

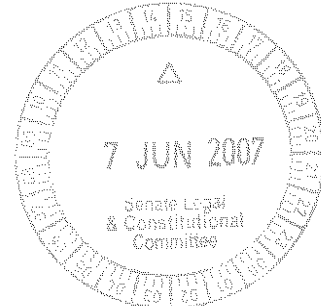


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Parliament House
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Dear Senator

Estimates Hearing on 24 May 2007

I am writing to clarify a response I provided to the Committee on 24 May 2007.

During the hearing I provided the Committee with a document which set out statistics on the Court's workload under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996 (Cth)* ('the Act'). In response to a question as to whether the document included figures on appeals, I indicated that I believed this was the case and referred the Committee to a case type entitled 'Appeals' which appears in the tables dealing with filings and finalisations.

I have now checked the document and advise that it deals only with first instance matters under the Act. The case type entitled 'Appeals' in the document refers to appeals from decisions of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

The number of appeals to the Federal Court from a single Judge or the Federal Magistrates Court in proceedings under the Act since 2004-05 are set out below:

Fiscal year	Number of appeals
2004-05	19
2005-06	11
2006-07 (to 4 June 2007)	19
Total	49

I apologise for any confusion I may have caused the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive and Registrar