

# FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT OF AUSTRALIA

## Section 1: Agency overview and resources

### 1.1 STRATEGIC DIRECTION STATEMENT

The Federal Magistrates Court of Australia is a federal court established under the Constitution by the *Federal Magistrates Act 1999*. It was established to handle less complex matters in family law and general federal law. The Federal Magistrates Court shares jurisdiction with the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court of Australia.

Since its inception 11 years ago, the Federal Magistrates Court has established itself as the basic trial court, in significant areas of jurisdiction, of the federal judicial system. The jurisdiction of the court includes family law and child support, administrative law, bankruptcy, unlawful discrimination, consumer protection law, privacy law, migration law, trade practices law and workplace relations law.

The Federal Magistrates Court will continue to closely monitor the timeliness of the delivery of judgments.

The following strategic initiatives will continue to be evaluated and implemented during 2011-12.

The Federal Magistrates Court is identifying new and innovative ways to provide better access to justice for family law litigants. The new approaches being investigated consider alternative approaches to the use of in-house resources while considering the particular needs of the matter. The court is considering these innovative solutions in the context of limited court resources and potential better outcomes for litigants.

#### **Review of family violence strategy**

A joint Family Violence Committee comprising federal magistrates, judges and senior staff members has been established to review the courts' family violence strategy and in doing so to take into consideration the recommendations made by recently completed reviews including:

- the Family Law Council's Report on Family Violence
- the Family Violence Report by the Hon Professor Richard Chisholm AM
- the Australian Institute of Family Studies Family Law Evaluation Report, and
- the Australian Law Reform Commission and NSW Law Reform Commission's review of the interaction in practice of laws relating to violence, including the interaction of the Family Law Act with child protection laws and state protective order legislation.

The revision of the family violence strategy is well advanced and anticipated to be completed in the first half of 2011.

### **Commonwealth Courts Portal**

The Commonwealth Courts Portal ([www.comcourts.gov.au](http://www.comcourts.gov.au)), launched in July 2007, is an initiative of the Federal Magistrates Court, Family Court and Federal Court. The portal provides free web-based access to information about cases that are before these courts.

After registering, lawyers can keep track of their cases, identify documents that have been filed and view outcomes, orders made and future court dates. Users log on using a single user ID and access multiple jurisdictions from a single central web-based system.

Enhancements during 2008–09 included the introduction of stage 1 of electronic filing (efiling) in family law matters from 16 August 2008. This made it possible for lawyers and law firms that are registered on the portal to efile a range of supplementary documents in family law matters with the Family Court, the Federal Magistrates Court or the Family Court of Western Australia.

Stage 2 of efilng, implemented on 26 September 2009, enabled applications for divorce to be efiled. To date almost 9,000 applications have been efiled. On 27 March 2010, efilng of divorce applications was made available for parties to file in the Family Court of Western Australia.

Stage 3 of efilng was implemented on 12 February 2011 and enabled family law initiating applications to be efiled. Efilng of responses to initiating applications for final orders was implemented on 26 March 2011. As at the end of March 2011, more than 50 applications and 10 responses had been efiled. The other important piece of work currently being completed for stage 3 is alternative electronic versions of the initiating application for final orders and the response to final orders. These will be special templates designed to be made available to the commercial precedent providers so that law firms will be able to efile directly from their back office systems by transferring their data to the court's systems via the portal. A completed and sealed application or response will then be available for downloading and printing from the portal. It is intended that this work will be completed by the second quarter of 2011.

Another significant change implemented in stage 3 is the ability for practitioners to efile a notice of address for service or a response to an initiating application on family law files to which they are not yet a party. Practitioners need to have the relevant court file number and party details to complete this transaction which, after verification and approval of access by court staff, allows them to gain access to the relevant file. This significantly improves access to the court for practitioners in regional, rural and remote locations without compromising the security of other portal files.

Planned portal enhancements for the immediate future include adding features and functionality to the portal home page to further improve the user experience by providing simpler ways for parties to access additional information about their cases. Work will also shortly commence to provide the initiating application and response eforms to the Family Court of Western Australia and to ensure compliance with the government-mandated version 2.0 of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

The following statistics highlight the significant growth in the number of portal users as to 31 March 2011:

- Registrations for firms have now moved past 2,200 (compared to 1,100 in March 2010).
- Lawyer registrations have also increased to over 4,500 (compared to 2,500 in March 2010).
- Total registered users exceed 50,000 (compared to 14,000 in March 2010).
- More than 1,600 users logged on to the portal in the last week of March 2011 (compared to 800 in March 2010).

### **Federal courts restructure**

In May 2010, the Australian Government announced its decision to retain the Federal Magistrates Court to hear general federal law matters. Federal magistrates with the requisite military experience or training may be offered dual commissions to the lower division of the proposed Military Court of Australia. As the Federal Magistrates Court is to be retained, funding that had been transferred from the Federal Magistrates Court to the Family Court and the Federal Court was returned to the Federal Magistrates Court with effect from 1 January 2011.

### **Significant new measures**

The Federal Magistrates Court's appropriations have been adjusted for:

- appropriations for the increase in federal magistrate superannuation employer contributions from a rate of 13.1% to 15.4% at a cost of \$1.692m over four years. The increase in superannuation contributions will align the federal magistrates' contributions with most new Australian Government employees and parliamentarians. The cost of this increase is being absorbed by the Federal Magistrates Court, through a range of savings initiatives, and
- appropriations of \$8.164m over four years for the appointment of two federal magistrates. These federal magistrates will address the increased demand on the Federal Magistrates Court as a result of changes to the processing of Refugee Status Determinations. The changes will allow Offshore Entry Persons Refugee Status Determinations to be reviewed judicially in the case of error of law, including breach of common law rules of procedural fairness. The changes form part of the Australian Government's response to the High Court decision in the matter of *Plaintiff M61/2010(E) v Commonwealth of Australia* (2010) HCA 41 of 11 November 2010.

## 1.2 AGENCY RESOURCE STATEMENT

Table 1.1 shows the total resources from all sources. The table summarises how resources will be applied by outcome and by administered and departmental classification.

**Table 1.1: Agency resource statement—Budget estimates for 2011–12 as at Budget May 2011**

	Estimate of prior year amounts available in 2011–12 \$'000	+ Proposed at Budget 2011–12 \$'000	= Total estimate 2011–12 \$'000	Actual available appropriation 2010–11 \$'000
<b>ORDINARY ANNUAL SERVICES<sup>1</sup></b>				
<b>Departmental appropriation</b>				
Prior year departmental appropriation <sup>2</sup>	7,665	–	7,665	–
Departmental appropriations 31 relevant agency receipts <sup>3</sup>	–	52,025	52,025	25,142
	–	–	–	30,210
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,665</b>	<b>52,025</b>	<b>59,690</b>	<b>55,352</b>
<b>Administered expenses</b>				
Outcome 1	–	878	878	859
<b>Total</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>859</b>
<b>Total ordinary annual services</b>	<b>7,665</b>	<b>52,903</b>	<b>60,568</b>	<b>56,211</b>
<b>SPECIAL ACCOUNTS</b>				
Opening balance <sup>4</sup>	–	–	–	–
Receipts	–	–	–	–
<b>Total special accounts</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total net resourcing for agency</b>	<b>7,665</b>	<b>52,903</b>	<b>60,568</b>	<b>56,211</b>

All figures are GST exclusive.

1. Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2011–12.

2. Estimated adjusted balance carried forward from previous year.

3. Section 31 relevant agency receipts—estimate.

4. Estimated opening balance for special accounts (less 'special public money' held in accounts such as Other Trust Moneys accounts, Services for Other Governments and Non-Agency Bodies accounts, or Services for Other Entities and Trust Moneys accounts). For further information on special accounts, see Table 3.1.2.

### 1.3 BUDGET MEASURES

Budget measures relating to the Federal Magistrates Court are detailed in Budget Paper No. 2 and are summarised below.

**Table 1.2: Agency 2011–12 Budget measures**

	Program	2010–11 \$'000	2011–12 \$'000	2012–13 \$'000	2013–14 \$'000	2014–15 \$'000
<b>Expense measures</b>						
Federal Magistrates Court—improved superannuation contributions	1.1					
Departmental expenses		–	–	–	–	–
Refugee Status Determinations for offshore entry persons—streamlined processes <sup>1</sup>	1.1					
Departmental expenses		–	2,014	2,033	2,050	2,067
Efficiency dividend—temporary increase in the rate	1.1					
Departmental expenses		–	(253)	(529)	(669)	(800)
<b>Total expense measures</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>1,504</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>1,267</b>

Prepared on a Government Finance Statistics (fiscal) basis.

1. The lead agency for this measure is the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. The full measure description and package details appear in Budget Paper No. 2 under the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio.

## Section 2: Outcomes and planned performance

### 2.1 OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Government outcomes are the intended results, impacts or consequences of actions by the government on the Australian community. Commonwealth programs are the primary vehicle by which government agencies achieve the intended results of their outcome statements. Agencies are required to identify the programs that contribute to government outcomes over the budget and forward years.

The Federal Magistrates Court's outcome is described below together with its related program, specifying the performance indicators and targets used to assess and monitor the performance of the Federal Magistrates Court in achieving government outcomes.

**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 Court of Australia**

#### Outcome 1 strategy

The Federal Magistrates Court's key strategies in achieving Outcome 1 are set out in the strategic direction statement for 2011–12 in section 1.1.

## Outcome 1 expense statement

Table 2.1 provides an overview of the total expenses for Outcome 1, by program.

**Table 2.1: Budgeted expenses for Outcome 1**

	2010–11 Estimated actual expenses \$'000	2011–12 Estimated expenses \$'000
<b>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 Court of Australia</b>		
<b>Program 1.1: Provision of a Federal Magistrates Court</b>		
Administered expenses		
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bill No. 1)	859	878
Departmental expenses		
Departmental appropriation <sup>1</sup>	57,397	51,980
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the budget year <sup>2</sup>	37,705	42,835
<b>Total expenses for Outcome 1</b>	<b>95,961</b>	<b>95,693</b>
	<b>2010–11</b>	<b>2011–12</b>
<b>Average staffing level (number)</b>	228	234

Note: Departmental appropriation splits and totals are indicative estimates and may change in the course of the budget year as government priorities change.

1. Departmental appropriation combines 'Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bill No. 1)' and 'Revenue from independent sources (s 31)'.

2. Expenses not requiring appropriation in the 2011–12 budget year are made up of liabilities assumed by related entities of \$0.660m, resources received free of charge of \$41.094m and depreciation and amortisation expense of \$1.081m.

## Contributions to Outcome 1

### Program 1.1: Provision of a Federal Magistrates Court

#### Program 1.1 objective

The Federal Magistrates Court provides a simple and accessible alternative to litigation in the Family Court and the Federal Court.

Where practical, parties are encouraged to resolve their disputes through dispute resolution and negotiation methods.

<b>Program 1.1 expenses</b>					
The expenses attributable to the Federal Magistrates Court program (for federal and family law) over the forward years reflect the Australian Government's decision to retain the Federal Magistrates Court to hear general federal law matters. Funds attributable to the Federal Magistrates Court (for both federal and family law) previously transferred to the Family Court and Federal Court have been returned to the Federal Magistrates Court from 1 January 2011.					
	2010-11 Revised budget \$'000	2011-12 Budget \$'000	2012-13 Forward year 1 \$'000	2013-14 Forward year 2 \$'000	2014-15 Forward year 3 \$'000
Annual departmental expenses					
Provision of a Federal Magistrates Court	57,397	51,980	51,926	52,506	52,270
Annual administered expenses					
Primary dispute resolution	859	878	878	878	892
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the budget year <sup>1</sup>	37,705	42,835	42,898	42,982	42,982
<b>Total program expenses</b>	<b>95,961</b>	<b>95,693</b>	<b>95,702</b>	<b>96,366</b>	<b>96,144</b>

1. Expenses not requiring appropriation in the 2011-12 budget year are made up of liabilities assumed by related entities of \$0.660m, resources received free of charge of \$41.094m and depreciation and amortisation expense of \$1.081m.

<b>Program 1.1 deliverables</b>					
The Federal Magistrates Court's deliverables relate to judicial services outputs which are monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis.					
<b>Deliverables</b>	2010-11 Revised budget	2011-12 Budget	2012-13 Forward year 1	2013-14 Forward year 2	2014-15 Forward year 3
Number of cases litigated and divorce cases processed	93,100	96,600	99,400	101,000	102,500

<b>Program 1.1 key performance indicators</b>					
The Federal Magistrates Court's key performance indicators focus on the court's ability to process matters in a timely manner.					
<b>Key performance indicators</b>	2010-11 Revised budget	2011-12 Budget target	2012-13 Forward year 1	2013-14 Forward year 2	2014-15 Forward year 3
Cases litigated or divorces processed subject to complaint	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Time taken from filing to disposition is less than six months	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
Matters resolved prior to trial	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%

## Section 3: Explanatory tables and budgeted financial statements

Section 3 presents explanatory tables and budgeted financial statements which provide a comprehensive snapshot of agency finances for the 2011–12 budget year. It explains how budget plans are incorporated into the financial statements and provides further details of the reconciliation between appropriations and program expenses, and special accounts.

### 3.1 EXPLANATORY TABLES

#### 3.1.1 Movement of administered funds between years

The Federal Magistrates Court has not moved any administered funds between years.

#### 3.1.2 Special accounts

Special accounts provide a means to set aside and record amounts used for specified purposes. Special accounts can be created by a Finance Minister's Determination under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* or under separate enabling legislation. Table 3.1.2 shows the expected additions (receipts) and reductions (payments) for each account used by the Federal Magistrates Court.

**Table 3.1.2: Estimates of special account flows and balances**

		Opening balance 2011–12	Receipts 2011–12	Payments 2011–12	Adjustments 2011–12	Closing balance 2011–12
		2010–11	2010–11	2010–11	2010–11	2010–11
	Outcome	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Federal Magistrates Court						
Litigants' Fund Special	1	533	200	200	–	533
Account—FMA Act s 20 (A) <sup>1</sup>	1	533	200	200	–	533
Other Trust Moneys—	1	–	–	–	–	–
FMA Act s 20 (A) <sup>2</sup>	1	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total special accounts</b>						
<b>2011–12 Budget estimate</b>		<b>533</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>533</b>
<i>Total special accounts</i>						
<i>2010–11 estimated actual</i>		533	200	200	–	533

(A) = Administered.

1. The purpose of this account is to hold and disburse money paid to the Federal Magistrates Court in accordance with an order made by the court or a federal magistrate under section 15 of the *Federal Magistrates Act 1999*.

2. This special account was abolished in 2010–11.

#### 3.1.3 Australian Government Indigenous expenditure

The Federal Magistrates Court has no Indigenous-specific expenses.

## **3.2 BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **3.2.1 Differences in agency resourcing and financial statements**

The most significant difference between the Federal Magistrates Court's agency resourcing and financial statements is that of resources received free of charge (\$41.094m) and liabilities assumed from related entities (\$0.660m). These costs are equally offset with expenditure and are not included in the agency resourcing table. The agency resourcing table shows additional appropriations of \$0.045m for 2011-12 (than in the income statement) due to the recognition of supplementation for rent increases in the Adelaide Commonwealth Law Court received in 2011-12 but recognised in 2010-11.

### **3.2.2 Analysis of budgeted financial statements**

#### **Budgeted departmental income statement**

Appropriation revenue for the Federal Magistrates Court has increased since the 2010-11 Additional Estimates. This increase reflects the Australian Government's decision to appoint two additional federal magistrates, to address the increased demand on the Federal Magistrates Court as a result of the change to the process for Refugee Status Determinations, and for supplementation for rent increases in the Commonwealth Law Courts for 2011-12. As a result, appropriations have increased by \$2.014m and \$0.134m respectively for 2011-12. This increase has been partially offset by the increase in the rate of the efficiency dividend resulting in a reduction of \$0.253m in 2011-12. There has also been an adjustment of \$0.045m in 2010-11 for appropriations and supplier expenses to recognise supplementation for rent increases for the Adelaide Commonwealth Law Court.

#### **Budgeted departmental balance sheet**

There has been no change to the Federal Magistrates Court's balance sheet since the 2010-11 Additional Estimates.

### 3.2.3 Budgeted financial statements tables

#### Departmental

**Table 3.2.1: Comprehensive income statement (showing net cost of services)  
(for the period ended 30 June)**

	Estimated actual 2010–11 \$'000	Budget estimate 2011–12 \$'000	Forward estimate 2012–13 \$'000	Forward estimate 2013–14 \$'000	Forward estimate 2014–15 \$'000
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Employee benefits	34,666	36,683	36,800	37,161	37,278
Supplier expenses	59,355	57,051	56,983	57,295	56,942
Depreciation and amortisation	1,081	1,081	1,041	1,032	1,032
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>95,102</b>	<b>94,815</b>	<b>94,824</b>	<b>95,488</b>	<b>95,252</b>
<b>LESS:</b>					
<b>OWN-SOURCE INCOME</b>					
<b>Own-source revenue</b>					
Other	30,210	–	–	–	–
<b>Total own-source revenue</b>	<b>30,210</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Gains</b>					
Other	36,624	41,754	41,857	41,950	41,950
<b>Total gains</b>	<b>36,624</b>	<b>41,754</b>	<b>41,857</b>	<b>41,950</b>	<b>41,950</b>
<b>Total own-source income</b>	<b>66,834</b>	<b>41,754</b>	<b>41,857</b>	<b>41,950</b>	<b>41,950</b>
<b>Net cost of (contribution by) services</b>	<b>28,268</b>	<b>53,061</b>	<b>52,967</b>	<b>53,538</b>	<b>53,302</b>
Revenue from government	25,187	51,980	51,926	52,506	52,270
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>(3,081)</b>	<b>(1,081)</b>	<b>(1,041)</b>	<b>(1,032)</b>	<b>(1,032)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) attributable to the Australian Government</b>	<b>(3,081)</b>	<b>(1,081)</b>	<b>(1,041)</b>	<b>(1,032)</b>	<b>(1,032)</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>					
Changes in asset revaluation reserves	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total other comprehensive income</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to the Australian Government</b>	<b>(3,081)</b>	<b>(1,081)</b>	<b>(1,041)</b>	<b>(1,032)</b>	<b>(1,032)</b>

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

<b>Note: Reconciliation of comprehensive income attributable to the agency</b>					
	2010–11 \$'000	2011–12 \$'000	2012–13 \$'000	2013–14 \$'000	2014–15 \$'000
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to the Australian Government</b>	<b>(3,081)</b>	<b>(1,081)</b>	<b>(1,041)</b>	<b>(1,032)</b>	<b>(1,032)</b>
Plus non-appropriated expenses					
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	1,081	1,081	1,041	1,032	1,032
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to the agency</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

**Table 3.2.2: Budgeted departmental balance sheet (as at 30 June)**

	Estimated actual 2010–11 \$'000	Budget estimate 2011–12 \$'000	Forward estimate 2012–13 \$'000	Forward estimate 2013–14 \$'000	Forward estimate 2014–15 \$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	1,354	1,354	1,354	1,354	1,354
Trade and other receivables	10,432	10,432	10,432	10,432	10,432
Other	402	402	402	402	402
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>12,188</b>	<b>12,188</b>	<b>12,188</b>	<b>12,188</b>	<b>12,188</b>
<b>Non-financial assets</b>					
Land and buildings	5,021	4,199	3,377	2,555	1,733
Property, plant and equipment	1,515	1,305	1,095	885	675
Intangibles	58	9	–	–	–
Other	583	583	583	583	583
<b>Total non-financial assets</b>	<b>7,177</b>	<b>6,096</b>	<b>5,055</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>2,991</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>19,365</b>	<b>18,284</b>	<b>17,243</b>	<b>16,211</b>	<b>15,179</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Payables</b>					
Suppliers	1,666	1,666	1,666	1,666	1,666
Other	749	749	749	749	749
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>2,415</b>
<b>Provisions</b>					
Employee provisions	6,655	6,655	6,655	6,655	6,655
Other	288	288	288	288	288
<b>Total provisions</b>	<b>6,943</b>	<b>6,943</b>	<b>6,943</b>	<b>6,943</b>	<b>6,943</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>9,358</b>	<b>9,358</b>	<b>9,358</b>	<b>9,358</b>	<b>9,358</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>10,007</b>	<b>8,926</b>	<b>7,885</b>	<b>6,853</b>	<b>5,821</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>					
<b>Parent entity interest</b>					
Contributed equity	8,209	8,209	8,209	8,209	8,209
Reserves	2,532	2,532	2,532	2,532	2,532
Retained surplus/ (accumulated deficit)	(734)	(1,815)	(2,856)	(3,888)	(4,920)
<b>Total parent entity interest</b>	<b>10,007</b>	<b>8,926</b>	<b>7,885</b>	<b>6,853</b>	<b>5,821</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>10,007</b>	<b>8,926</b>	<b>7,885</b>	<b>6,853</b>	<b>5,821</b>

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

**Table 3.2.3: Departmental statement of changes in equity—summary of movement (budget year 2011–12)**

	Retained earnings \$'000	Asset revaluation reserve \$'000	Contributed equity/ capital \$'000	Total equity \$'000
<b>Opening balance as at 1 July 2011</b>				
Balance carried forward from previous period	(734)	2,532	8,209	10,007
Adjustment for changes in accounting policies	–	–	–	–
<b>Adjusted opening balance</b>	<b>(734)</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>8,209</b>	<b>10,007</b>
<b>Comprehensive income</b>				
Surplus (deficit) for the period	(1,081)	–	–	(1,081)
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>(1,081)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(1,081)</b>
<b>Estimated closing balance as at 30 June 2012</b>	<b>(1,815)</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>8,209</b>	<b>8,926</b>
<b>Closing balance attributable to the Australian Government</b>	<b>(1,815)</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>8,209</b>	<b>8,926</b>

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

**Table 3.2.4: Budgeted departmental statement of cash flows (for the period ended 30 June)**

	Estimated actual 2010–11 \$'000	Budget estimate 2011–12 \$'000	Forward estimate 2012–13 \$'000	Forward estimate 2013–14 \$'000	Forward estimate 2014–15 \$'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Appropriations	27,187	51,980	51,926	52,506	52,571
Other	35,369	–	–	–	–
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>62,556</b>	<b>51,980</b>	<b>51,926</b>	<b>52,506</b>	<b>52,571</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Employees	34,010	36,023	36,140	36,501	36,919
Suppliers	28,546	15,957	15,786	16,005	15,652
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>62,556</b>	<b>51,980</b>	<b>51,926</b>	<b>52,506</b>	<b>52,571</b>
<b>Net cash from (used by) operating activities</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	1,354	1,354	1,354	1,354	1,354
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>1,354</b>

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

**Table 3.2.5: Departmental capital budget statement**

The Federal Magistrates Court does not have a departmental capital budget.

**Table 3.2.6: Statement of asset movements (2011–12)**

	Buildings \$'000	Other property, plant & equipment \$'000	Intangibles \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>As at 1 July 2011</b>				
Gross book value	5,935	1,760	570	8,265
Accumulated depreciation/ amortisation and impairment	914	245	512	1,671
<b>Opening net book balance</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6,594</b>
<b>Other movements</b>				
Depreciation/amortisation expense	822	210	49	1,081
<b>As at 30 June 2012</b>				
Gross book value	5,935	1,760	570	8,265
Accumulated depreciation/ amortisation and impairment	1,736	455	561	2,752
<b>Closing net book balance</b>	<b>4,199</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5,513</b>

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

**Administered****Table 3.2.7: Schedule of budgeted income and expenses administered on behalf of government (for the period ended 30 June)**

	Estimated actual 2010–11 \$'000	Budget estimate 2011–12 \$'000	Forward estimate 2012–13 \$'000	Forward estimate 2013–14 \$'000	Forward estimate 2014–15 \$'000
<b>INCOME ADMINISTERED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT</b>					
<b>Revenue</b>					
<b>Non-taxation revenue</b>					
Other	28,277	22,695	22,744	22,802	22,802
<b>Total non-taxation revenue</b>	<b>28,277</b>	<b>22,695</b>	<b>22,744</b>	<b>22,802</b>	<b>22,802</b>
<b>Total revenues administered on behalf of government</b>	<b>28,277</b>	<b>22,695</b>	<b>22,744</b>	<b>22,802</b>	<b>22,802</b>
<b>Total income administered on behalf of government</b>	<b>28,277</b>	<b>22,695</b>	<b>22,744</b>	<b>22,802</b>	<b>22,802</b>
<b>EXPENSES ADMINISTERED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT</b>					
Supplier expenses	859	878	878	878	892
<b>Total expenses administered on behalf of government</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>892</b>

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

**Table 3.2.8: Schedule of budgeted assets and liabilities administered on behalf of government (as at 30 June)**

	Estimated actual 2010–11 \$'000	Budget estimate 2011–12 \$'000	Forward estimate 2012–13 \$'000	Forward estimate 2013–14 \$'000	Forward estimate 2014–15 \$'000
<b>ASSETS ADMINISTERED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT</b>					
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	269	269	269	269	269
Trade and other receivables	4	4	4	4	4
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>273</b>
<b>Total assets administered on behalf of government</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>273</b>
<b>LIABILITIES ADMINISTERED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT</b>					
<b>Payables</b>					
Suppliers	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total liabilities administered on behalf of government</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

**Table 3.2.9: Schedule of budgeted administered cash flows (for the period ended 30 June)**

	Estimated actual 2010–11 \$'000	Budget estimate 2011–12 \$'000	Forward estimate 2012–13 \$'000	Forward estimate 2013–14 \$'000	Forward estimate 2014–15 \$'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Other	28,277	22,695	22,744	22,802	22,802
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>28,277</b>	<b>22,695</b>	<b>22,744</b>	<b>22,802</b>	<b>22,802</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Suppliers	859	878	878	878	892
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>892</b>
<b>Net cash from (used by) operating activities</b>	<b>27,418</b>	<b>21,817</b>	<b>21,866</b>	<b>21,924</b>	<b>21,910</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>27,418</b>	<b>21,817</b>	<b>21,866</b>	<b>21,924</b>	<b>21,910</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of reporting period	269	269	269	269	269
Cash from Official Public Account for:					
– Appropriations	859	878	878	878	892
Cash to Official Public Account for:					
– Transfers to other entities (Finance—whole of government)	28,277	22,695	22,744	22,802	22,802
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of reporting period</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>269</b>

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

### **3.2.4 Notes to the financial statements**

#### **Basis of accounting**

The budgeted financial statements have been prepared on an accrual accounting basis, having regard to Statements of Accounting Concepts, and in accordance with the Finance Minister's Orders, Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

#### **Revenue from government**

Appropriations for departmental programs are recognised as revenue. Appropriations receivable are recognised at their nominal amount. The Federal Magistrates Court also receives resources free of charge from the Family Court, the Federal Court and the Australian National Audit Office. These are included in the budgeted departmental income statement based on estimates.

#### **Employee expenses**

Employee expenses consist of salaries, leave entitlements, superannuation and other employee entitlements.

#### **Supplier expenses**

Supplier expenses consist of office expenses, travel expenses, consultant and contractor costs, and administrative costs.

#### **Cash**

Cash includes notes and coins held and any deposits held at call with a bank or other financial institution.

#### **Property, plant and equipment, and intangibles**

Property, plant and equipment, and intangibles include purchases of leasehold improvements, computer equipment, office equipment, furniture and software which have been capitalised.

#### **Provisions**

Employee provisions are for annual leave and long service leave. Other provisions are for make-good costs.