

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

**Question No. 148**

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

Self-represented litigants:

Please provide information on the number of unrepresented litigants that appear before the Federal Court

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

At present it is not possible to obtain reports from the Federal Court's case management system, Casetrack, on a litigant's representative status at a particular stage of a proceeding. It is therefore not possible to provide information on the number of litigants who appear before a hearing of the Court without a legal representative.

A recent enhancement to Casetrack means that it will be possible to generate a report showing the periods of time in which a litigant is represented. It may be possible to extrapolate from these reports whether or not the litigant was represented at a particular hearing before the Court. The new report will be available for proceedings commenced after 17 May 2007.