

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

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Senator Collins asked the following question at the hearing on 27 and 28 May 2015:

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: If you could provide me with that, that would be useful. What percentage of litigants appearing in the Family Court and the Federal Circuit Court are legally aided?

Mr Foster: I would have no idea off the top of my head.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Are these matters that would generally be reported in annual reports or the like or not?

Mr Foster: No. We do not report about how many are represented by Legal Aid. I will take that on notice. I am not even sure that I can provide the answer, but I will do whatever I can to find out.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: It may be something that we need to broach from a different end.

Mr Foster: A different end—that is right.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: But, to the extent that you are able to inform, that would be useful.

Mr Foster: If we can assist the committee, we will.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Please see the response to question BE15/038.