

**SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – OCTOBER 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL WORKLOAD INFORMATION

Explanatory Note

The following tables and charts provide information on the Tribunal's workload and performance in relation to the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. Information is provided in relation to lodgements, finalisations and applications current as at 30 June 2008. Information is also provided in relation to the time taken to finalise applications and the proportion of applications finalised with and without a hearing.

Information relating to lodgements, finalisations and applications on hand is set out in Sections 1 to 4. Overall figures are set out in Section 1. Sections 2, 3 and 4 provide more detailed information relating to lodgements, finalisations and current applications in the Tribunal's major jurisdictions. To demonstrate trends, the Tribunal has provided information for the 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08 financial years.

Information relating to the time taken to finalise applications is set out in Section 5. The tables set out the percentage of applications in the Tribunal's major jurisdictions that were finalised within the Tribunal's time standards in the 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08 financial years.

Section 6 provides information in relation to the way in which applications have been finalised. Figures are given for the proportion of applications finalised by way of a Tribunal decision following a hearing and the proportion of applications finalised in other ways. Comparative information is provided for the 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08 financial years.

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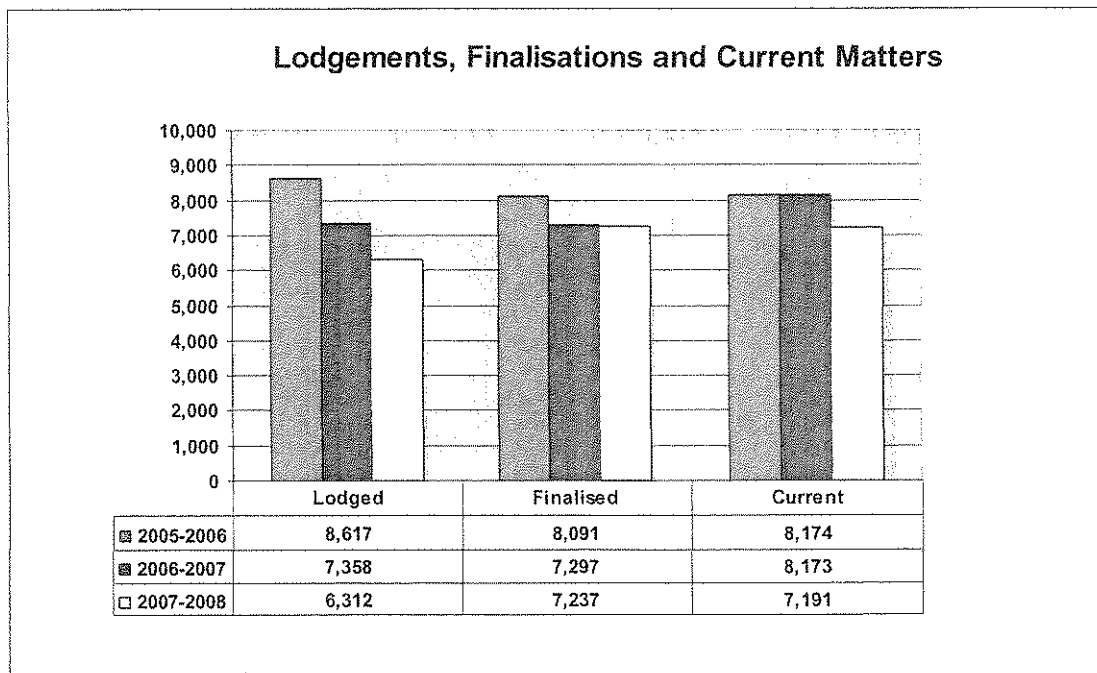
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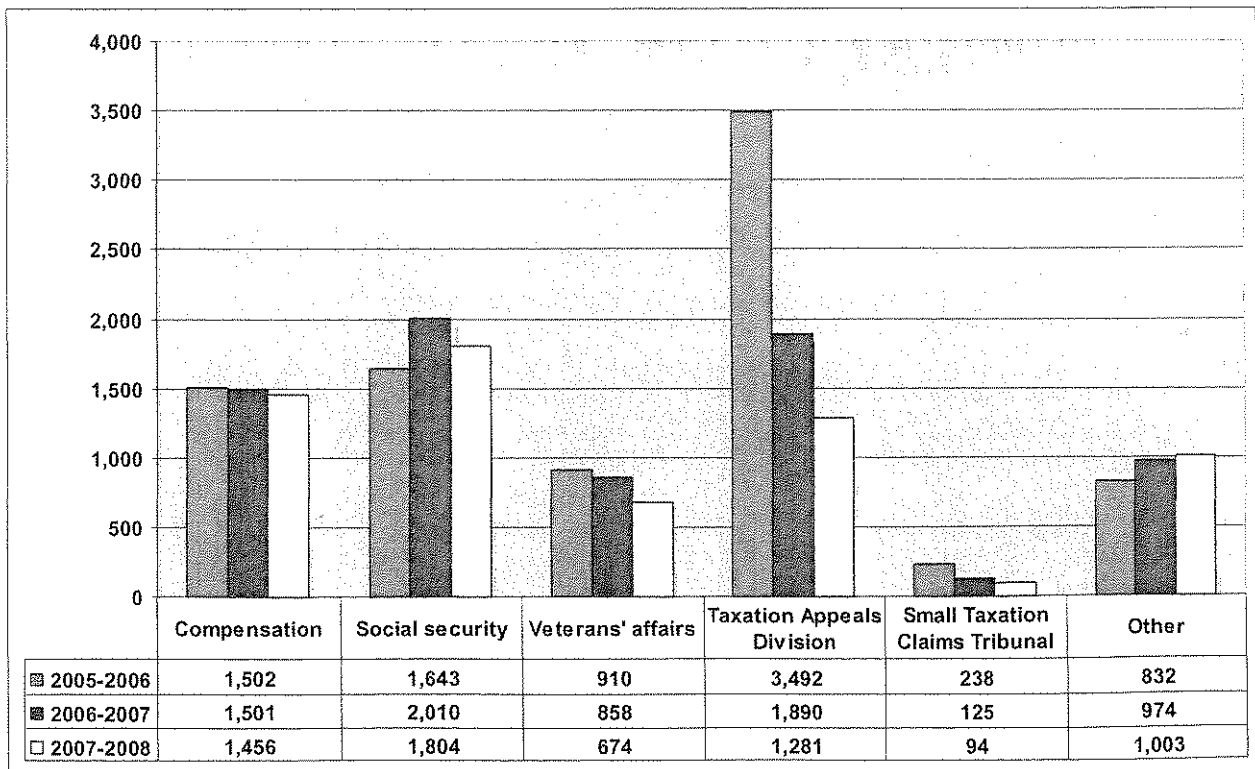
1. Applications lodged, finalised and current

	2005–06	2006–07	% Change from 2005–06 (No.)	2007–08	% Change from 2006–07 (No.)
Lodged	8,617	7,358	- 14.6% (- 1,259)	6,312	- 14.2% (- 1,046)
Finalised	8,091	7,297	- 9.8% (- 794)	7,237	- 0.8% (- 60)
Current	8,174	8,173	< 0.1% (- 1)	7,191	- 12.0% (- 982)



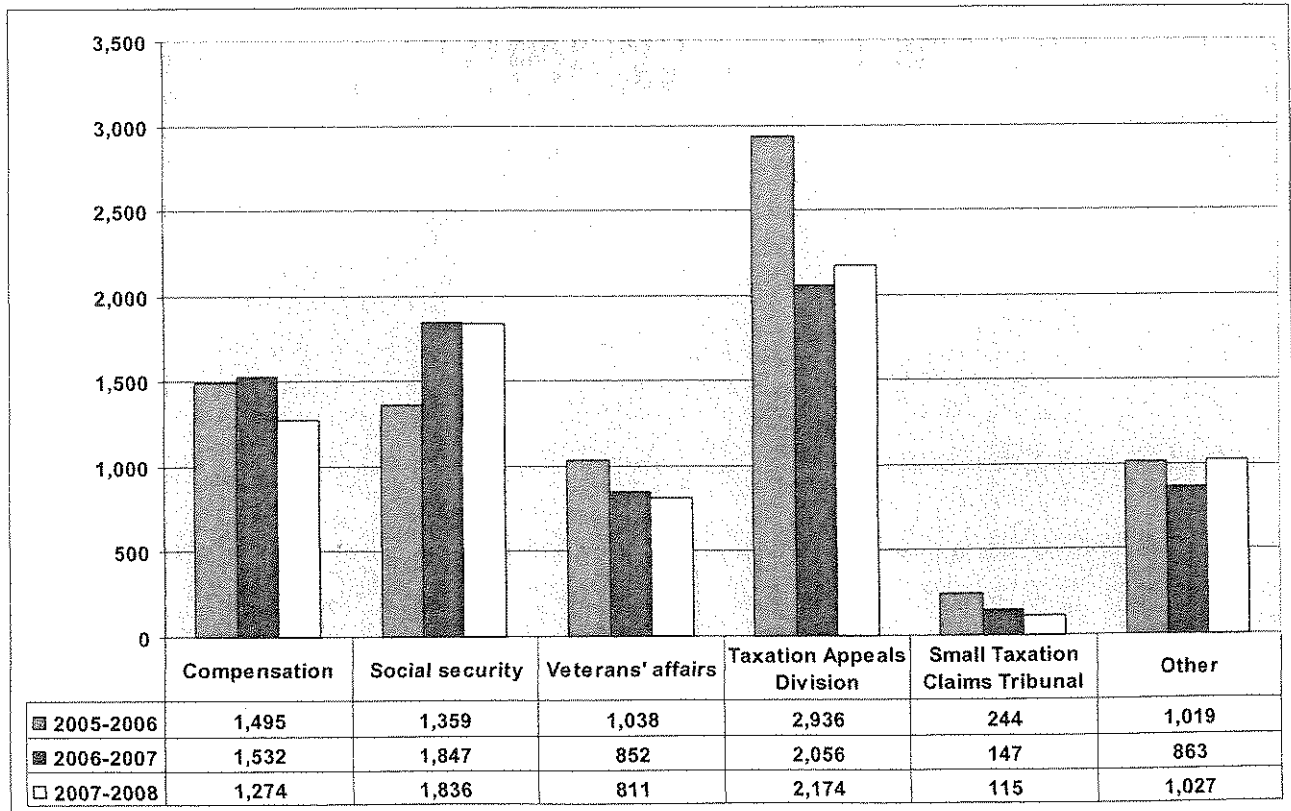
2. Lodgements by jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	2005–06	2006–07	% Change from 2005–06 (No.)	2007–08	% Change from 2006–07 (No.)
Compensation	1,502	1,501	< 0.1% (- 1)	1,456	- 3.0% (- 45)
Social security	1,643	2,010	+ 22.3% (+ 367)	1,804	- 10.2% (- 206)
Veterans' affairs	910	858	- 5.7% (- 52)	674	- 21.4% (- 184)
Taxation Appeals Division	3,492	1,890	- 45.9% (- 1,602)	1,281	- 32.2% (- 609)
Small Taxation Claims Tribunal	238	125	- 47.5% (- 113)	94	- 24.8% (- 31)
Other	832	974	+ 17.1% (+ 142)	1,003	+ 3.0% (+ 29)



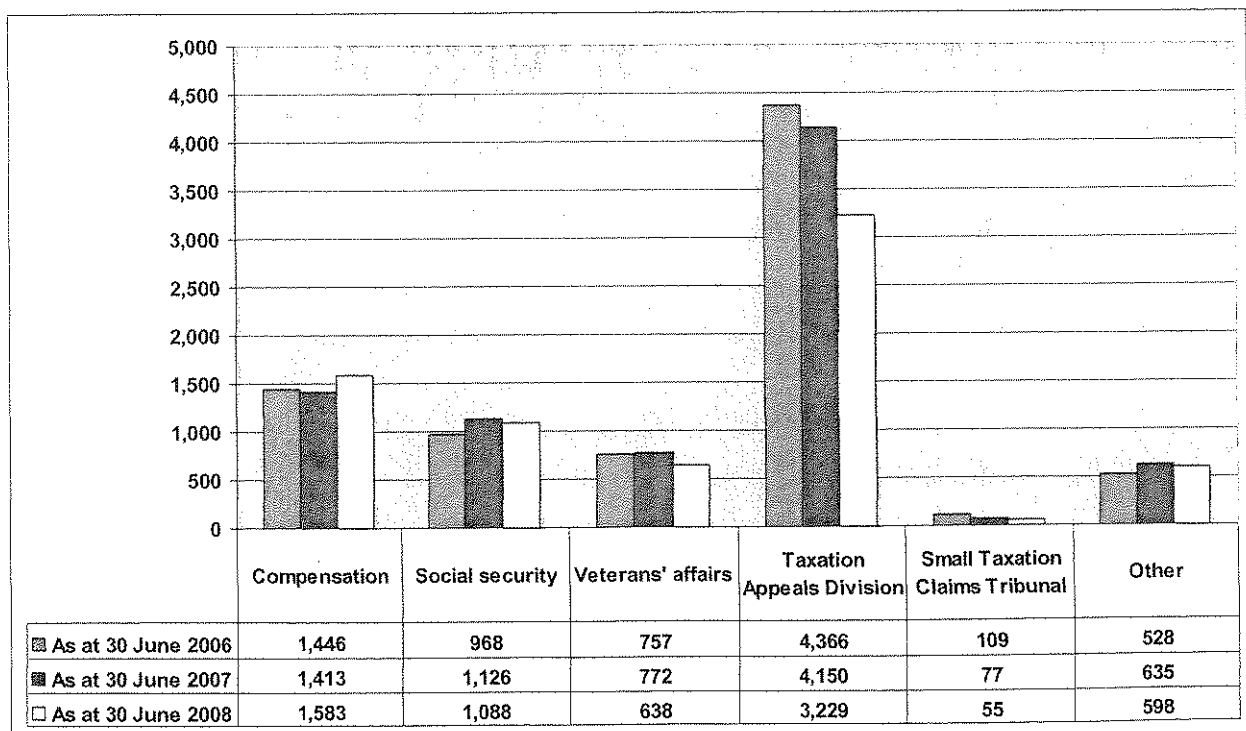
3. Finalisations by jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	2005–06	2006–07	% Change from 2005–06 (No.)	2007–08	% Change from 2006–07 (No.)
Compensation	1,495	1,532	+ 2.5% (+ 37)	1,274	- 16.8% (- 258)
Social security	1,359	1,847	+ 35.9% (+ 488)	1,836	- 0.6% (- 11)
Veterans' affairs	1,038	852	- 17.9% (- 186)	811	- 4.8% (- 41)
Taxation Appeals Division	2,936	2,056	- 30.0% (- 880)	2,174	+ 5.7% (+ 118)
Small Taxation Claims Tribunal	244	147	- 39.8% (- 97)	115	- 21.8% (- 32)
Other	1,019	863	- 15.3% (- 156)	1,027	+ 19.0% (+ 164)



4. Current by jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	2005–06	2006–07	% Change from 2005–06 (No.)	2007–08	% Change from 2006–07 (No.)
Compensation	1,446	1,413	- 2.3% (- 33)	1,583	+ 12.0% (+ 170)
Social security	968	1,126	+ 16.3% (+ 158)	1,088	- 3.4% (- 38)
Veterans' affairs	757	772	+ 2.0% (+ 15)	638	- 17.4% (- 134)
Taxation Division (excluding STCT)	4,366	4,150	- 4.9% (- 216)	3,229	- 22.2% (- 921)
Small Taxation Claims Tribunal	109	77	- 29.4% (- 32)	55	- 28.6% (- 22)
Other	528	635	+ 20.3% (+ 107)	598	- 5.8% (- 37)



5. Time standards

Time standards – percentage finalised within 365 days

Jurisdiction (Target % rate for finalisation within 365 days)	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	% Change from 2006–07
Compensation (75% target)	62%	62%	60%	-2%
Social security (90% target)	91%	91%	84%	- 7%
Veterans' affairs (80% target)	66%	67%	62%	- 5%
Taxation Appeals Division (75% target)	49%	42%	31%	- 11%

Time standards – Small Taxation Claims Tribunal - percentage finalised within 84 days

	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	% Change from 2006–07
Small Taxation Claims Tribunal	36%	22%	17%	- 5%

6. Finalisations - percentages of applications finalised with and without hearing¹

Type of finalisation	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	% Change from 2006–07
Finalisation without a hearing	81%	81%	79%	- 2%
By Tribunal decision after a hearing	19%	19%	21%	+ 2%

¹ Applications finalised without a hearing include all applications that were finalised otherwise than by a Tribunal decision following a hearing on the merits. For example, applications finalised by consent pursuant to section 34D or 42C of the AAT Act or withdrawn by the applicant under section 42A(1A) of the AAT Act are included in this category.