

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

Question No. 26

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

Regarding workload:

- a. What is the average waiting time for a case to be heard?
- b. What is currently the longest waiting period for a case to be heard?
- c. Is the court adequately resourced for the required workload?

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

- a. Of the appeals heard by the Court in February 2010, the average time between when each appeal was ready to be heard (that is, when all of the documents relevant to the appeal had been filed) and when it was heard was 38 days.
- b. Of the appeals heard in February 2010 the longest period between when an appeal was ready to be heard and when it was heard was 78 days.
- c. The Court continues to work with government to address its long term funding.