

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

Group: 2

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Senator Wright asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2015:

Senator WRIGHT: Can you tell me the proportion of litigants or parties that are self-represented?

Mr Matthies: I do not have those figures to hand, but I can take that on notice.

Senator WRIGHT: Can you give me some indication?

Mr Matthies: It varies between jurisdictions. Again, I would like to confirm it for you.

Senator WRIGHT: Okay. If you could do it by jurisdiction and then the average.

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

The following table sets out information on the proportion of individuals who were parties to cases at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) that were finalised in 2013–14 and who did not have representation of any kind. The figures reflect individuals at the time the case was finalised, whether they were the applicant, a respondent or a third party in a case. They do not include information about the representation of any person or body that made the decision under review or any other parties who were not individuals such as companies, associations or other organisations.

Jurisdiction	Percentage of self-represented parties
All jurisdictions	53%
Immigration and Border Protection	59%
Social Security	78%
Taxation	33%
Veterans' Affairs	19%
Workers' Compensation	22%