

APPENDIX 5

WORKLOAD STATISTICS

The statistics in this appendix provide comparative historical information on the work of the Court, including certain areas 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.

During the reporting year, the Court fully implemented a new case management system, Casetrack, which replaced the Court’s existing FEDCAMS system. Casetrack has been used to produce the statistics used in the 2004-05 report. It is important to note that the counting methodology of Casetrack is fundamentally different to FEDCAMS in that Casetrack classifies matters in the Court according to eleven main categories, described as “causes of action”. This differs from FEDCAMS where matters in the Court were counted as “filings” categorised according to the legislation they were filed under (more than 150 different pieces of legislation make up the Court’s jurisdiction). Accordingly, cases in Casetrack are counted differently, so that the statistics in this year’s report may be different to those in previous years. In addition, the Court is still developing and refining the reports to be produced in Casetrack, so in a very small number of areas it has not been possible to produce statistics to report on aspects of the Court’s work this year.

Table 5.1 – Summary of Workload Statistics
Original and Appellate Jurisdiction

Filings of Major COA's Including Appeals and Related Actions					
National Totals by Financial Year					
Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Cause of Action					
Total COA's (inc. Appeals and Related Actions)					
Filed	5394	4528	4846	6020	4517
Finalised	5314	4697	5219	6046	4289
Current	4349	4186	3816	3789	3995
Corporation (inc. Appeals and Related Actions)					
Filed	30	362	468	645	1005
Finalised	41	249	436	555	772
Current	34	147	179	269	489
Bankruptcy (inc. Appeals and Related Actions)					
Filed	1224	613	540	495	418
Finalised	1817	736	574	517	374
Current	370	247	278	191	233
Native Title (inc. Appeals and Related Actions)					
Filed	149	129	71	78	61
Finalised	110	114	61	67	97
Current	805	820	859	841	805
Total COA's (inc. Appeals and Related Actions and excluding Corporations, Bankruptcy and Native Title)					
Filed	3991	3424	3767	4802	3033
Finalised	3346	3598	4148	4907	3046
Current	3140	2972	2500	2488	2468

**Table 5.2 – Summary of Workload Statistics
(excluding Appeals and related actions)**

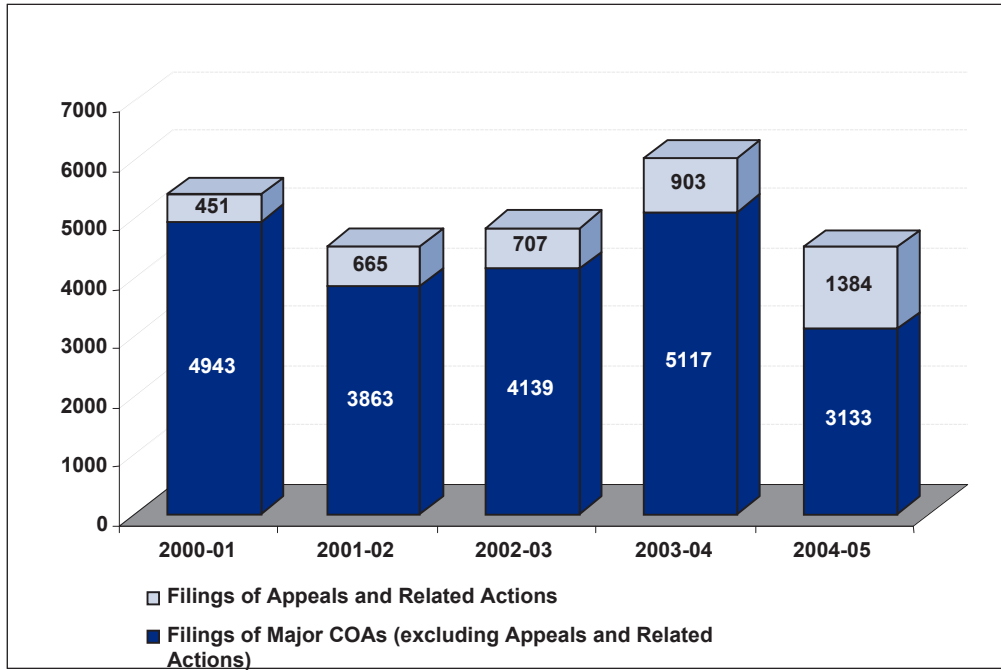
Filings of Major COA's (excluding Appeals and Related Actions)					
National Totals by Financial Year					
Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Cause of Action					
Total COAs (ex. Appeals and Related Actions)					
Filed	4943	3863	4139	5117	3133
Finalised	4879	4138	4526	5219	3112
Current	4110	3841	3457	3355	3354
Corporation (ex. Appeals and Related Actions)					
Filed	25	358	466	635	986
Finalised	38	242	432	546	760
Current	28	144	178	267	480
Bankruptcy (ex. Appeals and Related Actions)					
Filed	1196	558	485	448	349
Finalised	1784	693	526	464	318
Current	357	222	246	165	194
Native Title (ex. Appeals and Related Actions)					
Filed	147	126	68	54	51
Finalised	108	112	58	60	80
Current	796	810	849	814	785
Total COAs (ex. Appeals and Related Actions and excluding Corporations, Bankruptcy and Native Title)					
Filed	3575	2821	3120	3980	1747
Finalised	2949	3091	3510	4149	1954
Current	2929	2665	2184	2109	1895

Table 5.3 – Summary of Workload Statistics
 Appeals and Related Actions only

Filings of Appeals and Related Actions					
National Totals by Financial Year					
Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Cause of Action					
Total Appeals and Related Actions					
Filed	451	665	707	903	1384
Finalised	435	559	693	827	1177
Current	239	345	359	434	641
Corporations Appeals and Related Actions					
Filed	5	4	2	10	19
Finalised	3	7	4	9	12
Current	6	3	1	2	9
Bankruptcy Appeals and Related Actions					
Filed	28	55	55	47	69
Finalised	33	43	48	53	56
Current	13	25	32	26	39
Native Title Appeals and Related Actions					
Filed	2	3	3	24	10
Finalised	2	2	3	7	17
Current	9	10	10	27	20
Total Appeals and Related Actions - excluding Corporations, Bankruptcy and Native Title					
Filed	416	603	647	822	1286
Finalised	397	507	638	758	1092
Current	211	307	316	379	573

Figure 5.1

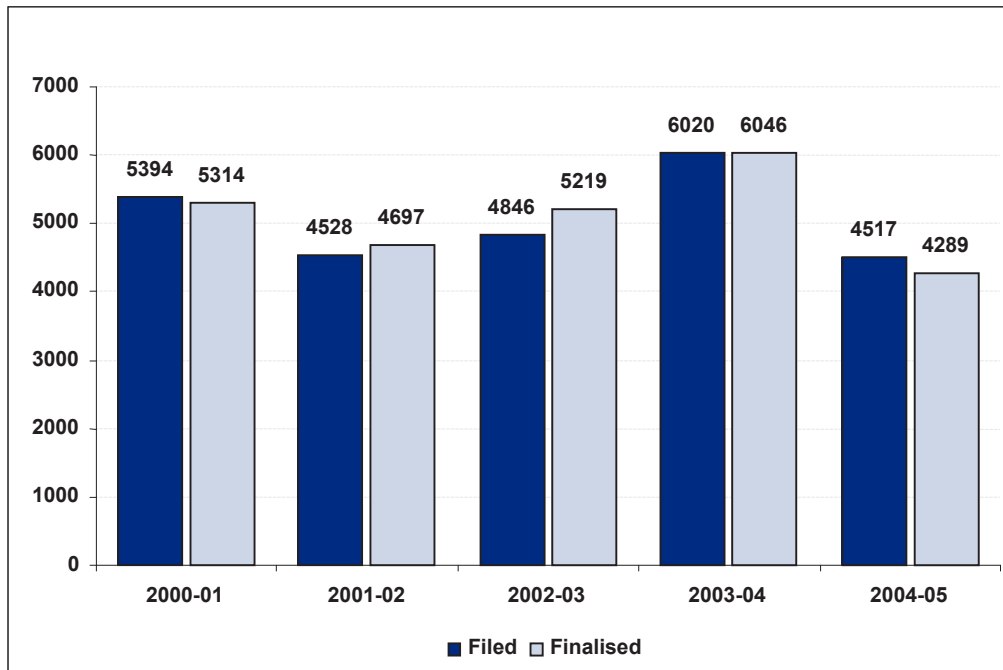
Matters filed 2000-01 to 2004-05



The increase in filings for 2003-04 was 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

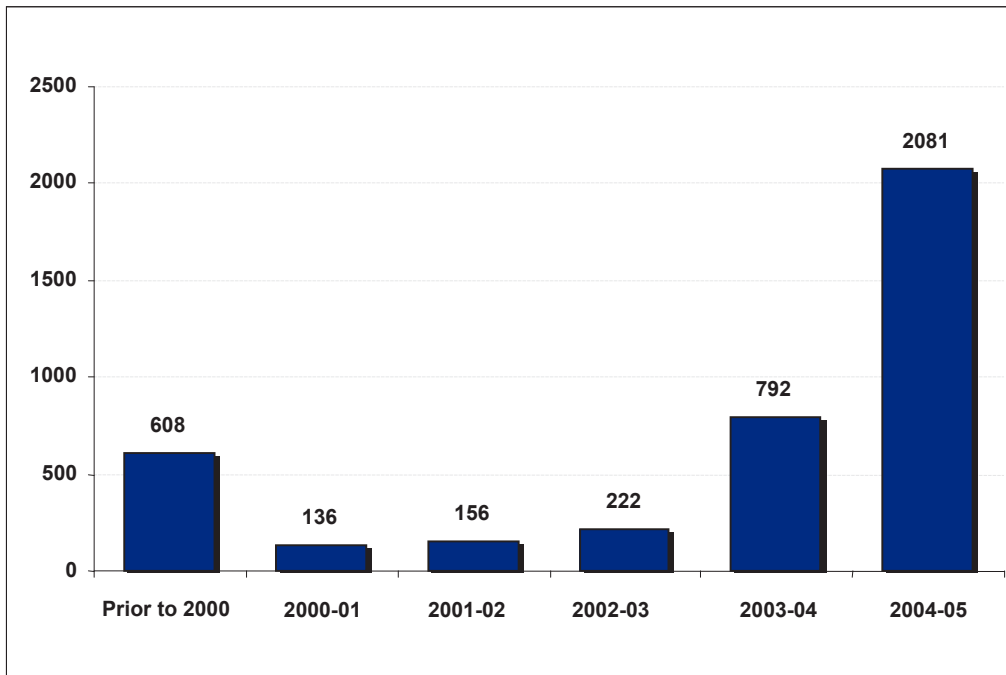
Matters filed and finalised 2000-01 to 2004-05



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

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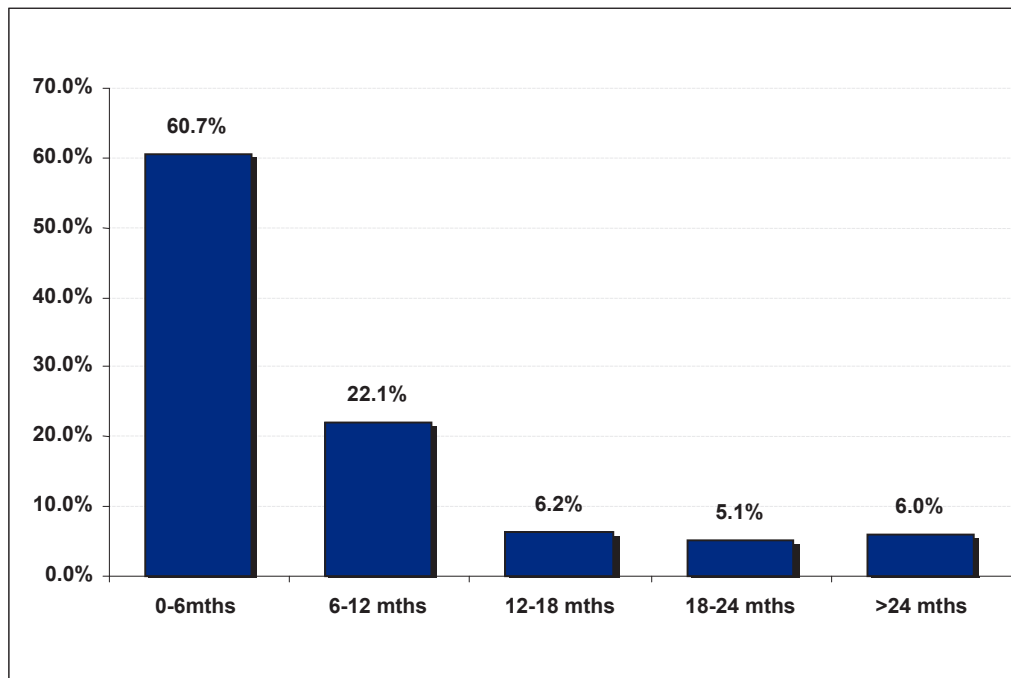
Age and number of current matters at 30 June 2005



A total of 3,995 matters remain current as at 30 June 2005. The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were 614 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.

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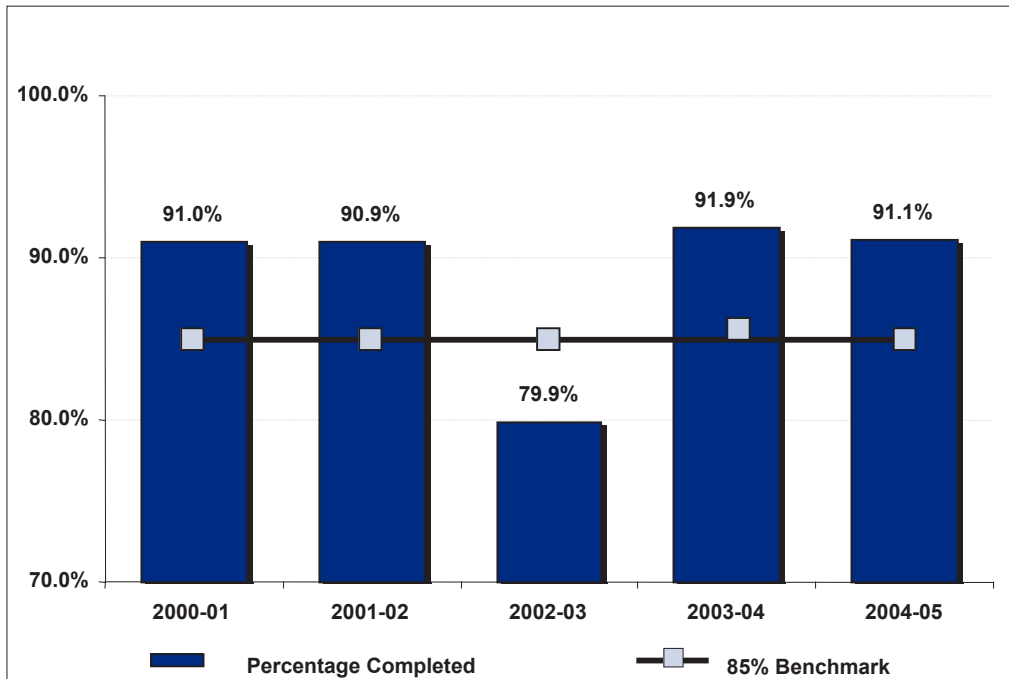
**Time span to complete
Matters completed in the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2005**



A total of 25,147 matters were completed during the 5 year period ended 30 June 2005 excluding Native Title matters. The time span, from filing to disposition of these matters, is shown in the graph above.

Figure 5.5

**Time span to complete benchmark
2000-01 to 2004-05**

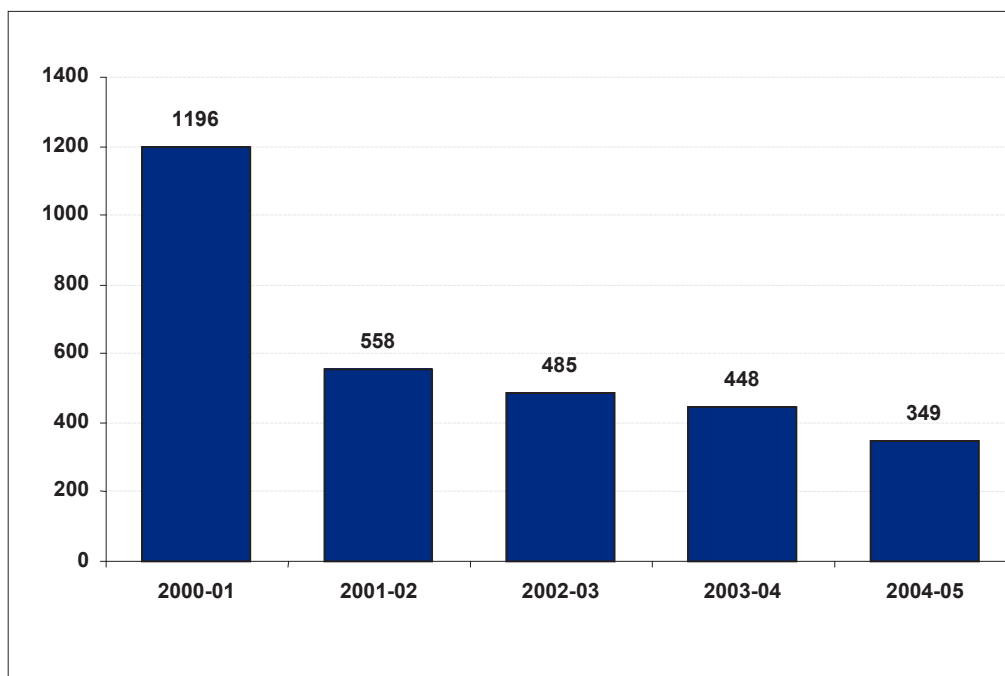


The total number of matters (including appeals but excluding Native Title) completed for each of the last five years and the time span for completion are shown below.

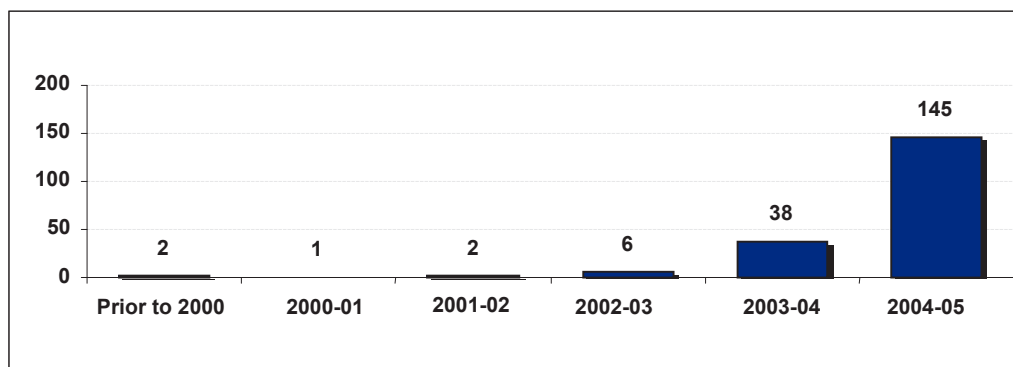
Finalisations of Major COA's Including Appeals and Related Actions (excluding Native Title) National Totals by Financial Year					
Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Percentage Completed					
Benchmark	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%
Under 18 Months	4738	4170	4125	5499	3833
% of Total	91.0%	90.9%	79.9%	91.9%	91.1%
Over 18 Months	468	415	1036	487	376
% of Total	9.0%	9.1%	20.1%	8.1%	8.9%
Total COA's	5206	4585	5161	5986	4209

Figure 5.6

Bankruptcy Act matters filed 2000-01 to 2004-05



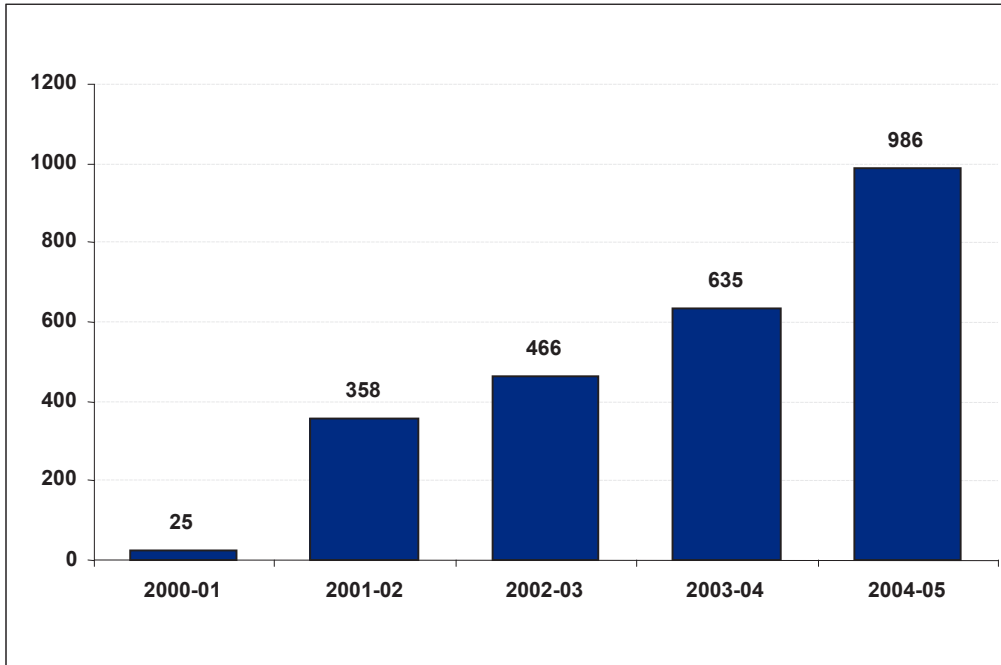
Age and number of current Bankruptcy Act matters at 30 June 2005



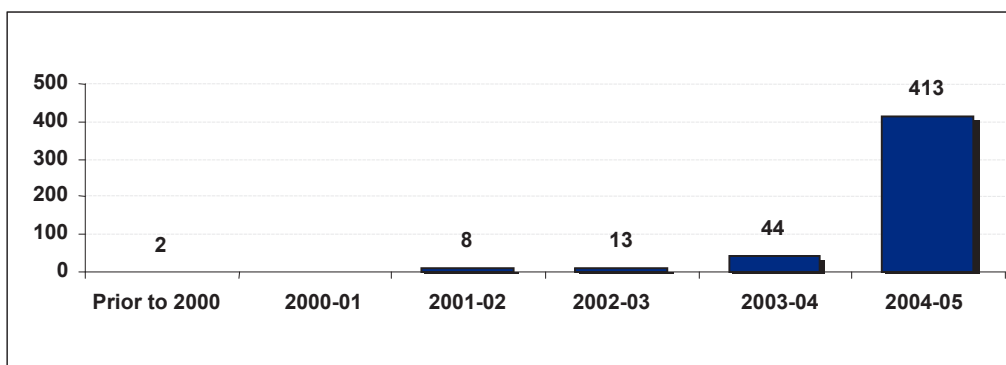
A total of 194 *Bankruptcy Act* matters remain current at 30 June 2005. The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were two matters still current relating to periods before those shown in the graph.

Figure 5.7

Corporations Act matters filed 2000-01 to 2004-05



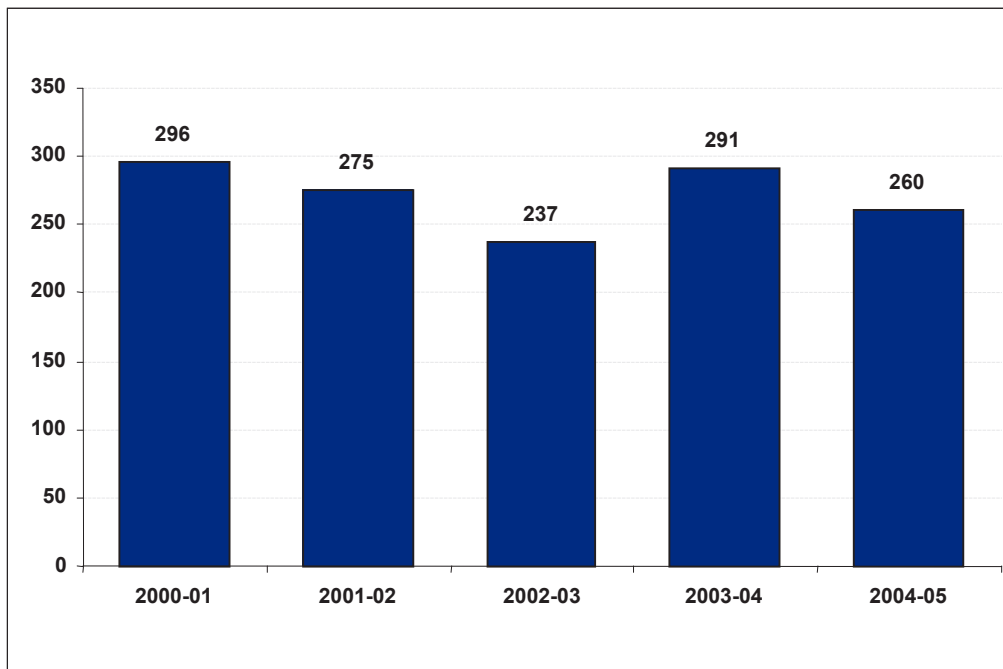
Age and number of current Corporations Act matters at 30 June 2005



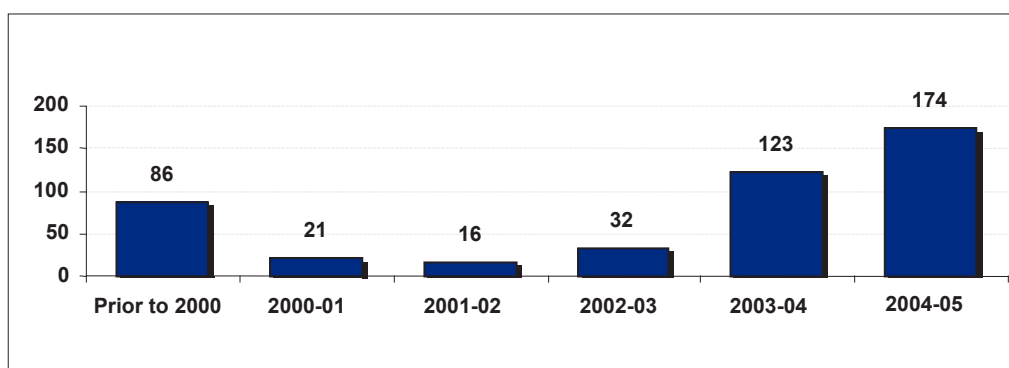
A total of 480 Corporations Act matters remain current at 30 June 2005. The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were two matters still current relating to periods before those shown in the graph.

Figure 5.8

Trade Practices Act matters filed 2000-01 to 2004-05



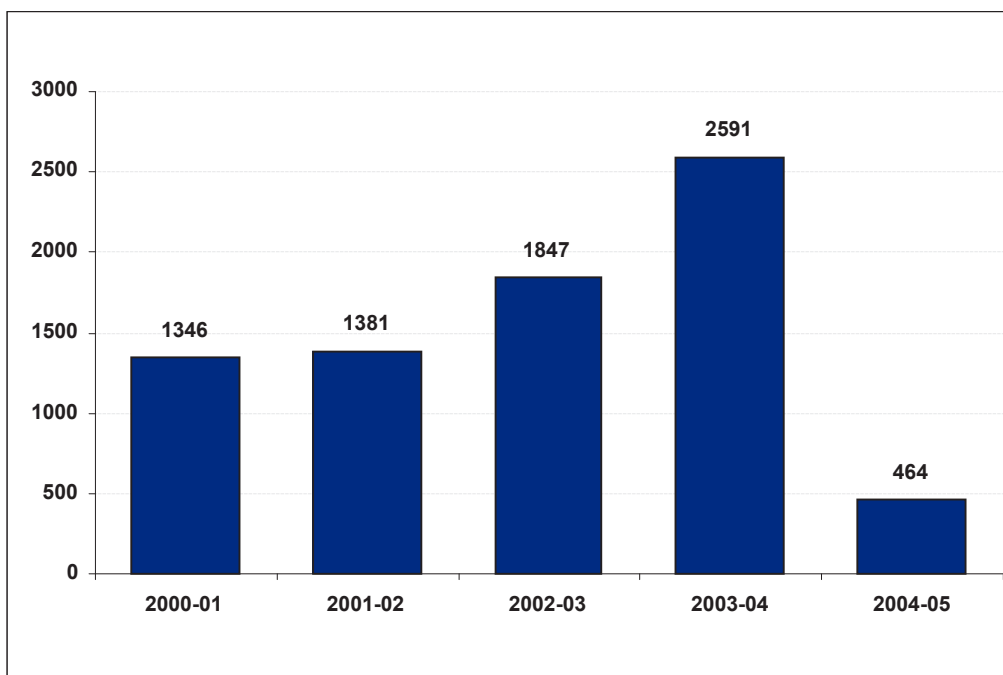
Age and number of Trade Practices Act matters current at 30 June 2005



A total of 452 Trade Practices Act matters remain current as at 30 June 2005. The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were 86 matters still current relating to periods before those shown in the graph.

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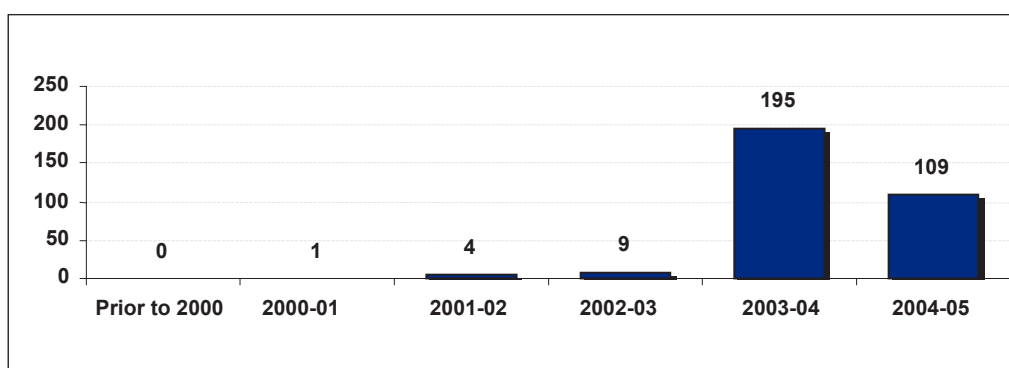
Migration Act matters filed 2000-01 to 2004-05



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 2002-03 and 2003-04 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.

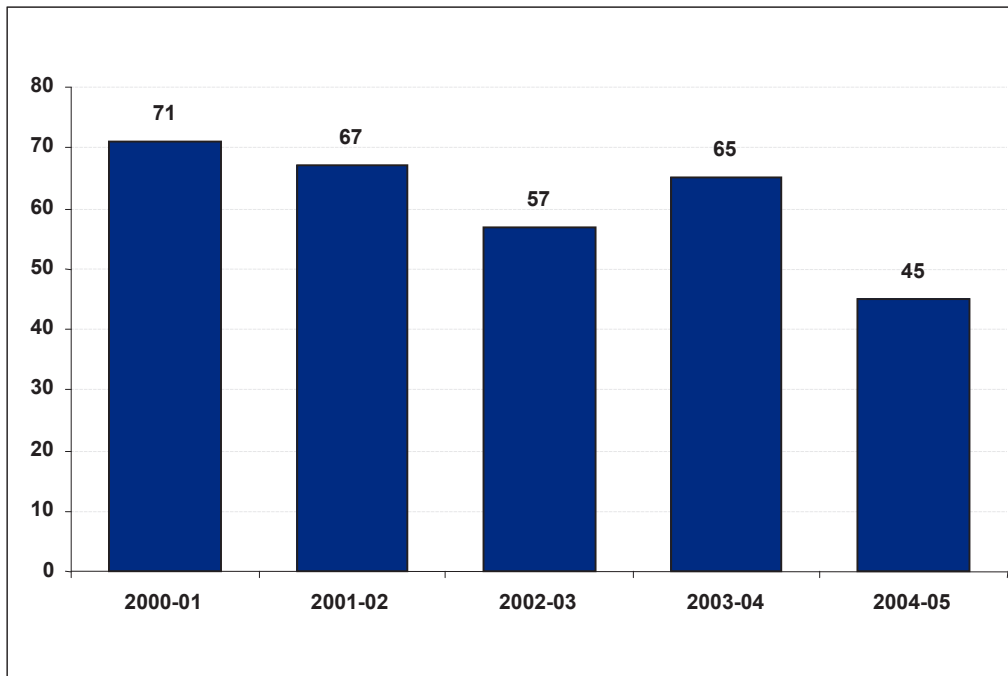
Age and number Migration Act matters current at 30 June 2005



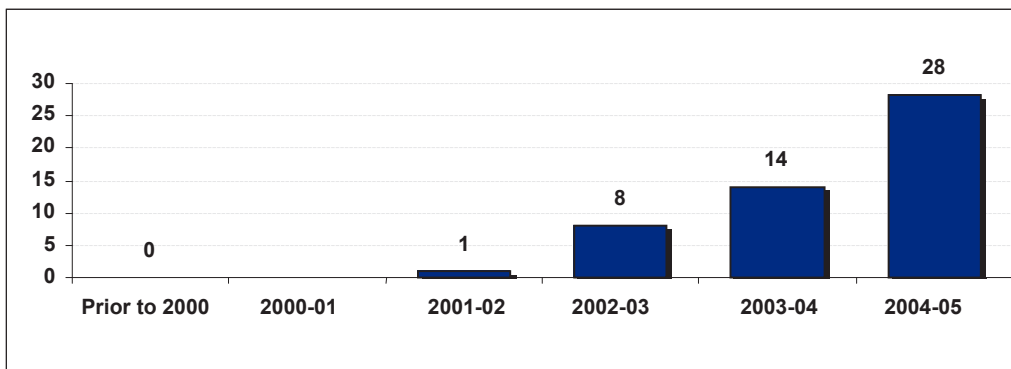
A total of 318 Migration Act matters remain current as at 30 June 2005. The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were no matters still current relating to periods before those shown in the graph.

Figure 5.10

Admiralty Act matters filed 2000-01 to 2004-05



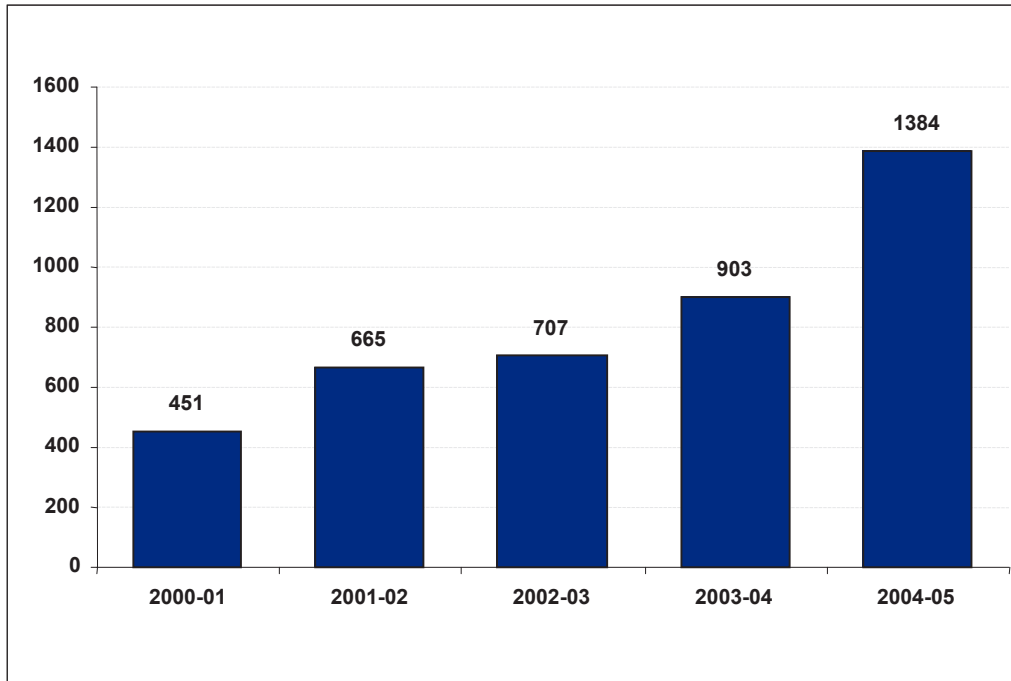
Age and number of Admiralty Act matters current at 30 June 2005



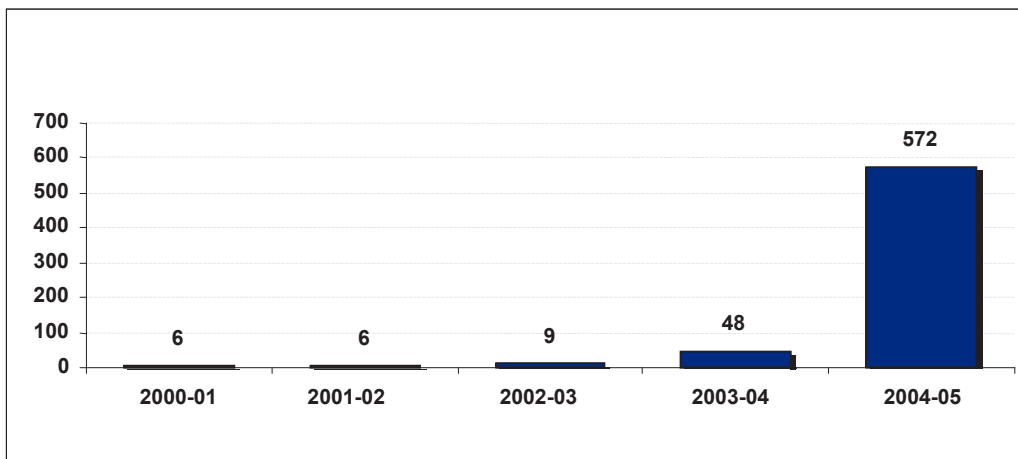
A total of 51 *Admiralty Act* matters remain current as at 30 June 2005. The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were no matters still current relating to periods before those shown in the graph.

Figure 5.11

Appeals and Related Actions filed 2000-01 to 2004-05



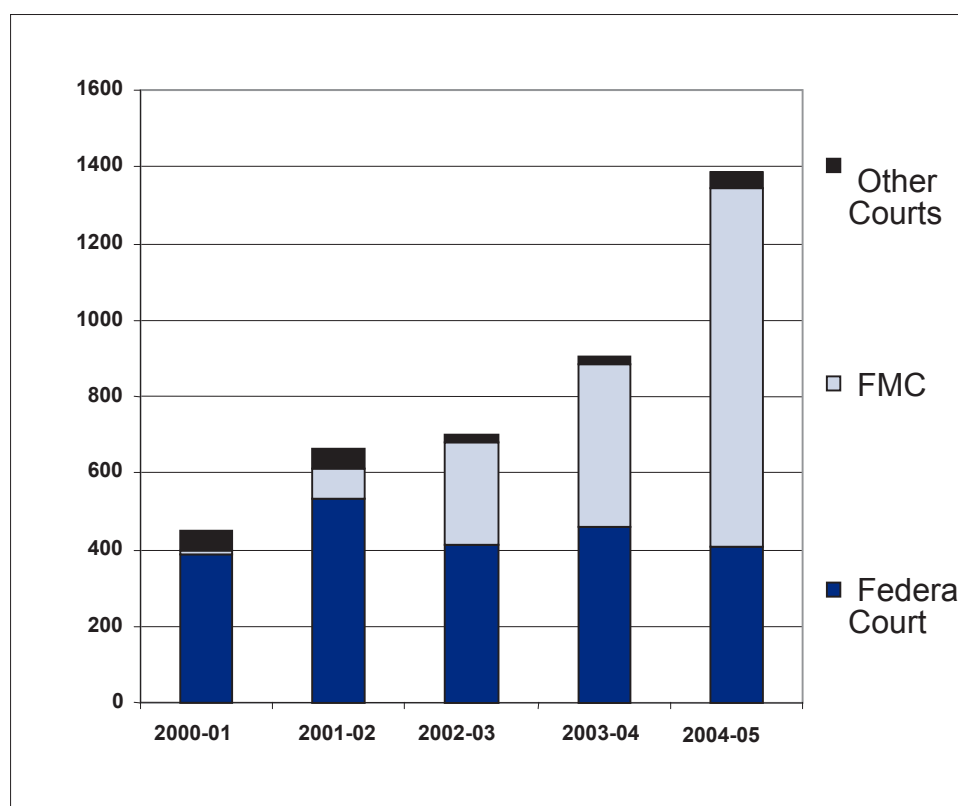
Age and number of Appeals and Related Actions current at 30 June 2005



A total of 641 appeals to the Full Court remain current as at 30 June 2005. The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were no appeals and related actions still current relating to the period before those shown in the graph.

Figure 5.12

Source of Appeals and Related Actions 2000-01 to 2004-05



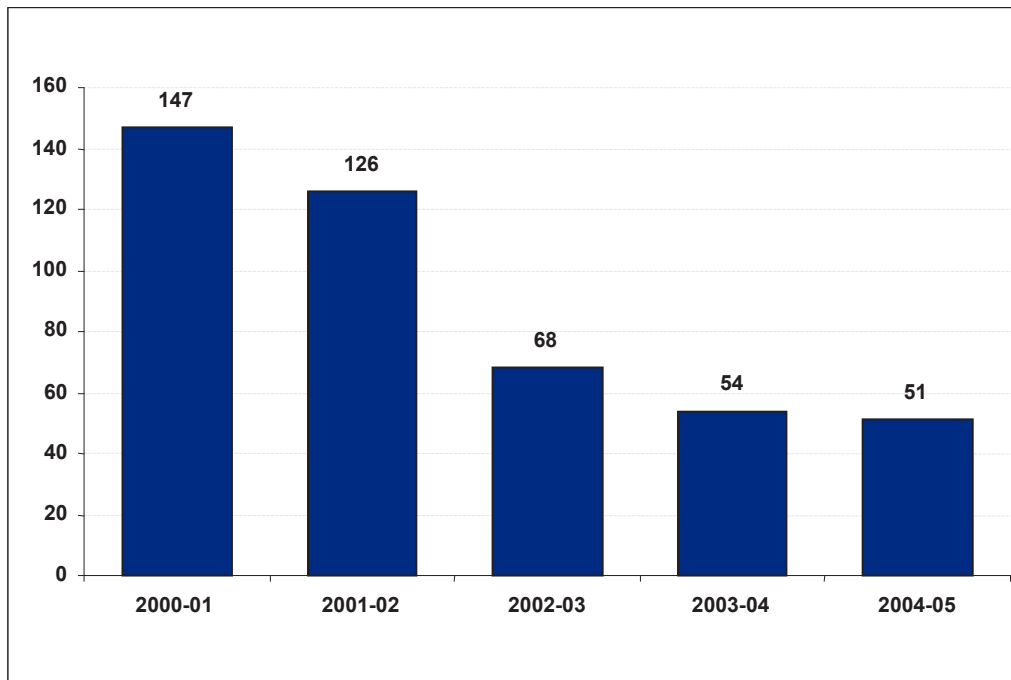
APPEALS AND RELATED ACTIONS										
Year	2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
Source										
Federal Court	389	86.3%	534	80.5%	415	59.2%	461	51.1%	409	29.5%
FMC	10	2.2%	78	11.8%	263	37.5%	423	46.8%	933	67.4%
Other Courts	52	11.5%	51	7.7%	23	3.3%	19	2.1%	43	3.1%
Total by Period	451		663		701		903		1385	

Notes:

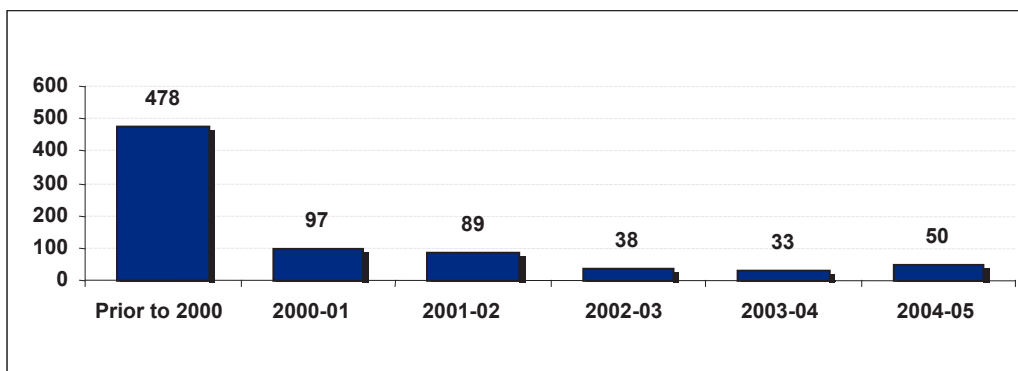
1. The Federal Magistrates Court commenced on 23 June 2000.
2. Appeals from Supreme Courts have declined following the establishment of the ACT Court of Appeal in 2002.

Figure 5.13

Native Title Act matters filed 2000-01 to 2004-05



Age and number of Native Title Act matters remaining current at 30 June 2005



A total of 785 Native Title matters remain current as at 30 June 2005 (not including appeals). The age of these are shown in the graph above. There were 478 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.