

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

**Question No. 145**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2007:**

How many judgments did you publish last year (or in 2005-06)?

- a) Electronically?
- b) In print?
- c) At what cost?

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

Judgments

- a) 2039 (2006)
- b) None – judgments are distributed electronically. A signed paper copy is kept in the judgment archive.
- c) The net cost is \$27, 457. A Judgments Officer FCS3 full time position is employed to manage judgments indexing and distribution both internally and externally at the cost of \$47,371. However, this cost is offset by the income derived from charging publishers (6) on the electronic distribution list \$3,319 each to cover the administrative cost of compiling daily emails (total charge \$19,914).