

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

Question No. 162

Senator Crossin asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:

IR Matters (unlawful terminations):

- (a) Of the 29 cases, how many were filed by corporations?
- (b) Of the 29 cases, how many have paid the 'setting-down' fee?
- (c) Have any of the 29 cases been determined by the Industrial Relations panel yet?
- (d) If any applicant has been unsuccessful what costs have been awarded?

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

- (a) In relation to the 29 Industrial Actions in the Federal Magistrates Court (of which 16 were unlawful terminations applications filed) between 27 March 2006 and 30 September 2006, 2 applications were filed on behalf of corporations.
- (b) Of the cases referred to in a), 3 were invoiced for setting down fees. However, at 30 September 2006, none of these fees had been paid.
- (c) Of the cases referred to in a), 6 were finalised at 30 September 2006.
- (d) Of the 6 finalised cases referred to in c), in only one was there a costs order made which was that the applicant pay the respondent's costs of \$550.