

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

**Question No. 66**

**Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:**

Given the volume of work originating in the Gold Coast region, will the Court consider the establishment of a permanent registry in that area?

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

The Federal Magistrates Court currently conducts 8 one-day circuits to the Gold Coast each year.

The following table shows the number of initiating applications filed at the Gold Coast and based on these filings, the FMC has not seen the need for a permanent registry in that area.

<b>Gold Coast Circuit Filings for Final Orders Applications</b>	<b>Total</b>
FMC FINAL ORDERS (M-FINAL) lodged between 01JUL2010 and 30JUN2011	40
FMC FINAL ORDERS (M-FINAL) lodged between 01JUL2011 and 30JUN2012	40
FMC FINAL ORDERS (M-FINAL) lodged between 01JUL2012 and 30SEP2012	19