

During the hearing, I provided evidence to the Committee that the percentage of the population living below the poverty line is approximately 14% while only 8% of the population are eligible for legal aid. Senator Jane Hume requested that I provide the source for this statistic and I took this question on notice.

The source for this statistic is the Productivity Commission, Access to Justice Arrangements: Productivity Commission Inquiry Report, No. 72, 2014, Volume 2, pp. 1016, 1021-1022:  
<https://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/access-justice/report/access-justice-appendices-b-k.pdf>

It is also cited in the 2017 report of the Parliamentary inquiry into 'A better family law system to support and protect those affected by family violence' at page 126, paragraph [4.157]:  
[http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/download/committees/reportrep/024109/toc\\_pdf/Abetterfamilylawssystemtosupportandprotectthoseaffectedbyfamilyviolence.pdf;fileType=application%2Fpdf](http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/download/committees/reportrep/024109/toc_pdf/Abetterfamilylawssystemtosupportandprotectthoseaffectedbyfamilyviolence.pdf;fileType=application%2Fpdf)