

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

Question No. 174

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

Administrative and IT Costs

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:

a) i) The High Court operates registries in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne. Administrative and IT support staff are only located in Canberra. The detailed information is:

Area	FTE Staff
Office of the CE&PR	1.9
Registry Canberra	11.7
Registry Sydney	4.5
Registry Melbourne	4.3
Library	10.1
Administration	8.0
IT and Court Technology	3.0
Security and Public Relations	7.7
Building Operations	5.5

Area	Administration Costs
Office of the CE&PR	\$566,855
Registry Canberra	\$2,044,413
Registry Sydney	\$818,868
Registry Melbourne	\$748,920
Library	\$1,756,414
Administration	\$1,314,675
IT and Court Technology	\$483,697
Security and Public Relations	\$1,103,387
Building Operations	\$890,501

ii)

Area	Accommodation
Registry Canberra	Nil
Registry Sydney	Nil
Registry Melbourne	\$561,174 (ex GST)

b) No costs are shared.

c) None.