

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

Question No. 144

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

- a) Are you able to provide the cost to date of the development of Casetrack?
 - i) What was the originally budgeted development cost?
 - ii) What additional funds have been allocated to the development of Casetrack?
- b) Are you able to provide the breakdowns of the development costs expended for each financial year since the development was initiated?
- c) Are you able to indicate how many data entry employees this system has?

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

- a) The budget for the initial implementation of Casetrack was \$3.290m. The implementation project commenced in January 2003 and was completed in December 2004. Expenditure was as follows :

02-03	\$0.149m
03-04	\$2.165m
04-05	<u>\$0.820m</u>
Total	\$3.134m

- b) Since implementation the Court incurred development costs as follows.

Payments to the Family Court for programming resources in relation to systems enhancements and modifications.

04-05	\$0.484m
05-06	\$0.545m
06-07	\$0.500m (Budget figure)

In addition, payments are made to the Family Court for hosting the Casetrack system in their Canberra Data Centre. These services include - Application Management, Systems Administration and Help Desk services.

- c) Data entry to the Casetrack system is generally part of the broader responsibilities of all registry staff and with the exception of the NSW Registry there are no dedicated data entry positions. Within NSW, the Court's largest registry, some data entry functions have been consolidated with a small team dedicated to this task (2-3 staff).