

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Question No. 133

Senator Kirk asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2006:

Please provide tables showing:

- a. Filings and numbers; and
- b. Number of appeals finalised within 6 months.

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

- a. The volume and types of applications filed in the Family Court are provided in the table at Attachment 1. This information was also tabled at the Senate Estimates hearing on 25 May 2006.
- b. The Family Court of Australia's performance target is to finalise 75% of appeals within six months from filing of the appeal. For the period 1 July 2005 to 31 March 2006:
 - 142 appeals were finalised; and
 - 103 appeals (72.5%) were finalised within six months of filing.

ATTACHMENT 1: APPLICATIONS FILED IN THE FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

(rounded to the nearest 100)

	Financial Years	NATIONAL			ADELAIDE			BRISBANE			MELBOURNE			PARRAMATTA			SYDNEY		
		FCoA	% change from last	% change base year	AD	% change from last	% change base year	BR	% change from last	% change base year	ML	% change from last	% change base year	PA	% change from last	% change base year	SY	% change from last	% change base year
Divorces	99/00	48500	-1%		4300	-1%		9700	-1%		9300	0%		5500	-7%		7000	-1%	
	00/01	22800	-53%	-53%	2400	-44%	-44%	5400	-44%	-44%	3700	-60%	-60%	2000	-64%	-64%	3300	-53%	-53%
	01/02	18700	-18%	-61%	2100	-13%	-51%	4100	-24%	-58%	3100	-16%	-67%	2400	20%	-56%	2500	-24%	-64%
	02/03	16400	-12%	-66%	1900	-10%	-56%	3100	-24%	-68%	3200	3%	-66%	2100	-13%	-62%	2200	-12%	-69%
	03/04	2300	-86%	-95%	300	-84%	-93%	500	-84%	-95%	600	-81%	-94%	300	-86%	-95%	100	-95%	-99%
	04/05	200	-91%	-100%	0	-100%	-100%	0	-100%	-100%	100	-83%	-99%	0	-100%	-100%	0	-100%	-100%
05/06 Proj*	100	-50%	-100%	0	0%	-100%	0	0%	-100%	0	-100%	-100%	0	0%	-100%	0	0%	-100%	
Final Orders	99/00	21900	3%		2700	-2%		3600	-1%		4500	4%		2500	-2%		2700	3%	
	00/01	19800	-10%	-10%	2700	0%	0%	2900	-19%	-19%	4300	-4%	-4%	2100	-16%	-16%	2800	4%	4%
	01/02	17900	-10%	-18%	2500	-7%	-7%	3000	3%	-17%	3400	-21%	-24%	2100	0%	-16%	2700	-4%	0%
	02/03	16700	-7%	-24%	2300	-8%	-15%	2600	-13%	-28%	3300	-3%	-27%	1700	-19%	-32%	2800	4%	4%
	03/04	14700	-12%	-33%	1900	-17%	-30%	3000	15%	-17%	2900	-12%	-36%	1400	-18%	-44%	2400	-14%	-11%
	04/05	11800	-20%	-46%	1300	-32%	-52%	2100	-30%	-42%	2400	-17%	-47%	1300	-7%	-48%	2300	-4%	-15%
05/06 Proj*	11500	-3%	-47%	1400	8%	-48%	2200	5%	-39%	2200	-8%	-51%	1100	-15%	-56%	2300	0%	-15%	
Interim Orders	99/00	23600	5%		3600	4%		4100	6%		5500	7%		2000	-5%		2500	7%	
	00/01	19500	-17%	-17%	3400	-6%	-6%	3200	-22%	-22%	4600	-16%	-16%	1400	-30%	-30%	2400	-4%	-4%
	01/02	18200	-7%	-23%	3300	-3%	-8%	3200	0%	-22%	3700	-20%	-33%	1500	7%	-25%	2200	-8%	-12%
	02/03	16800	-8%	-29%	3100	-6%	-14%	2600	-19%	-37%	3800	3%	-31%	1100	-27%	-45%	2600	18%	4%
	03/04	14500	-14%	-39%	2600	-16%	-28%	2700	4%	-34%	3200	-16%	-42%	800	-27%	-60%	2200	-15%	-12%
	04/05	12600	-13%	-47%	2100	-19%	-42%	2400	-11%	-41%	2600	-19%	-53%	900	13%	-55%	2200	0%	-12%
05/06 Proj*	12200	-3%	-48%	2000	-5%	-44%	2300	-4%	-44%	2500	-4%	-55%	800	-11%	-60%	2500	14%	0%	

* - 05/06 projections based on Jul 2005-Dec 2005 figures.
New Rules have increased the type of matters considered as interim.

File Transfers

(National rounded to the nearest 50)

	Financial Years	NATIONAL			ADELAIDE			BRISBANE			MELBOURNE			PARRAMATTA			SYDNEY		
		FCoA to FMS	FMC to FCoA	% by FCoA	FCoA to FMS	FMC to FCoA	% by FCoA	FCoA to FMS	FMC to FCoA	% by FCoA	FCoA to FMS	FMC to FCoA	% by FCoA	FCoA to FMS	FMC to FCoA	% by FCoA	FCoA to FMS	FMC to FCoA	% by FCoA
Transfers	00/01	2500	250	91%	205	17	92%	394	8	98%	610	65	90%	343	36	91%	8	0	100%
	01/02	2100	450	82%	275	34	89%	644	20	97%	303	113	73%	197	87	69%	50	7	88%
	02/03	1350	650	68%	71	27	72%	336	68	83%	227	193	54%	164	153	52%	127	20	86%
	03/04	1050	600	64%	130	44	75%	345	84	80%	135	120	53%	78	142	35%	70	9	89%
	04/05	850	650	57%	86	49	64%	333	80	81%	91	141	39%	43	187	19%	82	0	100%
	05/06 Proj*	950	850	53%	16	66	20%	282	144	66%	102	214	32%	64	126	34%	98	4	96%