

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

Question No. 16

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 19 October 2009:

With regard to the invoice arrangement commencing in January whereby the Federal Magistrates Court will invoice both the Federal and Family Courts for services it provides on their behalf, provide fully costed particulars in relation to the payment of staff, payment of Federal Magistrates, operating costs in relation to family reports and registrar services.

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

Invoicing base per budget measure/s

FM Costs

	FCA \$'000	FCoA \$'000	Total \$'000
Salaries	1,152	9,819	10,971
Superannuation	160	1,359	1,518
Long Service Leave	30	255	285
Worker's Compensation Premium	12	98	110
Staff Training and Development Costs: (3% of base salary)	35	295	329
Human Resources Support Costs	9	80	89
Organisational Services Costs	47	400	447
Insurance	22	188	210
Training	24	202	226
Temporary staff	74	629	704
Travel costs	125	397	521
Recruitment & relocation costs	12	103	115
Official hospitality	4	31	35
Phones	23	195	218
Legal resource subscriptions	24	206	230
Incidentals	7	59	66
Court recording, transcription & video conferencing	116	984	1,100
Interpreters	59	500	559
Security monitoring & other security costs	2	18	20
Security alarms	28	239	267
OH&S costs	2	18	21
Vehicles & FBT costs	73	617	690
Family Reports	23	1,070	1,093
FM Costs Sub-Total 1	2,062	17,762	19,824

Other Costs

	FCA \$'000	FCoA \$'000	Total \$'000
Salaries		1,017	1,017
Superannuation		157	157
Long Service Leave		26	26
Worker's Compensation Premium		10	10
Staff Training and Development Costs: (3% of base salary)		31	31
Human Resources Support Costs		11	11
Organisational Services Costs		57	57
Security		111	111
Property and Other costs	401	942	2,206
FCA Registry Funding Transferred to FMC 2007-08	3,993		3,993
Migration Registry support	369		369
Other Costs Sub-Total	4,763	2,361	7,190
Total to be invoiced	6,824	20,124	27,014

Notes:

1. Federal Magistrate (FM) costs includes 2 support per FM.
2. Registrar services are provided free of charge to the FMC from the FCoA and are not currently part of the invoicing.
3. Excludes pre-existing invoicing currently being undertaken, for example for Judicial Transfers (FCoA & FCA).
4. Invoicing excludes any changes as a result of recent Remuneration Tribunal decisions to award pay increases to Judicial Officers.