

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING
19 FEBRUARY 2004**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome: Agencies

Question Number: W328-04

Question:

Senator Harradine asked in writing:

Please provide a table showing a breakdown for each of the past five years how many claims Comcare received, how many were refused, how many were appealed within Comcare, how many went to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, and how many went to court (please indicate court levels).

Answer:

Table A shows the number of disputes lodged against each claim by year of receipt. The reconsideration and AAT appeal data below relates to any appeal lodged on any entitlement matter to do with a claim and is not restricted to just an initial rejection of a claim. For example the 1998/99 row shows 936 claims were rejected, 436 of the 813 reconsideration requests in that year specifically related to that initial rejection. Further details on that subset of appeals (i.e. the number of appeals relating to the rejection of new claims alone) can be found in table A in answer W325-04.

Table A

Fin Year	All Claims Received	Claims Rejected	Reconsideratio n request received	AAT appeal received	Federal Magistrates Court Appeal	Federal Court Appeal
1998/1999	7407	936	813	345		14
1999/2000	6753	838	707	345		13
2000/2001	6557	820	682	303		4
2001/2002	6680	949	828	313	1	13
2002/2003	6701	717	622	184	2	11
2003/2004	4301	260	186	20		6

Data as at 3 March 2004