

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

Program: Family Court of Australia

Question No. AE17/071

Senator Pratt asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:

Please provide the following information in a graph.

- 1) How many matters has the Family Court heard that involved family violence in the past 12 months?
- 2) Which of these matters involved children?
- 3) Which of these matters involved an applicant or respondent who was self-represented?
- 4) Which of these matters involved an application or respondent who was cross-examined by the other party?
- 5) Which of these matters involved an applicant or respondent who was self-represented because legal aid or legal assistance was not available?
- 6) Which of these matters involved an applicant or respondent who was self-represented because they refused legal aid or legal assistance?

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

1. 264 Notices of Risk were filed in the Family Court in the past 12 months. This represents 30% of Applications for Final Orders.
2. All 264 matters involved children.
3. The Family Court is unable to provide data to answer this question.
4. The Family Court is unable to provide data to answer this question.
5. The Family Court is unable to provide data to answer this question.
6. The Family Court is unable to provide data to answer this question.