

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group 2

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Question No. 59

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:

When is it expected that each of the Federal Courts will come out of deficit, as a result of the court filing increases announced by the Attorney-General on 10 September 2012?

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

It is expected that the federal courts will balance their budgets in 2012-13.

The changes to federal court fees and increased funding announced by the Attorney-General on 10 September 2012 will assist the courts to manage their budget position and will ensure that they have the resources needed to help families and other litigants resolve their disputes with a minimum of delay.