

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Question No. BE17-101

Senator O'Sullivan asked the following question on 25 May 2017:

Senator O'Sullivan: Can we try to break this down a bit further, Ms Leatham? I will draw myself a little map of Australia and see whether I can put some dots on the page. Let us start, if we can, with the 151 personnel of the migration and refugee division. Can I put dots on the page as to where they are located under this one divisional director, please?

Ms Leatham: In New South Wales there are 70 members of the MRD.

Senator O'Sullivan: When you say 'New South Wales', are they all based in metro Sydney?

Ms Leatham: Yes. We only have the one office.

Senator O'Sullivan: How are they made up between full time and part time?

Ms Leatham: I have not got a breakdown of that. I know the full-time and part-time senior member numbers, the member classification nationally and numbers by state but I can take on notice and give you that breakdown.

Senator O'Sullivan: Let's do that.

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

As at 25 May 2017, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal's Migration and Refugee Division (MRD) has the following number of full-time and part-time members assigned to it in each State and Territory. Many of these members are also assigned to one or more of the Tribunal's other Divisions.

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	ACT	NT	National
Full-time Member	28	22	6	3	5	1	0	0	65
Part-time Member	41	25	7	7	5	1	0	0	86
Total	69	47	13	10	10	2	0	0	151

In addition to those non-presidential members assigned to the MRD, the AAT's President and 32 Deputy Presidents can exercise powers in any of the AAT's Divisions, including the MRD. The AAT has the following number of presidential members in each State and Territory:

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	ACT	Tas	NT	National
President (acting)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Full-time Deputy President	3	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	9
Part-time Deputy President	7	6	4	2	2	0	2	0	23
Total	10	7	7	3	3	1	2	0	33