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

Senator BRANDIS: Since the beginning of the 2011-12 financial year, how many new applications have been received to join the multi-user list?

Mr Minogue: In terms of numbers of applications, I am not sure that I have that. There were 66 firms in the first round of applications, which closed in time for commencement in July. We are just going through the process of assessing the second round of applications. So we are evaluating those.

Senator BRANDIS: How many are on the second round?

Mr Minogue: I do not think I have the number of applications. We would have to take that on notice.

Senator BRANDIS: That is fine. Presumably, it is fewer than the 66 in the initial round.

Mr Minogue: The number I have in my head is fewer, but I am not sure that that is right. I will take that on notice.

Senator BRANDIS: Thank you.

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

Since the beginning of the 2011-12 financial year, the Department has received a total of 158 applications for inclusion in the Legal Services Multi-Use List (LSMUL).

The Department received 107 applications for inclusion up to and including the commencement of the first assessment round on 24 February 2012. The Department appointed 66 service providers to the LSMUL following the first assessment round.

The Department received 51 applications for inclusion up to and including the commencement of the second assessment round on 4 September 2012. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application on or before 23 November 2012.