

FAMILY COURT OF  
AUSTRALIA



## Section 1: Overview, appropriations and budget measures summary

### OVERVIEW

The Family Court of Australia is a Superior Court of record, which has been operating since 5 January 1976. The Court consists of the Chief Justice and 47 judges. The Court maintains registries in all capital cities and some major centres except in Western Australia, which has a State Court. The Chief Justice is responsible for the management of the Court, assisted by a Chief Executive Officer. The purpose of the Family Court of Australia is to resolve or determine family disputes. To achieve this, the Court provides a range of services, integrated within a case management environment, and encompassing:

- information about family law and Court services;
- dispute resolution services (mediation); and
- Judicial determination of litigated matters.

Accordingly, the Court has identified two key outputs (“resolution” and “determination”) necessary to achieve the outcome under the accrual budgeting framework. In so doing the Court is able to focus on specific services in order to deliver them in the most efficient and effective manner.

The Court also has administered revenue items, which include court filing fees and fines received on behalf of the Commonwealth Government. However, the Court has no material administered expense items. Therefore, administered items are not recognised in Section 2 of the Budget Statements.

### APPROPRIATIONS

The total appropriation for the Family Court of Australia in the 2002–03 Budget is \$111.024m. Table 1.1 shows the total appropriations for the Court for 2002–03 by outcome and by price of departmental outputs.

### ADMINISTERED CAPITAL AND DEPARTMENTAL EQUITY INJECTIONS AND LOANS

The Family Court of Australia does not have an appropriation for an equity injection or loan or an appropriation for administered capital.

## Family Court of Australia — Appropriations 2002- 03

**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 1	Special approps	Total			Bill 1	Bill 2 (SPPs & NAOs)			
	(A)	(B)	(C=A+B)	(D)	(E=C+D)	(F)	(G)	(H)		(I=F+G+H)
Serving the interests of the Australian community by ensuring families and children in need can access effective high quality services	111,024	-	111,024 95%	6,332	117,356	-	-	-	-	111,024
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,024</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,024</b>	<b>6,332</b>	<b>117,356</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,024</b>
Non-operating: equity injections, loans and previous years' outputs									-	
Administered assets and liabilities									-	
<b>Total appropriations</b>									<b>111,024</b>	

Notes:

- Columns C, D, E and I refer to information provided in Table 2.1.1.
- Under the appropriation structure, Bill 2 includes appropriations for Specific Purpose Payments (SPPs), New Agency Outcomes (NAOs), administered assets and liabilities and equity injections, loans and previous years' outputs.
- Refer to Budgeted Departmental Statement of 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 detailed in Appendix 1.
- 95% 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 outputs information

### OUTCOMES AND OUTPUT GROUPS

The Family Court of Australia has one outcome:

*Serving the interests of the Australian community by ensuring families and children in need can access effective high quality services*

As part of this overall outcome there are two output groups which are then split into a number of individual outputs:

- Resolution
  - Mediated Agreements
  - Consent Orders
- Determination
  - Divorces
  - Interim Orders
  - Final Orders
  - Appeals

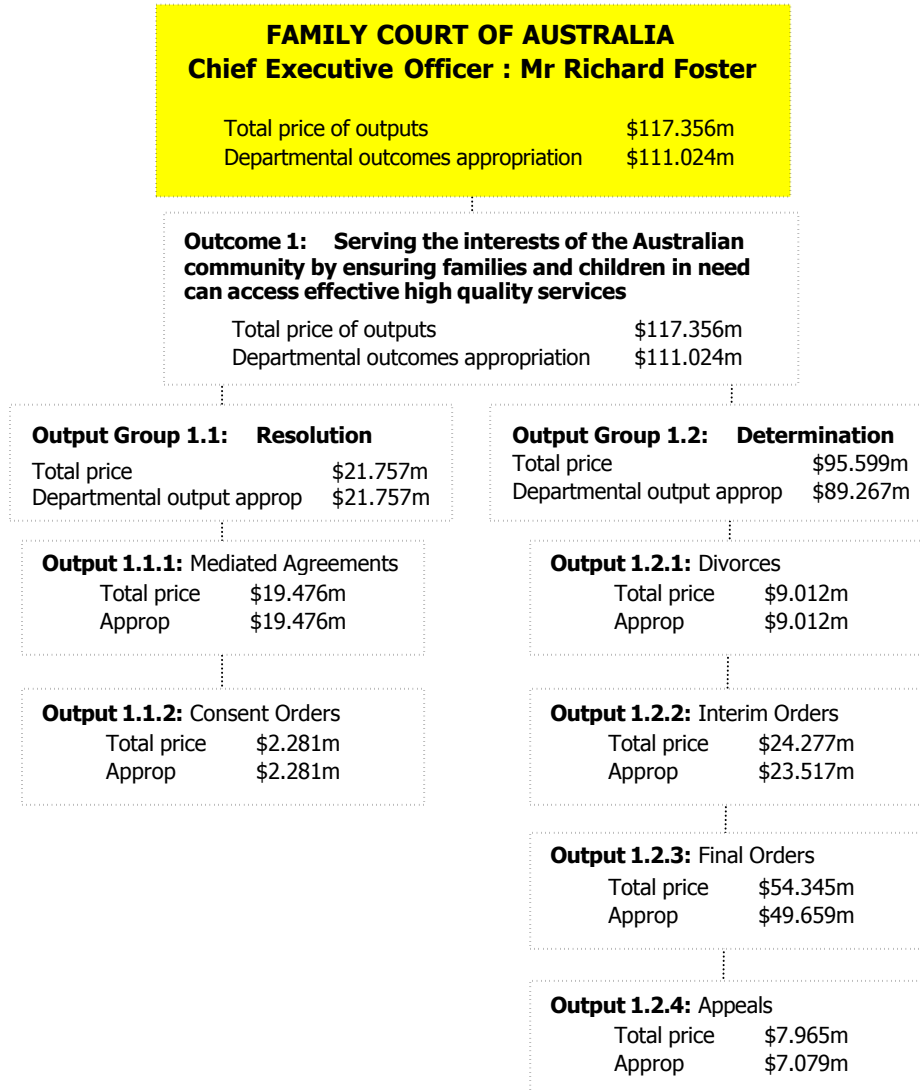
Financial and non-financial information is provided as follows:

- Map 2.1 - details outcome and output resourcing and illustrates the relationship between the outcomes and contributing outputs.
- Table 2.2.1 - details financial information for outcome 1.
- Table 2.3.1 - details non-financial information for outcome 1.

### CHANGES TO OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

There have been no changes to the Court's outcomes/outputs structure since the 2001–02 Budget.

**Map 2.1: Outcome and output groups**



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**OUTCOME 1 — SERVING THE INTERESTS OF THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY BY ENSURING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN NEED CAN ACCESS EFFECTIVE HIGH QUALITY SERVICES**

The Family Court of Australia puts children and families first in the design and delivery of its services.

The Court aims to provide cost-effective dispute resolution for families in conflict and to help its clients reach agreements that are in the best interests of all parties, especially children, and which promote functional family relationships after separation. When parties cannot reach agreement themselves, the Court provides an independent and impartial judicial process to determine family disputes.

The Court also strives to make the community aware of its purpose and the services it can provide, and to develop alliances with community organisations to ensure that families who need to can access appropriate services.

The Family Court of Australia also provides a range of services in support of the Federal Magistrates Service under a Memorandum of Understanding between the two courts.

## OUTCOME 1 - RESOURCING

Table 2.2.1 shows how the 2002–03 appropriations translate to total resourcing for the Court for outcome 1: revenue from government (appropriations), revenue from other sources and the total price of the outputs.

**Table 2.2.1: Total resources for outcome 1 (\$'000)**

	<b>Estimated Actual 2001-02 (\$'000)</b>	<b>Budget Estimate 2002-03 (\$'000)</b>
<b>DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
<b>Output group 1.1: Resolution</b>		
Output 1.1.1 – Mediated Agreements	19,026	19,476
Output 1.1.2 – Consent Orders	2,229	2,281
<b>Subtotal output group 1</b>	<b>21,255</b>	<b>21,757</b>
<b>Output group 1.2: Determination</b>		
Output 1.2.1 – Divorces	8,804	9,012
Output 1.2.2 – Interim Orders	22,881	23,517
Output 1.2.3 – Final Orders	47,932	49,659
Output 1.2.4 – Appeals	6,804	7,079
<b>Subtotal output group 2</b>	<b>86,421</b>	<b>89,267</b>
<b>Total revenue from government (appropriations) contributing to price of departmental outputs</b>	<b>107,676 94%</b>	<b>111,024 95%</b>
<b>REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES</b>		
Output 1.2.2 – Interim Orders	836	760
Output 1.2.3 – Final Orders	5,159	4,686
Output 1.2.4 – Appeals	977	886
<b>Total revenue from other sources</b>	<b>6,972</b>	<b>6,332</b>
<b>Total price of departmental outputs</b> (Total revenue from government and other sources)	<b>114,648</b>	<b>117,356</b>
<b>Total estimated resourcing for outcome 1</b> (Total price of outputs and administered expenses)	<b>114,648</b>	<b>117,356</b>
<b>AVERAGE STAFFING LEVEL</b>	680	680

## **OUTCOME 1 — PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

The Family Court of Australia's outputs of *resolution* and *determination* reflect the Government's commitment to helping families to resolve their disputes by agreement rather than proceeding to trial and having their disputes determined by a judge.

### **Output group 1.1 - Resolution**

The provision of services to assist clients to resolve their family disputes without proceeding to determination, ie to resolve disputes without commencing a hearing before a Judge, Judicial Registrar or Registrar. Services include mediation in children's matters by Court Counsellors and in property matters by Deputy Registrars. Pre-filing mediation is available in some Court locations primarily in rural and regional locations. Pre-filing mediation is available prior to filing a formal application with the Court.

A combined first return date event is provided after filing of an application for final orders in parenting and financial cases. This event comprises an information session, case assessment conference and directions hearing. The information session early in the court process presents information about the full range of options available to assist in the resolution of a dispute. The case assessment conference identifies the issues in dispute between the parties, considers appropriate dispute resolution interventions and provides an early opportunity to negotiate and, if the case is not able to be resolved, adopts a case management pathway for each case. The development of parenting plans and consideration of consent orders also assist separated families to reach and formalise agreements without proceeding to a judicial determination.

At all events along the Court's case management pathway there is an attempt made to resolve the issues in dispute. Events in this category include case assessment conferences, directions hearings, conciliation conferences and pre trial conferences. Registry services include filing of applications, listing of resolution events and provision of information to clients in person and by phone.

#### **Output 1.1.1 Mediated Agreements**

Clients may seek pre-filing mediation services (voluntary counselling) without filing a formal application with the Family Court. Some of these clients subsequently reach a private agreement which is never formalised by the Family Court, others submit consent orders and others proceed to file an application for interim and/or final orders. Mediation is conducted in children's matters by Court Counsellors who are trained in social work or psychology. In financial matters, conciliation conferences are conducted by legally trained Deputy Registrars. Where there are combined children's and financial matters a joint session with a Deputy Registrar and a Mediator is organised, where possible. Clients may file an application for final orders (form 3) but resolve their dispute at some point between filing the application and commencing a final hearing before a Judge or Judicial Registrar. For example, after case assessment conference, a conciliation conference or at the pre-trial conference.

**Output 1.1.2 Consent Orders**

Clients may file an application for consent orders (form 12A) for approval by a Registrar in chambers, without seeking recourse to any other Family Court services including pre-filing mediation. Alternatively, parties may seek to register a parenting plan (Form 26A) or enter into a binding financial arrangement (part VIII(A) Family Law Act). Those matters that proceed with an application can be finalised at any stage by the filing of consent orders (Order 14 rule 7).

**Output group 1.2 - Determination**

Matters determined by Judges, Judicial Registrars, Registrars and Deputy Registrars include divorces, applications for interim orders, applications for final orders and appeals. These matters mostly include, but are not limited to, those involving financial disputes between parties to a marriage and disputes involving residence, contact and specific issues related to the children whether the parents have married or not. The vast majority of matters commenced in the court, resolve before reaching a final hearing. In addition, a very large number of parties file applications seeking interim orders.

**Output 1.2.1 Divorces**

The divorce application is a separate procedure from any application relating to the matrimonial property or the residence, contact or specific issues relating to children. Divorces are usually dealt with by Deputy Registrars, although in certain circumstances they will come before a Judge, Judicial Registrar or Registrar.

**Output 1.2.2 Interim Orders**

Clients may seek to have their family dispute determined by a Judge, Judicial Registrar or Registrar on an interim basis pending progress of their application for final orders. Disputes may include financial, children or other matters. Activities undertaken by Court staff include services to assist judicial decision making such as provision of registry services to process applications for court proceedings and listing of matters for trial.

**Output 1.2.3 Final Orders**

The resolution of family disputes, including children, financial and other matters required to be decided by a judicial officer on a final basis. Activities undertaken by Family Court staff include services to assist judicial decision making on cases which come to trial, such as provision of registry services to process applications for court proceedings, listing of matters for trial, provision of pre-trial conferences, provision of family reports, and resolving taxation of costs. Caseflow managers proactively manage individual files to ensure that parties and their lawyers are prepared and available for court events. These managers are the parties' and lawyers' first point of reference in any case pending in the court.

### Output 1.2.4 Appeals

The Family Law Act allows an appeal against the decision of an individual Judge to the Full Court. Decisions by Judicial Registrars and Registrars are reviewed by a single Judge and are treated as an event contributing the outputs *Interim Orders* or *Final Orders*, not to the *Appeals* output. Fewer than 2% of interim orders made by Registrars are sent on review to a Judge. The Family Law Act allows an appeal against the decision of a Federal Magistrate to the Full Court. A further provision in the Family Law Act permits the Chief Justice to determine whether that appeal is heard by the Full Court or a single Judge of the Court.

In achieving its outcome of “*Serving the interests of the Australian community by ensuring families and children in need can access effective high quality services*” the Court wants to be known for its vision of:

- putting children and families first in the design and delivery of services;
- promoting functional family relationships after separation;
- displaying independence and impartiality in the judicial process;
- having staff who are valued for providing quality services for families;
- providing cost effective dispute resolution for families; and
- being at the forefront of the development of innovative services for families in conflict.

This vision is supported by six key result areas outlined below and within these the detailed strategies work towards achieving the outputs:

1. Improving service delivery by everyone in the Court to meet the needs of families in dispute.
2. Ensuring an effective management system is in place.
3. Having measures for minimising the impact on clients, staff and Judges arising from the stressful nature of the Court’s responsibilities, and for assisting those affected.
4. Improving relationships with stakeholders (eg. Government, legal aid bodies, professional associations and support agencies) for better client outcomes.
5. Improving community understanding of the Court.
6. Ensuring an effective planning structure.

Table 2.3.1 provides key measures for each of the outputs which link to the Court's outcome.

**Table 2.3.1 Performance information for outcome 1**

<b>Effectiveness – overall achievement of the outcome</b>	
Effectiveness indicators	Measures
The delivery of the Courts outputs are undertaken in a timely, cost effective and client focused manner	A combination of the quantity, quality and price of outputs as outlined below for each output
<b>Performance information for departmental outputs</b>	
Output description	Performance measure
<b>Output group 1.1: Resolution</b>	
Output 1.1.1 Mediated Agreements	<p>Price: Average cost of achieving mediated agreements: \$1,132</p> <p>Quality: Proportion of total matters filed which are resolved through mediated agreement between the parties – target 75%</p> <p>Timeliness of Court events – target 90% of the matters resolved through mediated agreement are resolved within 6 months of filing</p> <p>Client satisfaction – target 75% of clients are satisfied with Court resolution processes</p> <p>Quantity: Number of mediated agreements reached: 17,200 (This quantity reflects the number of agreements reached/finalised in the Family Court. In addition to this, of Mediated Agreements commenced, approximately 20% are filed for determination by the FMS – the FCoA however undertakes a range of operational support activities with respect to the FMS filings.)</p>
Output 1.1.2 Consent Orders	<p>Price: Average cost of consent orders processed: \$216</p> <p>Quality: Timeliness of Court events – target 90% of compliant consent orders filed are finalised within 4 weeks of filing</p> <p>Quantity: Total number of consent orders processed: 10,570</p>

Table 2.3.1 Performance information for outcome 1 (continued)

<i>Output description</i>	<i>Performance measure</i>
<b>Output group 1.2: Determination</b> Output 1.2.1 Divorces	Price: Average cost: \$334 Quality: Timeliness – target 90% of divorces filed are determined within three months Client satisfaction – target 75% of clients are satisfied with Court divorce processes Quantity: Total number of divorces (form 4) finalised: 27,000 (This quantity reflects the number of Divorces finalised in the Family Court. In addition to this, of Divorce Applications filed at the FCoA Registries, approximately 50% are matters filed for determination by the FMS – The FCoA however undertakes a range of operational support activities with respect to FMS applications).
Output 1.2.2 Interim Orders	Price: Average cost: \$1,232 Quality: Timeliness – target 90% of applications for interim orders are finalised within three months Client satisfaction – target 75% of clients are satisfied with Court processes Quantity: Total number of applications for interim orders finalised: 19,700 (This quantity reflects the number of Interim Orders made in the Family Court. In addition to this, of the Applications made, approximately 20% are matters for determination by the FMS – the FCoA however undertakes a range of operational support activities with respect to FMS applications).
Output 1.2.3 Final Orders	Price: Average cost: \$13,586 Quality: Timeliness – target 75% of applications which have not been resolved are finalised within six months of issue of trial notice. Client satisfaction – target 75% of clients are satisfied with litigation processes Quantity: Number of final orders determined: 4,000
Output 1.2.4 Appeals	Price: Average cost: \$22,756 Quality: Timeliness.- target 75% of appeals are finalised within six months Quantity: Number of appeals finalised: 350

## EVALUATIONS

Information on planned evaluation activity is included in Table 2.3.1. The results will be reported on in the Annual Report and will include details of operational audits undertaken by the Court's internal auditor Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

## Section 3: Budgeted Financial Statements

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

	Estimated Actual 2001–02 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
<b>Revenues from ordinary activities</b>					
Revenue from government	107,676	111,024	109,194	111,170	112,808
Sales of goods and services	994	500	500	500	500
Interest	686	540	540	540	540
Other	5,292	5,292	5,292	5,292	5,292
<b>Total revenues from ordinary activities</b>	<b>114,648</b>	<b>117,356</b>	<b>115,526</b>	<b>117,502</b>	<b>119,140</b>
<b>Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)</b>					
Employees	58,485	59,608	58,550	59,217	59,658
Suppliers	49,128	50,222	48,875	49,509	50,489
Depreciation and amortisation	6,198	6,534	7,129	7,784	8,001
Loss on sale of assets	800	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)</b>	<b>114,611</b>	<b>116,364</b>	<b>114,534</b>	<b>116,510</b>	<b>118,148</b>
Borrowing costs expense	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net surplus or (deficit) from ordinary activities</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>
Gain or loss on extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net surplus or (deficit)</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>
Capital use charge	(837)	(992)	(992)	(992)	(992)
Prior year adjustment	1,408	-	-	-	-
<b>Net surplus or (deficit) after capital use charge</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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

	Estimated Actual 2001–02 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash	2,691	2,620	1,528	1,125	3,899
Receivables	1,317	1,317	1,317	1,317	1,317
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>4,008</b>	<b>3,937</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>2,442</b>	<b>5,216</b>
<b>Non-financial assets</b>					
Land and buildings	5,733	6,188	7,452	8,962	8,309
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	3,043	5,103	7,455	9,607	10,967
Inventories	265	265	265	265	265
Intangibles	9,893	8,346	6,600	4,654	2,445
Other	5,598	5,598	5,598	5,598	5,598
<b>Total non-financial assets</b>	<b>24,532</b>	<b>25,500</b>	<b>27,370</b>	<b>29,086</b>	<b>27,585</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>28,540</b>	<b>29,437</b>	<b>30,215</b>	<b>31,528</b>	<b>32,801</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Provisions and payables</b>					
Employees	17,947	18,844	19,622	20,935	22,208
Suppliers	1,221	1,221	1,221	1,221	1,221
Other	360	360	360	360	360
<b>Total provisions and payables</b>	<b>19,528</b>	<b>20,425</b>	<b>21,203</b>	<b>22,516</b>	<b>23,789</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>19,528</b>	<b>20,425</b>	<b>21,203</b>	<b>22,516</b>	<b>23,789</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>					
Capital	2,753	2,753	2,753	2,753	2,753
Reserves	-	-	-	-	-
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	6,259	6,259	6,259	6,259	6,259
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>9,012</b>	<b>9,012</b>	<b>9,012</b>	<b>9,012</b>	<b>9,012</b>
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>	<b>28,540</b>	<b>29,437</b>	<b>30,215</b>	<b>31,528</b>	<b>32,801</b>

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

	<b>Estimated Actual 2001–02 \$'000</b>	<b>Budget Estimate 2002–03 \$'000</b>	<b>Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000</b>	<b>Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000</b>	<b>Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Appropriations for outputs	107,676	111,024	109,194	111,170	112,808
Sales of goods and services	994	500	500	500	500
Interest	686	540	540	540	540
GST Input Credits and Receipts	4,260	4,312	4,197	4,261	4,335
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>113,616</b>	<b>116,376</b>	<b>114,431</b>	<b>116,461</b>	<b>118,183</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Employees	52,763	53,491	52,529	52,682	53,163
Suppliers	49,192	50,152	48,805	49,439	50,419
GST Payments	4,260	4,312	4,197	4,261	4,335
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>106,215</b>	<b>107,955</b>	<b>105,531</b>	<b>106,372</b>	<b>107,917</b>
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>7,401</b>	<b>8,421</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>10,089</b>	<b>10,266</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash used</b>					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	9,475	7,500	9,000	9,500	6,500
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>9,475</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>6,500</b>
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<b>(9,475)</b>	<b>(7,500)</b>	<b>(9,000)</b>	<b>(9,500)</b>	<b>(6,500)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash used</b>					
Capital use and dividends paid	742	992	992	992	992
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	<b>(742)</b>	<b>(992)</b>	<b>(992)</b>	<b>(992)</b>	<b>(992)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash held</b>	<b>(2,816)</b>	<b>(71)</b>	<b>(1,092)</b>	<b>(403)</b>	<b>2,774</b>
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	5,507	2,691	2,620	1,528	1,125
<b>Cash at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>2,691</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>3,899</b>

Table 3.4: Departmental Capital Budget Statement

	Estimated Actual 2001-02 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2002-03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005-06 \$'000
<b>CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
Total equity injections	-	-	-	-	-
Total loans	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriation of previous year's carryover	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Purchase of non-financial assets	9,475	7,500	9,000	9,500	6,500
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PURCHASE OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>					
Funded by capital appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Funded internally by departmental resources	9,475	7,500	9,000	9,500	6,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,475</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>6,500</b>

**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	-	5,733	5,733	3,043	8,776	9,893	18,669
Additions	-	3,000	3,000	3,500	6,500	1,000	7,500
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation Increments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoverable amount write-downs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net transfers free of charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation/Amortisation expense	-	2,548	2,548	1,440	3,988	2,546	6,534
Write-off of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other movements	-	3	3	-	3	(1)	2
Carrying amount at the end of year	-	6,188	6,188	5,103	11,291	8,346	19,637
<b>Total Additions</b>							
Self funded	-	3,000	3,000	3,500	6,500	1,000	7,500
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>7,500</b>

**Table 3.7: Note of Budgeted Revenues and Expenses Administered on Behalf of the Government for the period ended 30 June**

	<b>Estimated Actual 2001–02 \$'000</b>	<b>Budget Estimate 2002–03 \$'000</b>	<b>Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000</b>	<b>Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000</b>	<b>Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
<b>Non-taxation</b>					
Revenues from government	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other sources of non-taxation revenues	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
<b>Total non-taxation</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Total revenues administered on behalf of the Government</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Subsidies	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenses administered on behalf of the Government</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 3.8: Note of Budgeted Assets and Liabilities Administered on Behalf of the Government as at 30 June**

	Estimated Actual 2001–02 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash	10	10	10	10	10
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Non-financial assets</b>					
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total non-financial assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total assets administered on behalf of the Government</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Provisions and payables</b>					
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total provisions and payables</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total liabilities administered on behalf of the Government</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 3.9: Note of Budgeted Administered Cash Flows  
for the period ended 30 June**

	<b>Estimated Actual 2001-02 \$'000</b>	<b>Budget Estimate 2002-03 \$'000</b>	<b>Forward Estimate 2003-04 \$'000</b>	<b>Forward Estimate 2004-05 \$'000</b>	<b>Forward Estimate 2005-06 \$'000</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Other	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Subsidies	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Cash to Official Public Account	4,033	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>4,033</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>(33)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net increase in cash held</b>	<b>(33)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	43	10	10	10	10
<b>Cash at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Family Court of Australia is funded by way of Departmental appropriations of which a significant amount is expended on employee and related costs. Other large cost areas include property operating expenses in relation to the Court and Registries located throughout Australia with the exception of Western Australia.

### Departmental and Administered Financial Statements

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 for 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.

Departmental assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses in relation to an agency or authority are those which 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.

Administered items are revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities which 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 continue under the accrual appropriation framework, and fund the majority of payments from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

### **Reduction in Appropriations**

The reduction in Appropriation revenue in 2003-2004 primarily reflects the transfer of \$1.2m to the Federal Magistrates Service and corrections to price adjustments that had been made in previous years.

### **Capital use charge**

A capital use charge is levied on agencies and authorities to reflect the cost of the Commonwealth's investment in those entities. It is levied on those agencies closing Departmental net assets (equity) at a rate of 11%.

Funding for the capital use charge is included in agencies and authorities Departmental price of outputs appropriations. The capital use charge is accounted for as a 'below Operating Result line' dividend payment.

### **Cash transfers to Official Public Account**

Administered revenues, such as taxes, fees and fines, which are collected by agencies and authorities, are passed onto the Commonwealth's Official Public Account.

### **Asset Valuation**

Commonwealth agencies and authorities are required to value property, plant and equipment and other infrastructure assets using the deprival method of valuation. This essentially reflects the current cost the entity would face in replacing that asset.

**APPENDIX 1****Receipts from Independent Sources**

	<b>Estimated Revenue 2001-02 \$'000</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue 2002-03 \$'000</b>
<b>DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE</b>		
Sales of goods and services	994	500
Interest	686	540
Resources received free of charge	5,292	5,292
Other revenue	-	-
<b>Total Estimated Departmental Revenue</b>	<b>6,972</b>	<b>6,332</b>
<b>ADMINISTERED REVENUE</b>		
Other non taxation revenue - fees and fines	4,000	4,000
<b>Total Estimated Administered Revenue</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>