

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA/FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Question No. 100

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:

If the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia are still projecting deficits over the forward estimates:

1. Will both Courts be able to continue to provide their existing services, such as regional registries, circuits and the use of family reports in parenting cases?
2. Will the courts be able to continue with the appointment of judicial officers to current vacancies?

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

1. The Courts are not currently budgeting for deficits across the forward estimates, excluding depreciation and amortisation.
2. Judicial appointments are a matter for Government.