

APPENDIX 5

WORKLOAD STATISTICS

The statistics in this appendix provide comparative historical information in relation to the work of the Court, in particular, comparative statistics concerning aspects of the Court's jurisdiction.

When considering the statistics it is important to note that matters vary according to the nature and complexity of the legal issues or evidence in dispute.

It should be noted that, in this report, the figures reported may be marginally different from figures reported in previous years. The variations have occurred through refinements or enhancements to the Court's FEDCAMS database which necessitated the checking or verification and possible variation of data previously entered and from random audits of earlier data.

**Table 5.1 – Summary of Workload Statistics
Original and Appellate Jurisdiction**

Workload	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
(1) Total matters and appeals					
Filed	6,276	5,385	4,527	4,840	6,016
Completed	6,613	5,272	4,786	5,296	6,063
Current	4,666	4,795	4,463	3,993	3,723
(2) Corporations Act matters and appeals only					
Filed	9	19	346	461	634
Completed	239	40	243	436	550
Current	46	48	158	191	256
(3) Bankruptcy matters and appeals only					
Filed	3,084	1,210	602	527	481
Completed	3,163	1,742	755	554	473
Current	1,168	590	316	246	231
(4) Native Title matters and appeals only					
Filed	105	131	127	67	63
Completed	173	107	118	60	71
Current	783	808	831	849	811
(5) Total matters and appeals (excluding Corporations Act, Bankruptcy and Native Title)					
Filed	3,078	4,025	3,452	3,785	4,838
Completed	3,038	3,383	3,670	4,246	4,969
Current	2,669	3,349	3,158	2,707	2,425

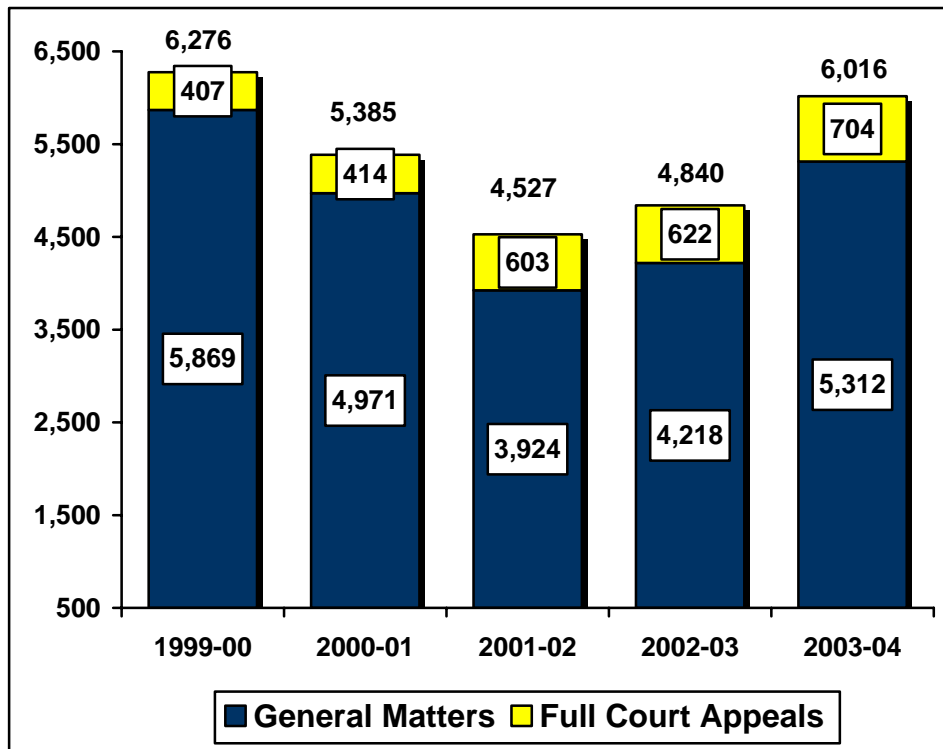
**Table 5.2 – Summary of Workload Statistics
(excluding Full Court appeals)**

Workload	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
(1) Total matters					
Filed	5,869	4,971	3,924	4,218	5,312
Completed	6,120	4,858	4,266	4,651	5,392
Current	4,445	4,550	4,129	3,662	3,369
(2) Corporations Act matters only					
Filed	6	14	342	456	626
Completed	228	36	236	429	540
Current	42	41	154	187	254
(3) Bankruptcy matters only					
Filed	3,044	1,190	554	482	442
Completed	3,121	1,712	715	514	431
Current	1,150	579	291	217	206
(4) Native Title matters only					
Filed	99	130	124	64	51
Completed	162	105	117	57	66
Current	779	804	825	844	799
(5) Total matters (excluding Corporations Act, Bankruptcy and Native Title)					
Filed	2,720	3,637	2,904	3,216	4,193
Completed	2,609	3,005	3,198	3,651	4,355
Current	2,474	3,126	2,859	2,414	2,110

**Table 5.3 – Summary of Workload Statistics
Full Court appeals only**

Workload	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
(1) Total appeals					
Filed	407	414	603	622	704
Completed	493	414	520	645	671
Current	221	245	334	331	354
(2) Corporations Act appeals only					
Filed	3	5	4	5	8
Completed	11	4	7	7	10
Current	4	7	4	4	2
(3) Bankruptcy appeals only					
Filed	40	20	48	45	39
Completed	42	30	40	40	42
Current	18	11	25	29	25
(4) Native Title appeals only					
Filed	6	1	3	3	12
Completed	11	2	1	3	5
Current	4	4	6	5	12
(5) Total appeals (excluding Corporations Act, Bankruptcy and Native Title)					
Filed	358	388	548	569	645
Completed	429	378	472	595	614
Current	195	223	299	293	315

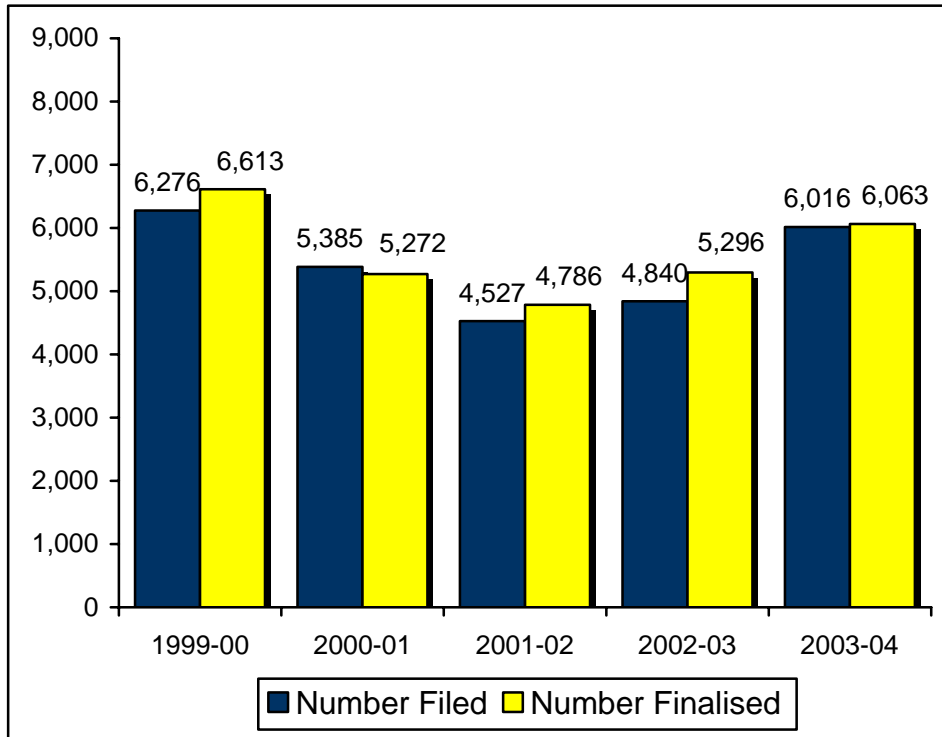
Figure 5.1
Matters filed 1999-2000 to 2003-04



The increase in filings for 2003-04 is largely attributed to matters remitted from the High Court of Australia. A total of 1,727 matters were remitted, mostly migration applications.

Figure 5.2

Matters filed and finalised 1999-2000 to 2003-04



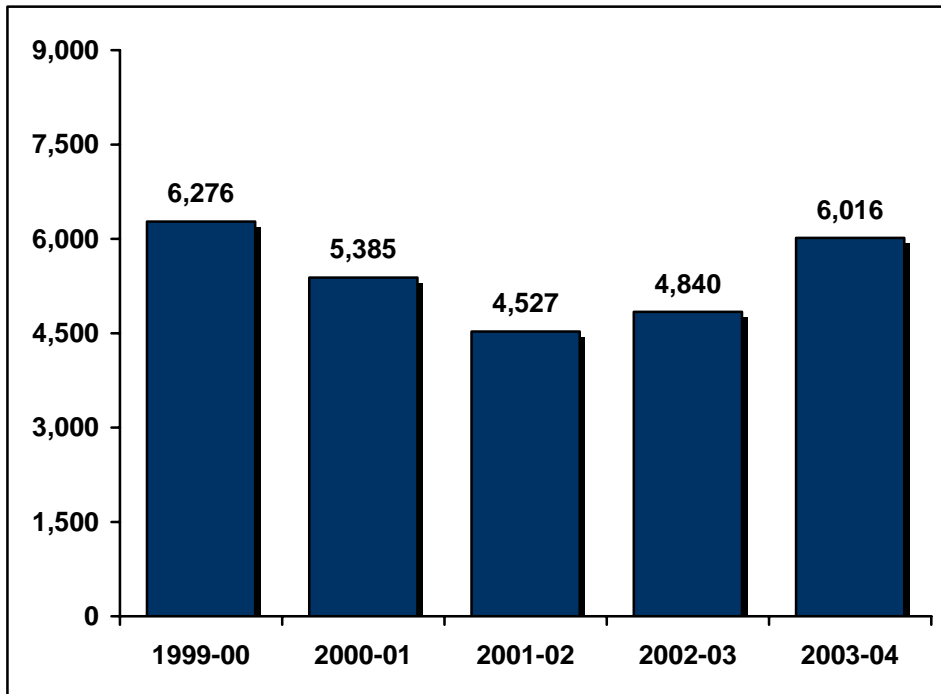
The number finalised refers to those matters finalised in the relevant financial year regardless of when they were originally filed.

The number filed and the number finalised include creditors' petitions and other bankruptcy applications as shown below:

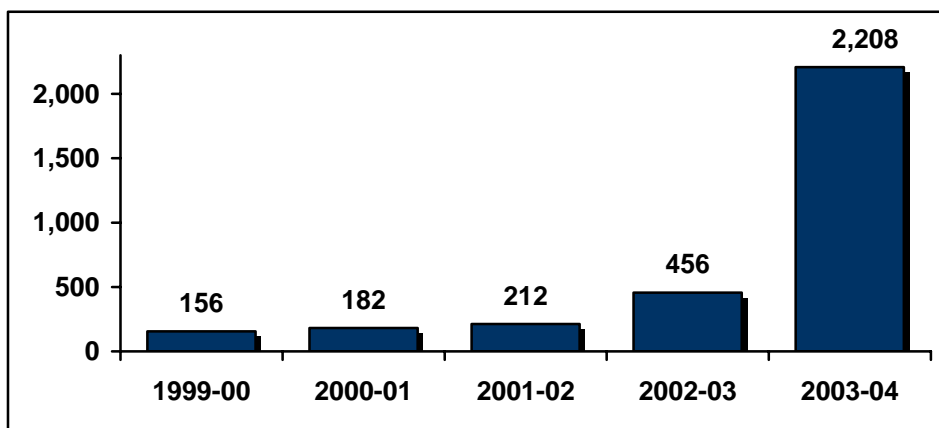
Year	Filed	Finalised
1999-00	3,044	3,121
2000-01	1,190	1,712
2001-02	554	715
2002-03	482	514
2003-04	442	431

Figure 5.3

Matters filed from 1999-2000 to 2003-04



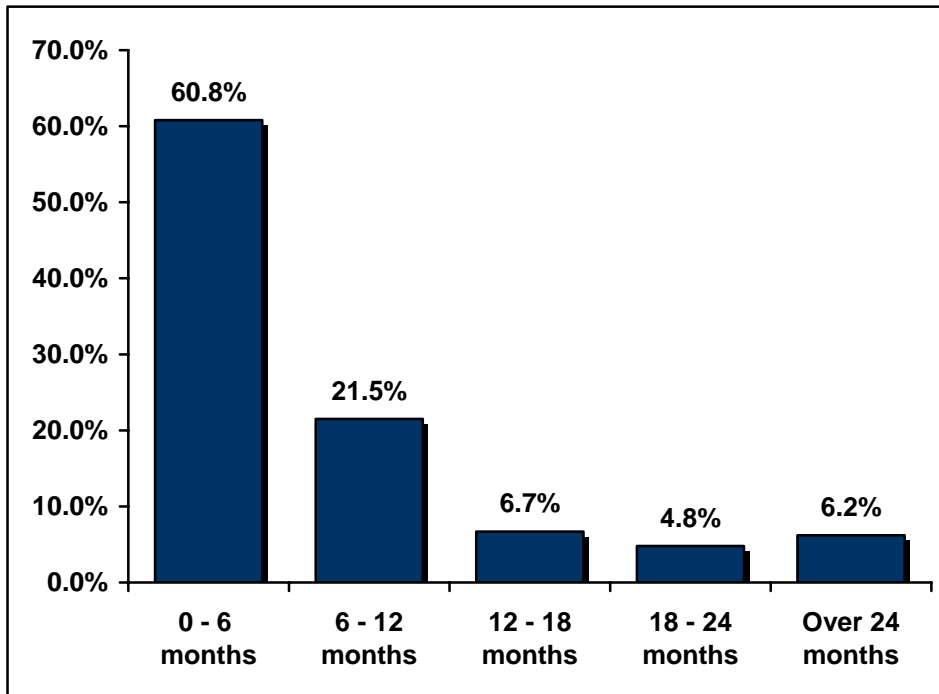
Age and number remaining current at 30 June 2004



A total of 3,723 matters remain current as at 30 June 2004. The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were 509 applications still current relating to periods before those shown in the graph including 410 matters transferred from the National Native Title Tribunal on 30 September 1998.

Figure 5.4

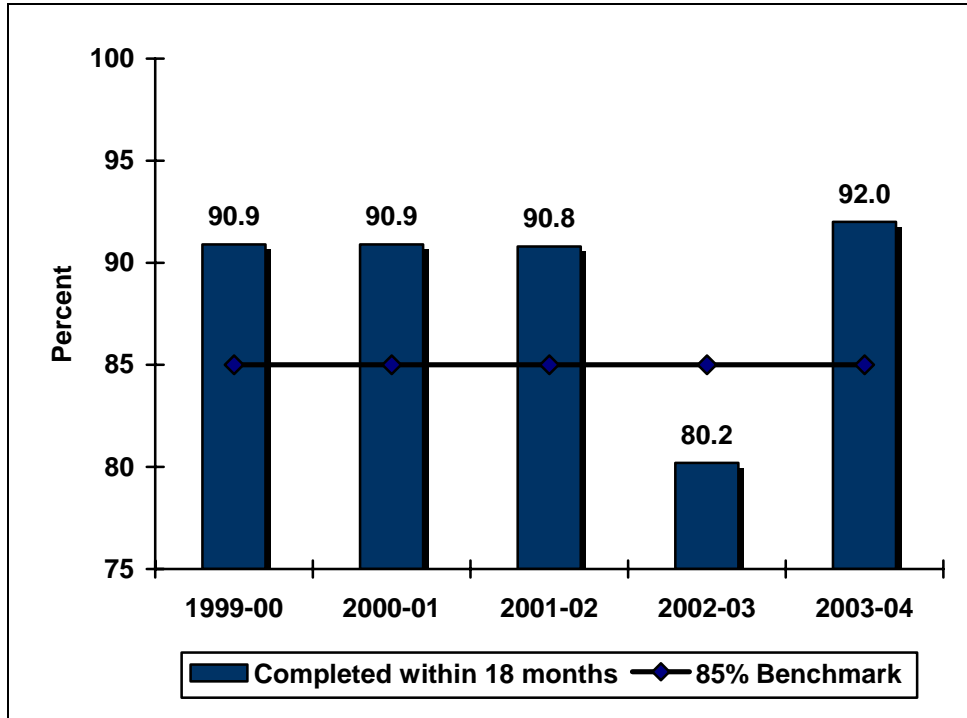
**Time span to complete
Matters completed in the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2004**



A total of 27,475 matters were completed during the 5-year period ended 30 June 2004 excluding Native Title matters. The time span, from filing to disposition of these matters, are shown in the graph above.

Figure 5.5

**Time span to complete benchmark
1999-2000 to 2003-04**

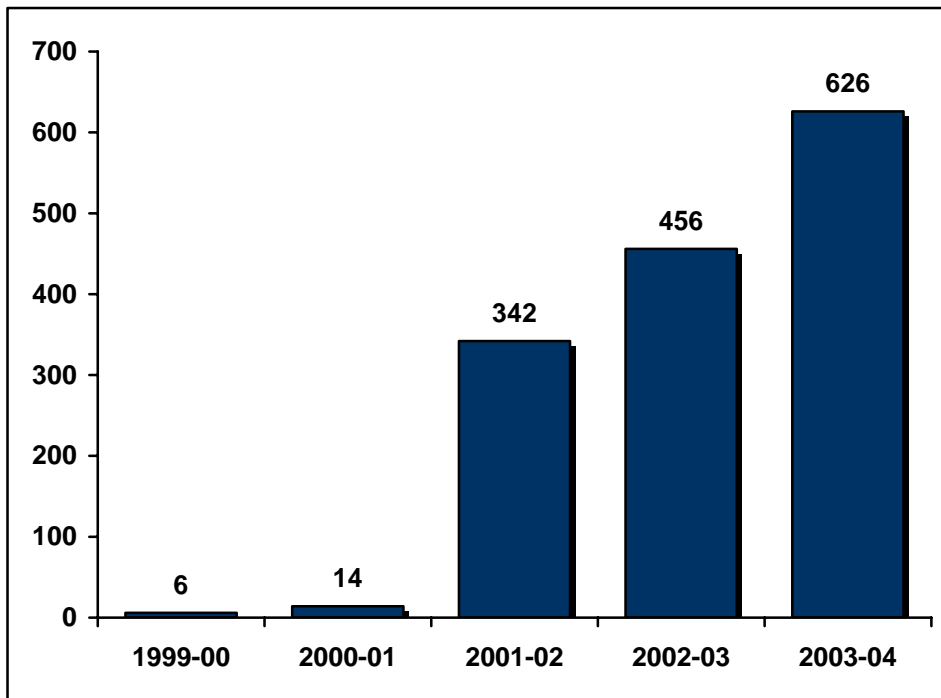


The total number of applications excluding native title applications completed for each of the last five years and the time span for completion are shown below:

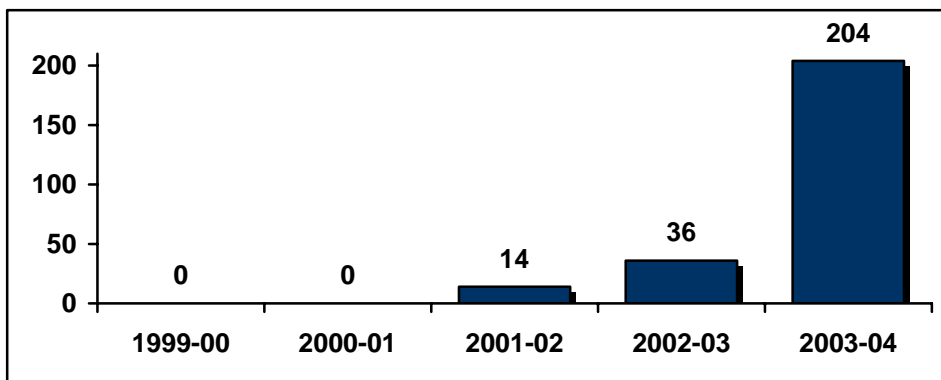
Year	Number	Percentage Completed	
		under 18 months	over 18 months
1999-00	6,451	90.9	9.1
2000-01	5,167	90.9	9.1
2001-02	4,669	90.8	9.2
2002-03	5,089	80.2	19.8
2003-04	5,997	92.0	8.0

Figure 5.6

Corporations Act matters filed 1999-2000 to 2003-04



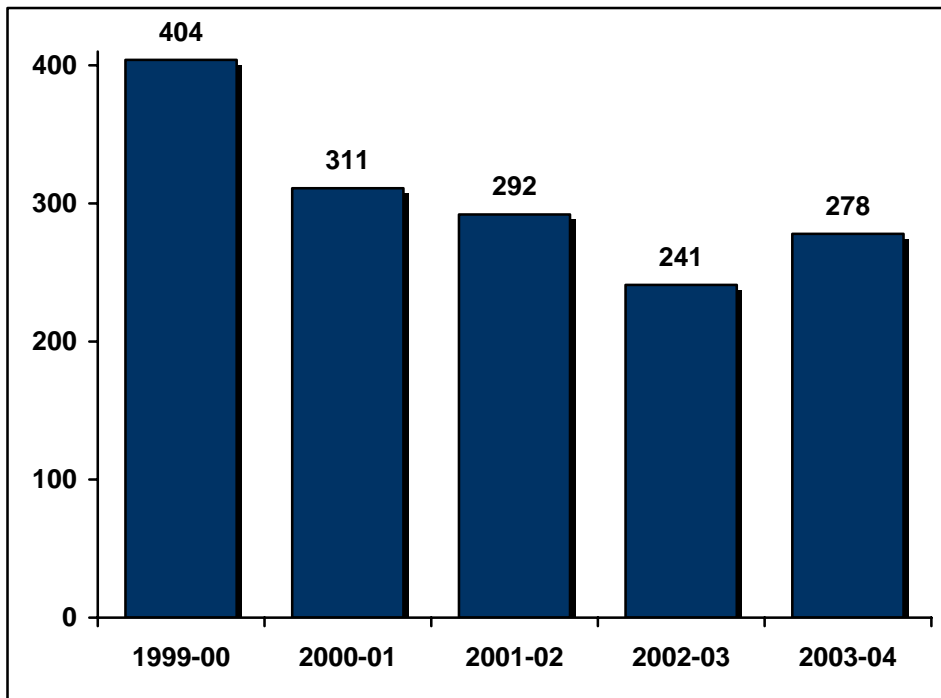
Age of number remaining current at 30 June 2004



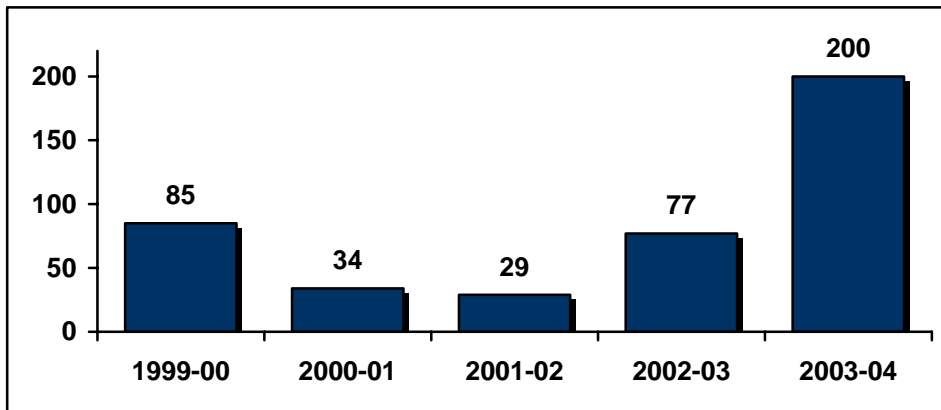
A total of 254 Corporations Act matters remain current at 30 June 2004. The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were no matters still current relating to periods before those shown in the graph.

Figure 5.7

Trade Practices Act matters filed 1999-2000 to 2003-04



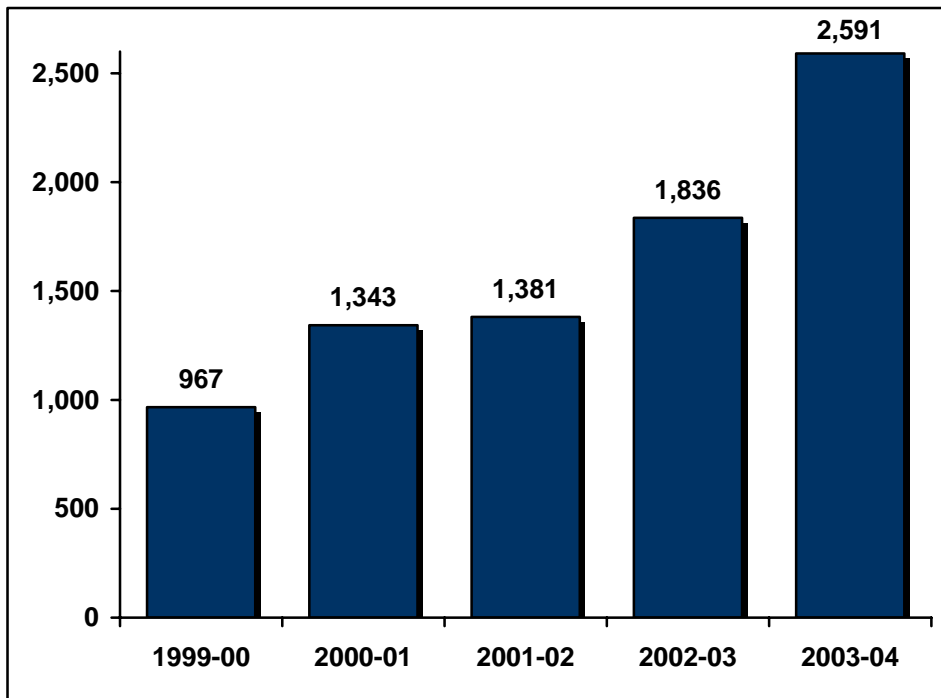
Age and number remaining current at 30 June 2004



A total of 436 Trade Practices Act matters remain current as at 30 June 2004. The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were 11 matters still current relating to periods before those shown in the graph.

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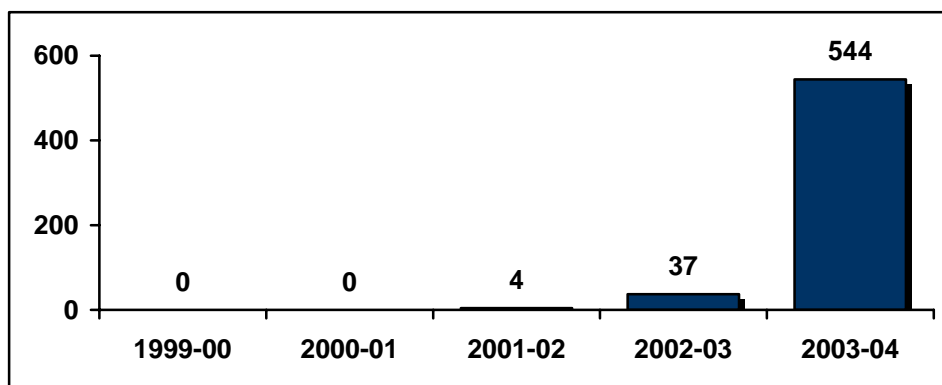
Migration Act matters filed 1999-2000 to 2003-04



These figures include migration applications filed under the Judiciary Act, Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act and Migration Act. Since 2 October 2001, almost all migration applications are filed under the Judiciary Act.

The increase shown for the last 2 years is largely attributed to migration applications remitted from the High Court of Australia. A total of 637 were remitted in 2002-03 and 1,716 were remitted in 2003-04.

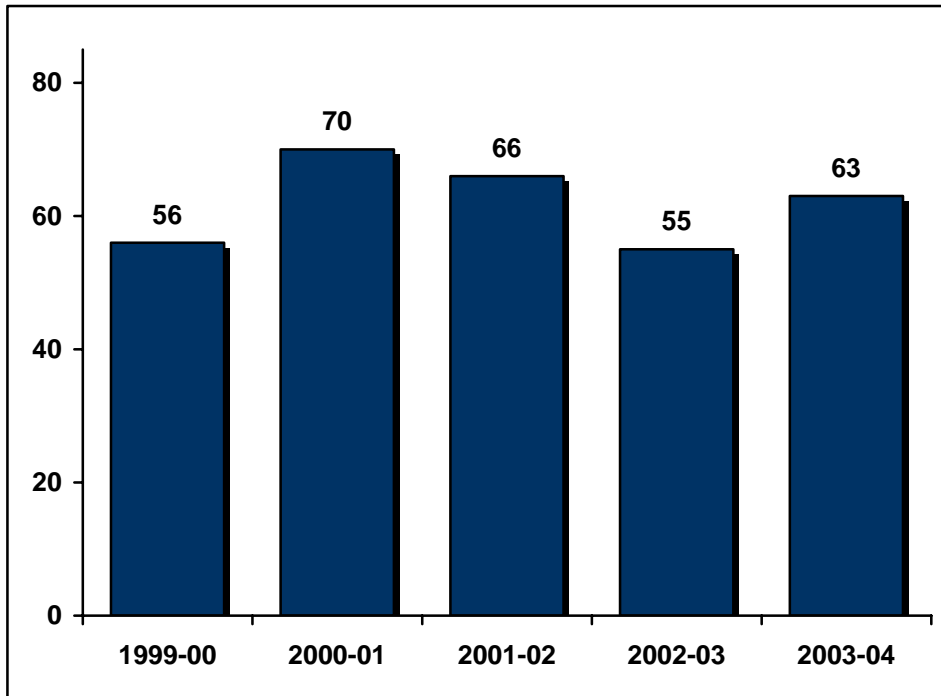
Age and number remaining current at 30 June 2004



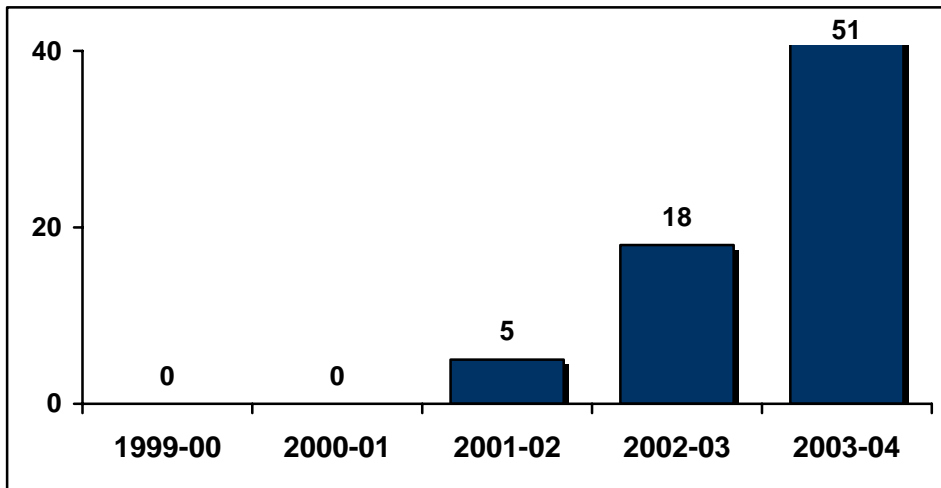
A total of 585 Migration Act matters remain current as at 30 June 2004. The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were no matters still current relating to periods before those shown in the graph.

Figure 5.9

Admiralty Act matters filed 1999-2000 to 2003-04



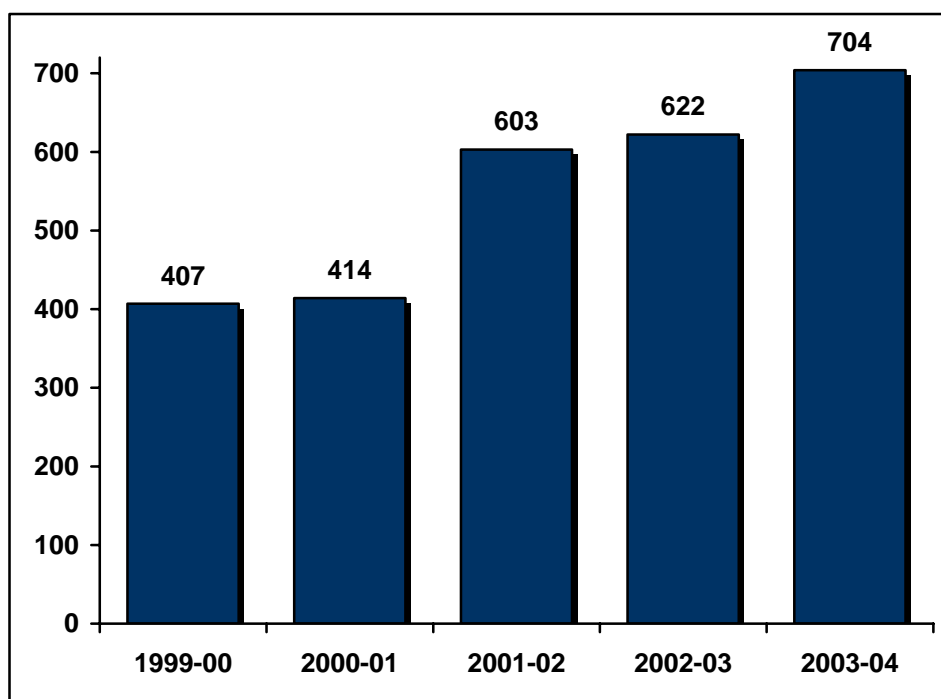
Age and number remaining current at 30 June 2004



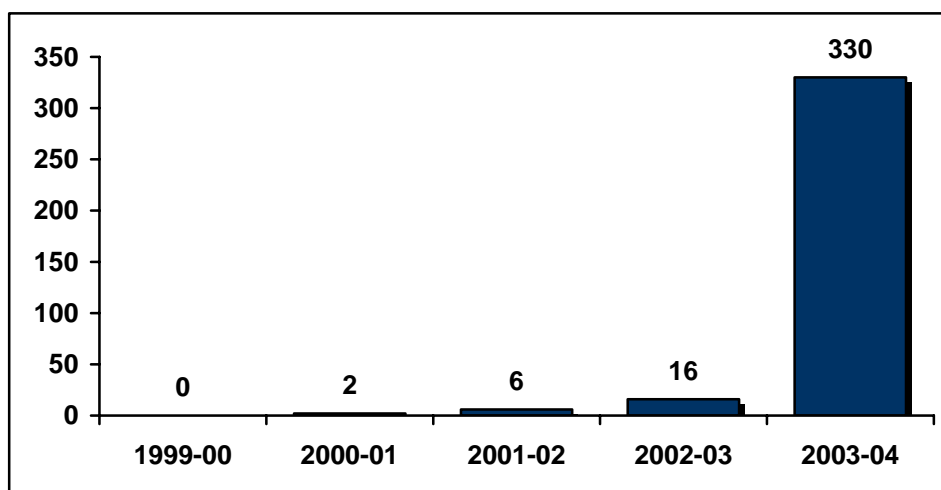
A total of 74 Admiralty Act matters remain current as at 30 June 2004. The age of these are shown in the graph below. There were no matters still current relating to periods before those shown in the graph.

Figure 5.10

Appeals to the Full Court filed 1999-2000 to 2003-04



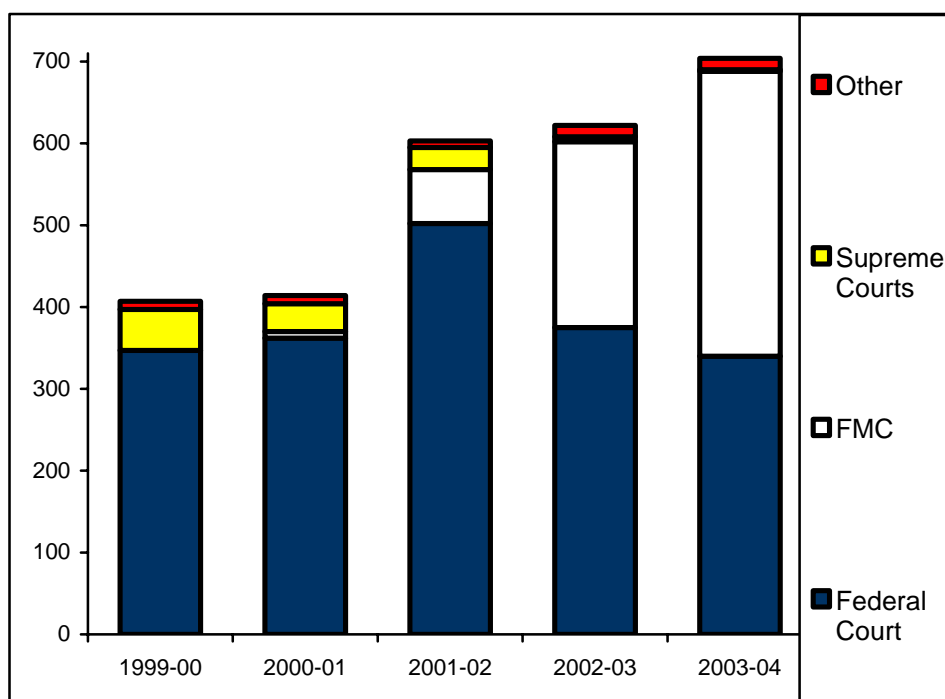
Age and number remaining current at 30 June 2004



A total of 354 appeals to the Full Court remain current as at 30 June 2004. The age of these are shown in the graph below. There was no appeals still current relating to a period before those shown in the graph.

Figure 5.11

Source of Full Court Appeals filed 1999-2000 to 2003-04



Source	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Federal Court	347 85.3%	362 87.4%	502 83.3%	375 60.3%	340 48.3%
FMC		8 1.9%	66 10.9%	227 36.5%	348 49.4%
Supreme Courts	50 12.3%	34 8.2%	27 4.5%	6 1.0%	2 0.3%
Other Sources	10 2.5%	10 2.4%	8 1.3%	14 2.3%	14 2.0%
Total	407 100.0%	414 100.0%	603 100.0%	622 100.0%	704 100.0%

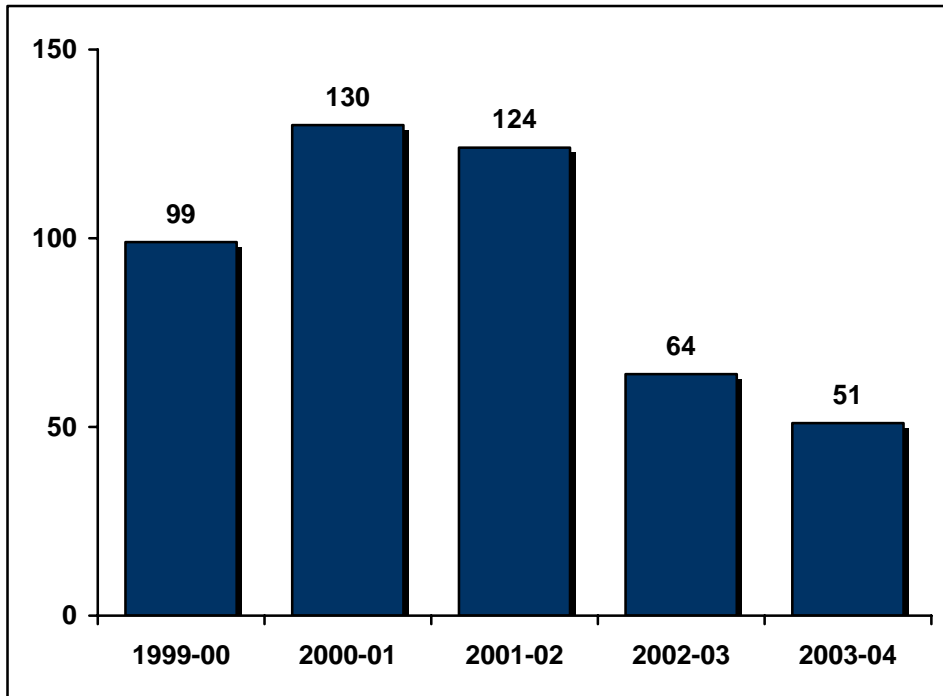
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The Federal Magistrates Court commenced on 23 June 2000.

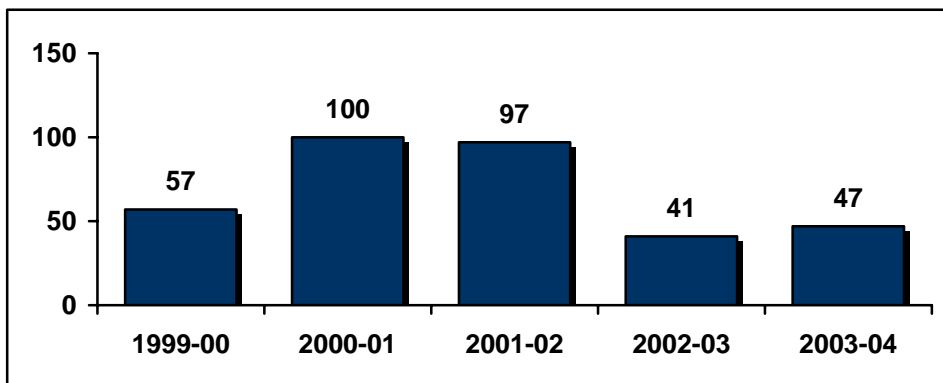
Appeals from Supreme Courts have declined following the establishment of the ACT Court of Appeal.

Figure 5.12

Native Title Act matters filed 1999 to 2003-04



Age and number remaining current at 30 June 2003



A total of 799 Native Title Act matters remain current as at 30 June 2004 (not including appeals). The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were 457 matters still current relating to periods before those shown in the graph.

More details on the statistics are included in Chapter 3 on page 35.