

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Question No. 20

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:

Provide figures for the current financial year which indicate the average waiting time for cases to be heard.

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

The average time from filing to finalisation for applications made in the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia during the 2008–2009 financial year, to 31 January 2009, is as follows:

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| ▪ Family law applications | 3.5 months |
| ▪ General federal law applications | 4.25 months |