

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

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Senator Collins asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:

1. Has the workload of the Family Court been increasing over recent years?
2. Is it correct that in the last financial year that the workload of the Family Court, as reflected by the amount of applications filed, has increased?
3. Has there been a decrease in the final and interim orders that were finalised in the Family Court last financial year?

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

The total number of applications filed in the Family Court of Australia over recent years is as follows:

2013-14	19,651
2012-13	17,834
2011-12	17,733
2010-11	17,791
2009-10	19,089

The number of final and interim orders finalised by the Family Court of Australia over recent years is as follows:

2013-14	6,114
2012-13	6,486
2011-12	6,878
2010-11	7,444
2009-10	8,008