

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

Question No. 142

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2007:

- a) Are you able to provide the total administrative costs of your Court, for each city in which it has a Registry, broken down into:
- i) The staffing numbers (in Full Time Equivalent) and costs for:
 - 1) Communications;
 - 2) Human Resources;
 - 3) Judges;
 - 4) IT staff;
 - 5) Other administrative staff (and how would these be classified).
 - ii) The accommodation costs for each city.
- b) To what extent are the administrative costs between these courts shared? E.g. do you have a shared administrative staff, or do you have a discrete staff?
- i) If so, could you indicate:
 - 1) What administrative staffing positions are shared between this Court and other Courts;
 - 2) The level of funding provided by the Court for the shared administrative costs.
- c) What other bodies are there that you provide administrative support to?
- i) Are you able to list the bodies and outline the nature of that support?

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

Principal Registry (Head Office) These figures include all administrative and salary costs
Please note that all figures relate to the 2005-6 financial year

a) i) 1) Communications	FTE	NIL	Costs	NIL
a) i) 2) Human Resources	FTE	4.36	Costs	\$314, 541.78
a) i) 3) Judges	FTE	46	Costs	\$14,282,493.21
a) i) 4) IT	FTE	13.96	Costs	\$1,555,711.03
Other Principal registry	FTE	33.95	Costs	\$3,857,137.34#

#includes staff of the Executive and National positions

Registry Staff

a) i) 5) Chambers staff NSW	FTE	31.09	Costs	\$2,482,080.02
Registry staff NSW	FTE	80.56	Costs	\$6,225,067.67
Chambers staff VIC	FTE	27.02	Costs	\$2,460,592.63*
Registry staff VIC	FTE	52.02	Costs	\$4,239,889.42
Chambers staff QLD	FTE	8.72	Costs	\$649,893.58
Registry staff QLD	FTE	29.21	Costs	\$6,225,067.67
Chambers staff SA	FTE	6.68	Costs	\$542,461.61
Registry staff SA	FTE	13.52	Costs	\$1,817,237.02
Chambers staff WA	FTE	6.19	Costs	\$577,124.13

Registry staff WA	FTE	20.65	Costs	\$2,107,651.33
Registry staff ACT	FTE	4.21	Costs	\$329,364.77
Registry staff TAS	FTE	6.12	Costs	\$572,263.34
Registry staff NT	FTE	4.82	Costs	\$724,726.79
Research staff	FTE	8.37	Costs	\$903,657.00

There are no Chambers staff in ACT, NT or Tasmania

*includes staff of the Chambers of the Chief Justice

Accommodation/property costs

a) i) 2)

ACT	\$530,091.07
NSW	\$343,551.69*
VIC	\$7,805,462.42
QLD	\$3,822,387.53
SA	\$2,530,135.54
WA	\$2,710,692.35
TAS	\$829,131.78
NT	\$157,159.36

* No rent is payable on the Law Courts Building in Sydney. Amount reflects other accommodation costs.

b) i) 2) The Court provided a range of registry services to the Federal Magistrates Court during the period. The estimated cost of services provided to the FMC was \$7, 936,932. These services were provided free of charge.

c) i) Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal*– registry services provided
 Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal– registry services provided
 Australian Competition Tribunal– registry services provided
 Copyright Tribunal– registry services provided
 High Court – registry services provided in QLD, WA and SA

* Abolished with the commencement of the *Law Enforcement (AFP Professional Standards and Related Measures) Act 2006*, on 30 December 2006.