

**FEDERAL MAGISTRATES  
SERVICE**

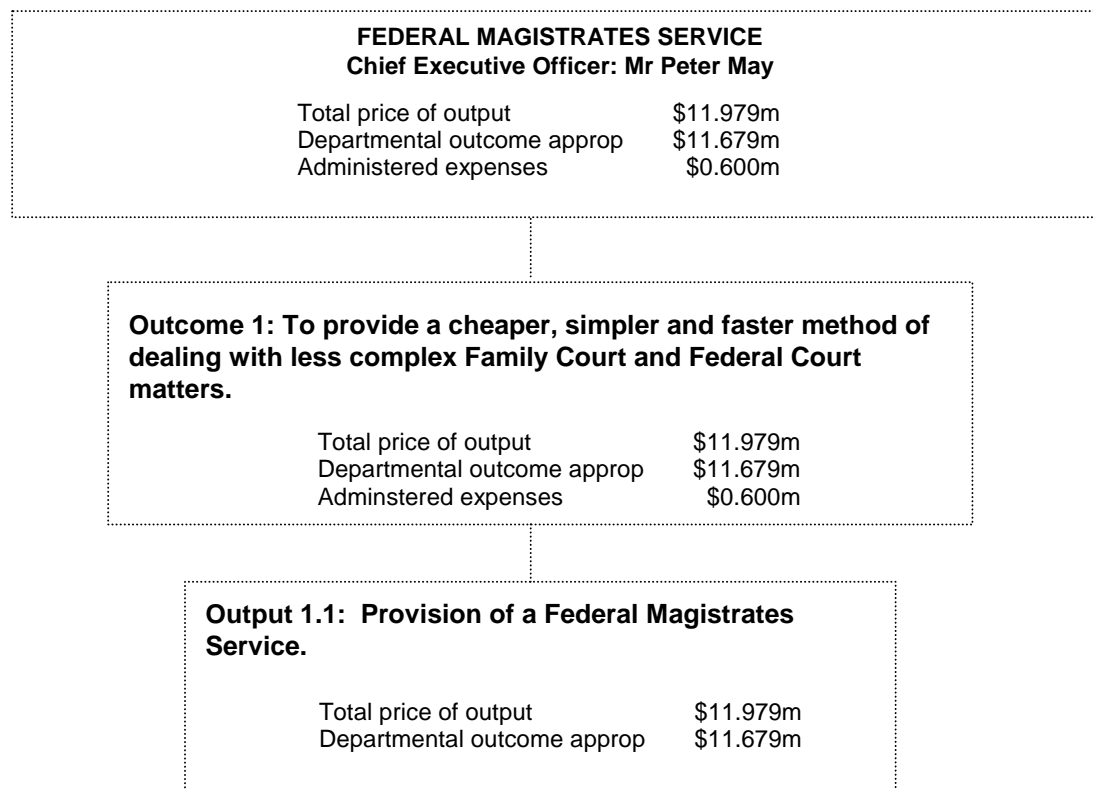
## Section 1: Overview, variations and measures

### OVERVIEW

- The Federal Magistrates Service became a prescribed Agency under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* effective from 1 July 2000.
- The Federal Magistrates Service has been established to provide a cheaper, simpler and faster method of dealing with less complex Family Court and Federal Court matters.
- The appropriation for the Federal Magistrates Service has previously been included in the appropriation for the Attorney-General's Department. This appropriation has now been transferred from the Attorney-General's Department to the Federal Magistrates Service under the provisions of section 32 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*. There are, therefore, no additional estimates in Appropriation Bills 3 and 4 for the Federal Magistrates Service.
- There are no additional estimates for the Federal Magistrates Service, however, as it has been established as a separate agency, the separate output structure, including performance measures, and budgeted financial statements, have been included in the Portfolio Additional Estimate Statements.



## Map 2: Outcomes and output groups for the agency





## SUMMARY OF STAFFING CHANGES

**Table 1.4: Average staffing level (ASL)**

	<b>2000-01 Budget</b>	<b>2000-01 Revised</b>	<b>Variation</b>
<b>Outcome 1</b>			
To provide a cheaper, simpler and faster method of dealing with less complex Family Court and Federal Court matters	43	43	-
<b>Total</b>	43	43	-

**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 2000-01 Budget \$'000	Total approp 2000-01 Revised \$'000	Receipts from independent sources Budget \$'000	Receipts from independent sources Revised \$'000	Variation in non-govt revenue \$'000
<b>Outcome 1</b>					
To provide a cheaper, simpler and faster method of dealing with less complex Family Court and Federal Court matters	11,679	11,679	300	300	-
<b>Total</b>	11,679	11,679	300	300	-

## Section 2: Revisions to outcomes and outputs

### OUTCOMES AND OUTPUT GROUPS

#### Outcome 1 — To provide a cheaper, simpler and faster method of dealing with less complex Family Court and Federal Court matters

##### *Explanation of variations*

- The Federal Magistrates Service became a prescribed Agency under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* effective from 1 July 2000.
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#### Revised performance information and level of achievement — 2000-01

The performance information that the Federal Magistrates Service will use to assess the level of its achievement against Output 1 during 2000-01 is shown below:

**Table 2.1: Performance information for outputs affected by additional estimates Outcome 1**

Output	Performance information 2000-01
<b>Output 1</b>	
Provision of a Federal Magistrates Service.	<p>Quality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than 1% of cases litigated or divorces processed are subject to complaint.</li> <li>• The time taken from filing to disposition is less than 6 months in 90% of cases.</li> <li>• Primary dispute resolution services resolve disputes for people who are referred to them by the court in more than 60% of cases.</li> <li>• Feedback from clients as to whether they are satisfied that their disputes have been handled quickly and simply.</li> <li>• Feedback from clients regarding the simplicity and effectiveness of court rules.</li> <li>• Feedback from clients regarding the availability of information about the service.</li> </ul> <p>Quantity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of cases litigated and divorce cases processed.</li> <li>• Number of counselling, mediation, conciliation and other primary dispute resolution services used.</li> <li>• Number of information sessions conducted and publications issued.</li> </ul> <p>Quantity targets are to be developed from 2000-01 data.</p> <p>Price: \$11.979m</p>

## Section 3: Budgeted Financial Statements

Table 3.1 Budgeted Departmental Operating Statement

	Actual 1999-00 \$'000	Revised Budget 2000-01 \$'000	Estimated 2001-02 \$'000	Estimated 2002-03 \$'000	Estimated 2003-04 \$'000
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>					
Revenues from government					
Ordinary annual appropriations (net appropriations)	-	11,679	11,691	12,113	12,113
Revenue from other sources					
Sales of goods and services	-	0	5	10	10
Interest	-	200	100	100	100
Other revenue from other sources	-	100	45	40	40
<b>Total revenues</b>	-	<b>11,979</b>	11,841	12,263	12,263
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>					
Employees	-	5,585	6,270	6,620	6,992
Suppliers	-	4,907	3,967	4,063	4,162
Depreciation and amortisation	-	101	148	201	201
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenses</b>	-	<b>10,593</b>	10,386	10,884	11,355
<b>Operating results before capital use charge</b>	-	<b>1,386</b>	1,455	1,379	908
<b>Capital use charge (CUC)</b>	-	<b>(676)</b>	(758)	(825)	(834)
<b>Extraordinary items</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating results after extraordinary items and CUC</b>	-	<b>710</b>	697	554	74

Table 3.2 Budgeted Departmental Balance Sheet

	Actual 1999-00 \$'000	Revised Budget 2000-01 \$'000	Estimated 2001-02 \$'000	Estimated 2002-03 \$'000	Estimated 2003-04 \$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash	-	5,837	6,650	7,461	7,801
Receivables	-	30	30	30	30
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total financial assets</b>	-	<b>5,867</b>	6,680	7,491	7,831
<b>Non-financial assets</b>					
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	-	302	260	173	95
Inventories	-	-	-	-	-
Intangibles	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total non-financial assets</b>	-	<b>302</b>	260	173	95
<b>Total Assets</b>	-	<b>6,169</b>	6,941	7,665	7,926
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Debt</b>					
Loans	-	-	-	-	-
Leases	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total debt</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Provisions and payables</b>					
Employees	-	361	523	693	871
Suppliers	-	188	100	100	110
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total provisions and payables</b>	-	<b>549</b>	623	793	981
<b>Total liabilities</b>	-	<b>549</b>	623	792	981
<b>EQUITY</b>					
Reserves	-	4,910	4,910	4,910	4,910
Accumulated results	-	710	1,408	1,962	2,036
<b>Total equity</b>	-	<b>5,620</b>	6,318	6,872	6,946

Table 3.3 Budgeted Departmental Statement of Cash Flows

	Actual 1999–00 \$'000	Revised Budget 2000–01 \$'000	Estimated 2001–02 \$'000	Estimated 2002–03 \$'000	Estimated 2003–04 \$'000
<b>DEPARTMENTAL CASHFLOWS</b>					
<b>Operating Activities</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Appropriations	-	11,679	11,691	12,113	12,113
Sales of goods and services	-	-	5	10	10
Interest	-	200	100	100	100
Other	-	100	45	40	40
<b>Total cash received</b>	-	<b>11,979</b>	<b>11,841</b>	<b>12,263</b>	<b>12,263</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Employees	-	5,240	6,108	6,450	6,814
Suppliers	-	4,847	4,055	4,063	4,152
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash used</b>	-	<b>10,087</b>	<b>10,163</b>	<b>10,513</b>	<b>10,966</b>
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	-	<b>1,892</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>1,297</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash received</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash used</b>					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	385	106	114	123
<b>Total cash used</b>	-	<b>385</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	-	<b>(385)</b>	<b>(106)</b>	<b>(114)</b>	<b>(123)</b>
<b>Financing Activities</b>					
<b>Cash Received</b>					
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	5,006	-	-	-
<b>Total cash received</b>	-	<b>5,006</b>	-	-	-
<b>Cash used</b>					
Capital user charge paid	-	(676)	(758)	(825)	(834)
<b>Dividends paid</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Repayments of borrowings</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash used</b>	-	<b>(676)</b>	<b>(758)</b>	<b>(825)</b>	<b>(834)</b>
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	-	<b>4,330</b>	<b>(758)</b>	<b>(825)</b>	<b>(834)</b>
Net increase in cash held	-	5,837	814	811	340
Add cash as at 1 July	-	-	5,837	6,651	7,462
<b>Cash as at 30 June</b>	-	<b>5,837</b>	<b>6,651</b>	<b>7,462</b>	<b>7,802</b>

Table 3.4 Departmental Capital Budget Statement

	Actual 1999-00 \$'000	Revised Budget 2000-01 \$'000	Estimated 2001-02 \$'000	Estimated 2002-03 \$'000	Estimated 2003-04 \$'000
<b>DEPARTMENTAL</b>					
Total loans	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriation of previous year's carryover	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Purchase of non-current assets	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Departmental</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PURCHASE OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Funded by capital appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Funded internally by departmental resources	-	<b>385</b>	106	114	123
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>385</b>	106	114	123

Table 3.5 Budgeted Statement of Administered Revenues and Expenses

	Actual 1999-00 \$'000	Revised Budget 2000-01 \$'000	Estimated 2001-02 \$'000	Estimated 2002-03 \$'000	Estimated 2003-04 \$'000
<b>ADMINISTERED REVENUES AND EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Revenues</b>					
Taxation Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriations	-	600	600	-	-
Interest and Dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other sources of non-taxation revenues	-	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400
<b>Total revenues</b>	-	<b>6,000</b>	6,000	5,400	5,400
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Other costs of providing goods & services	-	600	600	-	-
Subsidies	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and financing costs	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenses</b>	-	<b>600</b>	600	-	-
Net cost to government	-	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400
Cash transfers to/from DoFA	-	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400
<b>Net surplus / (deficit)</b>	-	-	-	-	-

The Federal Magistrates Service has no administered assets and liabilities.

Table 3.7 Budgeted Statement of Administered Cash Flows

	Actual 1999-00 \$'000	Revised Budget 2000-01 \$'000	Estimated 2001-02 \$'000	Estimated 2002-03 \$'000	Estimated 2003-04 \$'000
<b>ADMINISTERED CASH FLOWS</b>					
<b>Operating Activities</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Taxes, fees and fines	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriations receipts	-	600	600	-	-
Interest and Dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400
<b>Total cash received</b>	-	<b>6,000</b>	6,000	5,400	5,400
<b>Cash used</b>					
Borrowing costs	-	-	-	-	-
Subsidies	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Cash to Official Public Account	-	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400
Other	-	600	600	-	-
<b>Total cash used</b>	-	<b>600</b>	600	-	-
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	-	<b>0</b>	0	0	0
<b>Investing activities</b>					
<b>Cash Received</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash used</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Financial activities</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash used</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Consolidated revenue fund</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Repayments of debt</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash used</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net increase in cash held</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Add cash as at 1 July	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash as at 30 June</b>	-	-	-	-	-

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Basis of accounting**

The agency budgeted 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 will receive resources free of charge from the Family Court and Federal Court. These are not recognised in the budgeted Operating Statement as their fair value has not been reliably determined.