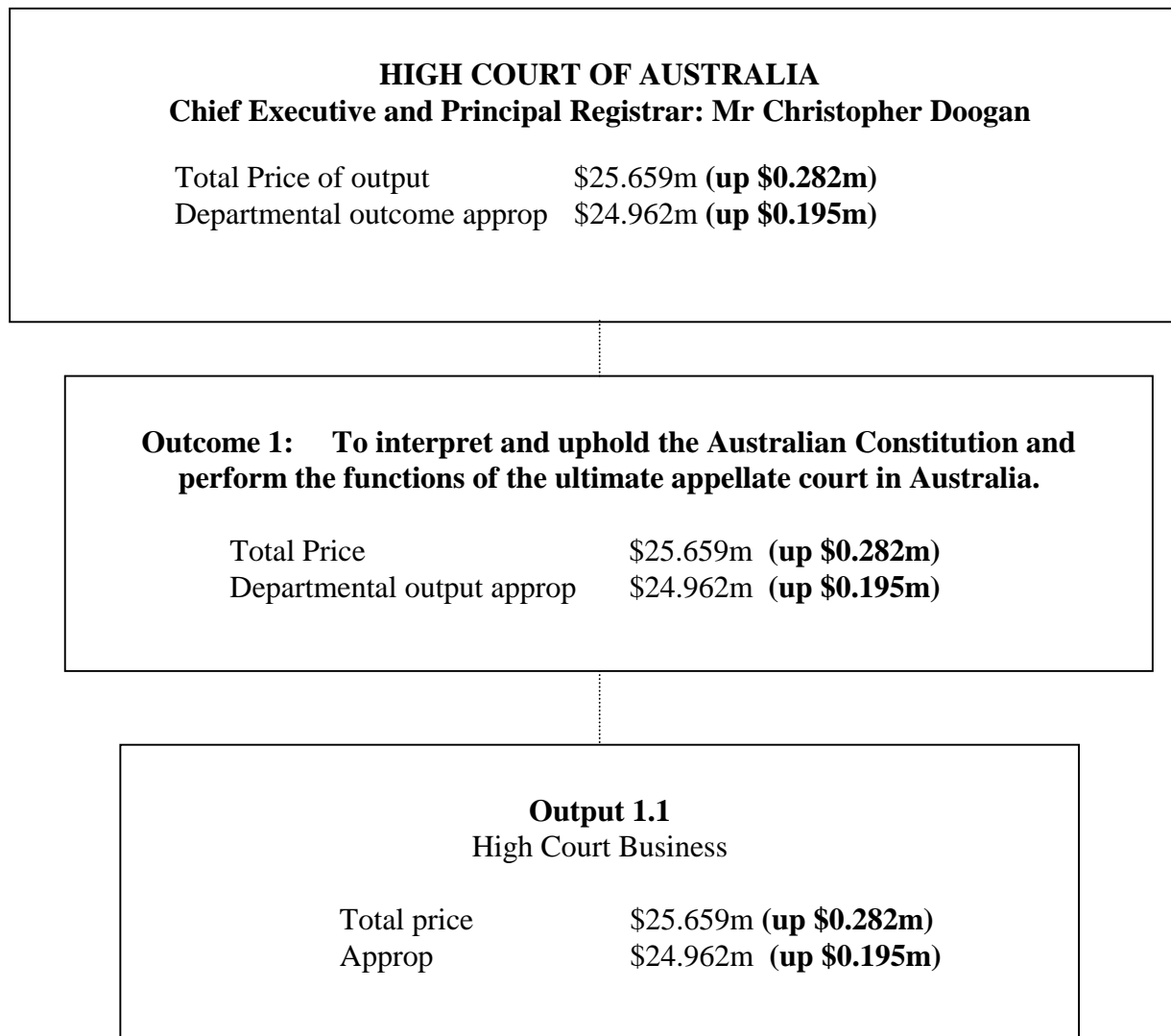
**HIGH COURT
OF
AUSTRALIA**

Section 1: Overview, variations and measures

OVERVIEW

There are no changes to the High Court of Australia's role/mission or its outcomes/outputs structures as a result of Additional Estimates.

Map 2: Outcome and output groups for the agency



ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS TO OUTCOMES

Additional Estimates and Variations to Outcomes

	2000-01 (\$'000)	2001-02 (\$'000)	2002-03 (\$'000)	2003-04 (\$'000)
Outcome 1				
Increase in departmental appropriations	195	120	120	120
Capital Injection	590	-	-	-

Explanation of Increase in Departmental Appropriations (\$195,000)

The High Court will receive additional appropriations in the 2000-01 year for the following items:

Electronic Publication of High Court Judgments for the Period 1903 to 1948

Additional funding will be provided to the High Court for judgments covering the period 1903 to 1948 to be converted from paper to electronic form and then entered on the Internet by the Australian Legal Information Institute. This is a very important initiative as the demand for electronic access to judgments is fast replacing demand for paper-based access.

Introduction of Recording of Court Proceedings on the Internet

As an enhancement to the High Court's public information and education program, future audio broadcast of the Canberra Full Bench sittings is proposed to be made available over the Internet. This future innovation is regarded as a valuable adjunct to the High Court's acclaimed Website, and one which will aid the public's access to the Court's proceedings.

Additional Position of Deputy Registrar

This position will be established in the High Court's Sydney Registry. The workload in all High Court Registries has increased greatly over the last three years. In particular, the workload of the Sydney Registry has increased by 111% during this period and exceeds the capacity of a single Registrar.

Explanation of Capital Injection (\$590,000)

Funding will be provided to the High Court in the form of a capital injection for the following items:

Purchase of Audio/Amplification Equipment for the Melbourne Courtroom

The High Court Courtroom in the new Commonwealth Law Courts Building, Melbourne, has not been equipped with sound reinforcement and as a result sound levels are inadequate. Additional funding will be provided to enable the High Court to install a specially designed sound system in the courtroom to increase its acoustic standard to that of the High Court courtrooms in Canberra.

Construction of Judge's Chambers, Commonwealth Law Courts, Brisbane

The High Court will receive funding for the construction of chambers in the Law Courts building in Brisbane for use by a resident High Court judge and his staff.

Replacement of the Library Computer System

The High Court will be supplied with additional funding to replace its Library computer system which, despite various upgrades, is lagging behind technology and is fast approaching the end of its useful life.

Video Conferencing Facilities

Apart from its regular sittings in Canberra during ten months of the year, the High Court sits in Sydney and Melbourne to hear applications for special leave to appeal. In addition, matters which need to be dealt with before a single Justice are usually scheduled in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane. To facilitate the necessary consultation between the Justices, funding will be provided for an extension of the video-link system to Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

Refurbishment of the High Court's Sydney Accommodation

Funding will be provided to refurbish the High Court's Sydney accommodation in the Law Courts building. The Sydney Registry has not been refurbished for many years and will be modified to create additional offices, improve the file registry and storage areas, and upgrade existing office areas. By completing this work the registry and public areas situated on the High Court's floor of the building will be significantly enhanced and will include space for a second Deputy Register in Sydney to alleviate the pressures of a dramatic increase in workload at that location. In addition, the work areas for present staff will be upgraded to meet OH&S standards, and workflows will be much improved.

MEASURES: AGENCY SUMMARY

Table 1.1:

Summary of measures since the 2000-01 Budget funded through appropriation

Measure	Outcome	Output groups affected	Appropriations 2000-01 (\$'000)			Appropriations 2001-02 (\$'000)			Appropriations 2002-03 (\$'000)			Appropriations 2003-04 (\$'000)		
			Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin Items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total
Additional funding for the High Court	1	1.1	-	195	195	-	120	120	-	120	120	-	120	120

Summary of measures since the 2000-01 Budget funded through capital injection

Measure	Capital Injection 2000-01 (\$'000)	Capital Injection 2001-02 (\$'000)	Capital Injection 2002-03 (\$'000)	Capital Injection 2003-04 (\$'000)
Additional funding for the High Court	590	-	-	-

For a description of the measures above refer to the Additional Estimates and Variations to Outcomes detailed on previous pages.

BREAKDOWN OF ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES BY APPROPRIATION BILL

Table 1.2: Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2000-01

	1999-00 \$'000	2000-01 Budget \$'000	2000-01 Revised \$'000	Additional Estimates \$'000	Reduced Estimates \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUTS					
Outcome 1: To interpret and uphold the Australian Constitution and perform the functions of the ultimate appellate court in Australia	24,722	24,767	24,962	195	-
Total	24,722	24,767	24,962	195	-

Table 1.3: Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2000-01

	1999-00 \$'000	2000-01 Budget \$'000	2000-01 Revised \$'000	Additional Estimates \$'000	Reduced Estimates \$'000
THE STATES AND TERRITORIES	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER ADMINISTERED ITEMS					
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Equity injections and loans					
Equity injection	-	-	590	590	-
Loans	-	-	-	-	-
Carryover from previous year	-	-	-	-	-
Administered capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	590	590	-
High Court of Australia					
TOTAL	-	-	590	590	-

SUMMARY OF STAFFING CHANGES

Table 1.4: Average staffing level (ASL)

	2000-01 Budget	2000-01 Revised	Variation
Outcome 1: To interpret and uphold the Australian Constitution and perform the functions of the ultimate appellate court in Australia	83	83	-
Total	83	83	-

VARIATIONS TO REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES

Table 1.5: Changes to appropriation receipts

	Total Approp 2000-01 Budget	Total Approp 2000-01 Revised	Total Capital Injection 2000-01	Receipts From Independent Sources Budget \$'000	Receipts From Independent Sources Revised \$'000	Variation in non-govt Revenue \$'000
Outcome 1:						
To interpret and uphold the Australian Constitution and perform the functions of the ultimate appellate court in Australia	24,767	24,962	590	610	697	87
Total	24,767	24,962	590	610	697	87

Section 2: Revisions to Outcomes and Outputs

There are no changes to the performance information for the High Court of Australia's outcomes and outputs arising from Additional Estimates variations and measures.

Section 3: Budgeted Financial Statements

Table 3.1: Budgeted Departmental Operating Statement

	Notes	Actual 1999–00 \$'000	Revised Budget 2000–01 \$'000	Estimated 2001–02 \$'000	Estimated 2002–03 \$'000	Estimated 2003–04 \$'000
OPERATING REVENUE						
Revenue from government	2	24,722	24,962	24,957	25,018	25,080
Sales of goods and services		102	102	102	105	105
Interest		546	595	683	714	759
Total revenues		25,370	25,659	25,742	25,837	25,944
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employees	3	3,958	4,347	4,443	4,540	4,640
Suppliers	3	3,513	3,694	3,629	3,634	3,642
Depreciation and amortisation		1,789	1,805	1,877	1,870	1,869
Other		81	-	-	-	-
Total expenses		9,341	9,846	9,949	10,044	10,151
Operating results before capital use charge		16,029	15,813	15,793	15,793	15,793
Capital use charge (CUC)		15,793	15,793	15,793	15,793	15,793
Accumulated results at year end		(342)	(322)	(322)	(322)	(322)

Table 3.2: Budgeted Departmental Balance Sheet

	Notes	Actual 1999–00 \$'000	Revised Budget 2000–01 \$'000	Estimated 2001–02 \$'000	Estimated 2002–03 \$'000	Estimated 2003–04 \$'000
ASSETS						
Financial assets						
		1,178	2,607	2,941	3,851	4,717
		32	30	30	30	30
		68	76	79	83	86
		1,278	2,713	3,050	3,964	4,833
Non-financial assets						
		121,500	120,000	118,500	117,000	115,500
		10,158	10,862	12,003	12,660	13,321
		2	-	-	-	-
		147	116	163	111	92
		133	130	130	130	130
		131,940	131,108	130,796	129,901	129,043
		133,218	133,821	133,846	133,865	133,876
LIABILITIES						
Provisions and payables						
		1,007	1,000	1,020	1,034	1,040
		490	490	495	500	505
		24	24	24	24	24
		1,521	1,514	1,539	1,558	1,569
		1,521	1,514	1,539	1,558	1,569
EQUITY						
	4	52,837	53,427	53,427	53,427	53,427
		79,202	79,202	79,202	79,202	79,202
		(342)	(322)	(322)	(322)	(322)
		131,697	132,307	132,307	132,307	132,307

Table 3.3: Budgeted Statement of Departmental Cash Flows

Notes	Actual 1999–00 \$'000	Revised Budget 2000–01 \$'000	Estimated 2001–02 \$'000	Estimated 2002–03 \$'000	Estimated 2003–04 \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL CASH FLOWS					
Operating Activities					
Cash received					
Appropriations	24,722	24,962	24,957	25,018	25,080
Sales of goods and services	78	99	97	100	100
Interest	481	587	680	710	755
Total cash received	25,281	25,648	25,734	25,828	25,935
Cash used					
Employees	(3,822)	(4,354)	(4,423)	(4,526)	(4,634)
Suppliers	(3,275)	(3,692)	(3,624)	(3,629)	(3,637)
Total cash used	(7,097)	(8,046)	(8,047)	(8,155)	(8,271)
Net cash from operating activities	18,184	17,602	17,687	17,673	17,664
Investing Activities					
Cash received					
	-	5	5	5	5
Cash used					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,247)	(975)	(1,565)	(975)	(1,010)
Total cash used	(1,247)	(975)	(1,565)	(975)	(1,010)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,247)	(970)	(1,560)	(970)	(1,005)
Financing Activities					
Cash Received					
Cash from consolidated revenue fund	-	590	-	-	-
Cash used					
Capital use charge paid	(15,793)	(15,793)	(15,793)	(15,793)	(15,793)
Total cash used	(15,793)	(15,203)	(15,793)	(15,793)	(15,793)
Net cash used in financing activities					
Net increase in cash held	1,144	1,429	334	910	866
Add cash as at 1 July	34	1,178	2,607	2,941	3,851
Cash as at 30 June	1,178	2,607	2,941	3,851	4,717

Table 3.4: Departmental Capital Budget Statement

	Notes	Actual 1999–00 \$'000	Revised Budget 2000–01 \$'000	Estimated 2001–02 \$'000	Estimated 2002–03 \$'000	Estimated 2003–04 \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL						
Total equity injections	4	-	590	-	-	-
Represented by:						
Purchase of non-current assets		-	-	590	-	-
Total Departmental		-	590	590		
PURCHASE OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS						
Funded by capital appropriations		-	-	590	-	-
Funded internally by departmental resources		1,248	975	975	975	1,010
Total		1,248	975	1,565	975	1,010

Table 3.5 Budgeted Statement of Administered Revenues and Expenses

	Notes	Actual 1999-00 \$'000	Revised Budget 2000-01 \$'000	Estimated 2001-02 \$'000	Estimated 2002-03 \$'000	Estimated 2003-04 \$'000
ADMINISTERED REVENUES AND EXPENSES						
Revenue						
Taxation Revenue	5	860	860	865	865	868
Total revenue		860	860	865	865	868
Expenses						
Total expenses		-	-	-	-	-
Net contribution to government		860	860	865	865	868
Cash transfers to the Official Public Account		(860)	(860)	(865)	(865)	(868)
Net surplus / (deficit)		-	-	-	-	-

Table 3.6: Budgeted Statement of Administered Cash Flows

	Notes	Actual 1999–00 \$'000	Revised Budget 2000–01 \$'000	Estimated 2001–02 \$'000	Estimated 2002–03 \$'000	Estimated 2003–04 \$'000
ADMINISTERED CASH FLOWS						
Operating activities						
Cash received						
		860	860	865	865	868
		860	860	865	865	868
Cash used						
		(860)	(860)	(865)	(865)	(868)
		(860)	(860)	(865)	(865)	(868)
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

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. Revenue from Government

The increase in the Revised Budget appropriation is due to additional funding of \$0.195m for the electronic publication of High Court judgments from 1903 - 1948, the introduction of Court proceedings on the Internet, and the additional position of Deputy Registrar.

3. Employees and Suppliers Expenses

The increase in employees and suppliers expenses is consistent with the increased funding described in note 2.

4. Capital

The increase in capital is due to the capital injection of \$0.590m.

5. Administered Revenue

The increase in the administered revenue collected by the Court is consistent with the increased workload of the Court Registries.

Non-appropriation departmental and administered revenue

	Budget Estimate 2000-01 \$'000	Revised Estimate 2000-01 \$'000
Departmental Revenue		
Sales of goods and services		
Sales of goods and services	86	102
Interest	524	595
Total Non-appropriation departmental revenue	610	697
Appropriations	24,767	24,962
Total departmental revenue	25,377	25,659
Administered Revenue:		
Fees and Charges	795	860
Total Administered Revenue	795	860