

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

**Question No. 18**

**Senator Abetz asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:**

Regarding the Melbourne and Hobart registries:

- a. How many people are employed at the Melbourne registry to date?
- b. How many people are employed at the Hobart registry to date?
- c. What are the capital costs of any extra video linkages et cetera between Hobart and Melbourne?
- d. Have any travel allowance costs et cetera been incurred to date?

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

*a. How many people are employed at the Melbourne registry to date?*

As at 8 February 2010, there were 63 staff employed at the Melbourne Registry.

*b. How many people are employed at the Hobart registry to date?*

As at 8 February 2010, there were 6 staff employed at the Tasmania Registry.

*c. What are the capital costs of any extra video linkages et cetera between Hobart and Melbourne?*

The capital costs of any extra video linkages et cetera between Hobart and Melbourne is \$70.43.

*d. Have any travel allowance costs et cetera been incurred to date?*

The travel costs incurred for the period 1 July 2009 to 8 February 2010 for travel between Melbourne and Hobart are \$24,288.49. The travel was primarily undertaken by Registrars for mediations and court listings. Some travel was also undertaken by registry staff to provide assistance with staff training and other registry functions.