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## INTRODUCTION

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Part one of the Federal Magistrates Court 2003-04 annual report provides a brief introduction to and overview of the Federal Magistrates Court – its establishment, objectives, organisational details and jurisdiction.

Part two contains an annual review by the Chief Federal Magistrate that examines the major legal and administrative developments over the year.

Part three contains information on the performance of the Federal Magistrates Court, the work of the court, examples of cases, information on complaints and appeals, court circuits and primary dispute resolution information.

Part four contains information on corporate governance, the court's committees and their activities. It also reports on corporate and operational planning, performance reporting, reviews, remuneration of senior executives and an analysis of financial performance.

Information about external scrutiny and management of human resources is contained in part five.

Part six contains information on purchasing, assets management, consultancies and competitive tendering and contracting.

Financial statements are contained in part seven. A compliance index, staffing levels, summary resources table and a list of presentations given by federal magistrates over the past year are contained in appendixes in part eight.

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