

.SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Question No. 36

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

What was the general settlement rate in AAT matters that have been finalised without a full hearing for the period 2006–07? How does this compare with the figures for 2007–08 and 2008–09?

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

The following table sets out for each of the reporting years from 2004–05 to 2008–09 and for the six months from 1 July to 31 December 2009 the proportion of applications to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal that were finalised without a full hearing: that is, the proportion of applications finalised otherwise than by the Tribunal giving a decision on the merits under section 43 of the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*. This includes applications that were finalised in accordance with terms of agreement lodged by the parties, applications withdrawn by the applicant and applications dismissed by the Tribunal.

Reporting period	Percentage of applications finalised without a full hearing
2004–05	78%
2005–06	81%
2006–07	81%
2007–08	79%
2008–09	81%
1/7/09 – 31/12/09	83%