

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

Question No. 32

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. As at 28 February 2010, of the 30% of Applications for Final Orders that proceed to trial in the Family Court of Australia (FCoA), the average waiting time for a case to be heard (from filing to first day of trial) was 13.4 months (median was 11.5 months).
- b. As at 28 February 2010, the longest waiting period for a case to be heard was 134 months.
- c. The FCoA works with the resources provided by government and constantly monitors workloads and shifts resources.