

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Question No. 26

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

Provide the current longest waiting period for a case to be heard in the Court.

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

In three out of four cases (75th percentile) the time taken from filing to finalisation for final orders application in the Federal Magistrates Court during 2008/09 was 10.0 months*. The longest waiting time taken for cases to finalise during 2008/09 was 30.0 months*.

(* - Rounded to the nearest month).