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

It should also be noted that the figures reported in this report may differ from figures reported in previous years. The variations have occurred through refinements or enhancements to the Casetrack database which necessitated the checking or verification and possible variation of data previously entered.

Casetrack records matters in the Court classified according to 16 main categories, described as 'causes of action' (CoA). The classification of matters in this way causes an under representation of the workload as it does not include filings of supplementary CoAs (cross appeals and cross claims), interlocutory applications or Native Title joinder of party applications.

In 2007–08 the Court started to count and report on interlocutory applications (including interim applications and notices of motion) in appellate proceedings in order to provide the most accurate possible picture of the Court's appellate workload. From 2008–09 the Court has counted all forms of this additional workload in both its original and appellate jurisdictions.

Table A5.4 on page 141 provides a breakdown of these matters. At this stage it is not possible to obtain information about finalisations of interlocutory applications (because they are recorded in the Court's case management system as a document filed rather than a specific CoA). Because of this, detailed reporting of these matters has been restricted to the information about appeals in Part 3 and Table A5.4.

In 2015, the National Court Framework reforms were introduced. The Court began reporting on matters by seven main National Practice Areas (NPAs) last financial year. A further two NPAs were introduced during 2016–17. This information can be found in Figure A5.9 onwards.

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Table A5.1: Summary of workload statistics – original and appellate jurisdictions – filings of major CoAs (including appellate and related actions)

CAUSE OF ACTION	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Total CoAs (including appeals and related actions)					
Filed	5803	5009	4355	6001	5695
Finalised	5513	5564	3886	5832	5627
Current	3022	2467	2936	3105	3173
Corporations (including appeals and related actions)					
Filed	3897	2905	2210	3687	3216
Finalised	3499	3390	1859	3488	3377
Current	1041	556	907	1106	945
Bankruptcy (including appeals and related actions)					
Filed	216	281	260	292	348
Finalised	212	257	249	264	327
Current	110	134	145	173	194
Native Title (including appeals and related actions)					
Filed	61	58	64	65	70
Finalised	82	110	75	135	93
Current	465	413	402	332	309
Total CoAs (including appeals and related actions excluding Corporations, Bankruptcy and Native Title)					
Filed	1629	1765	1821	1957	2061
Finalised	1720	1807	1703	1945	1830
Current	1406	1364	1482	1494	1725

Table A5.2: Summary of workload statistics – excluding appeals and related actions – filings of major CoAs (excluding appeals and related actions)

CAUSE OF ACTION	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Total CoAs (excluding appeals and related actions)					
Filed	5169	4281	3445	5008	4650
Finalised	4884	4876	3138	4883	4742
Current	2729	2134	2441	2566	2474
Corporations (excluding appeals and related actions)					
Filed	3849	2876	2185	3652	3194
Finalised	3459	3351	1837	3462	3351
Current	1015	540	888	1078	921
Bankruptcy (excluding appeals and related actions)					
Filed	174	219	205	231	286
Finalised	163	198	186	218	269
Current	83	104	123	136	153
Native Title (excluding appeals and related actions)					
Filed	50	44	55	58	53
Finalised	75	100	68	123	82
Current	458	402	389	324	295
Total CoAs (excluding appeals and related actions and excluding bankruptcy and native title)					
Filed	1096	1142	1000	1067	1117
Finalised	1187	1227	1047	1080	1040
Current	1173	1088	1041	1028	1105

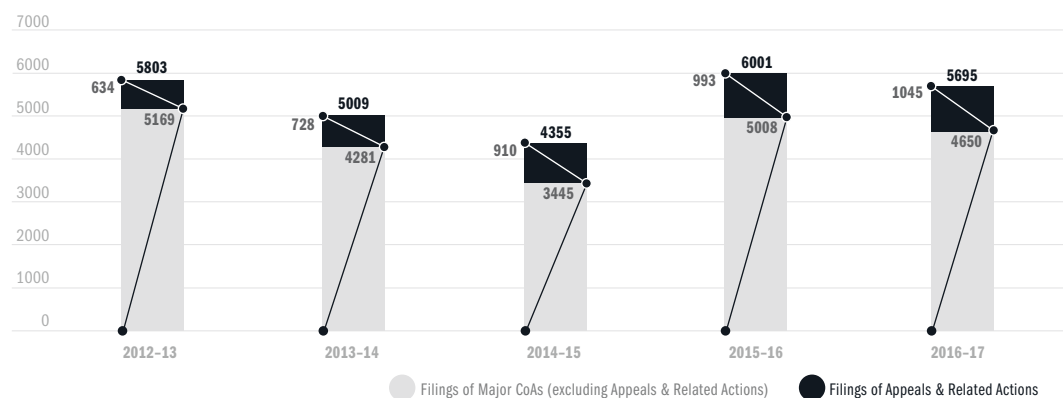
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Table A5.3: Summary of workload statistics – appeals and related actions only – filings of appeals and related actions

CAUSE OF ACTION	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Total appeals and related actions					
Filed	634	728	910	993	1045
Finalised	629	688	748	949	885
Current	293	333	495	539	699
Corporations appeals and related actions					
Filed	48	29	25	35	22
Finalised	40	39	22	26	26
Current	26	16	19	28	24
Migration appeals and related actions					
Filed	278	370	648	653	763
Finalised	255	356	463	681	584
Current	108	122	307	279	458
Native Title appeals and related actions					
Filed	11	14	9	7	17
Finalised	7	10	7	12	11
Current	7	11	13	8	14
Total appeals and related actions (excluding Corporations, Migration and Native Title appeals and related actions)					
Filed	297	315	228	298	243
Finalised	327	283	256	230	264
Current	152	184	156	224	203

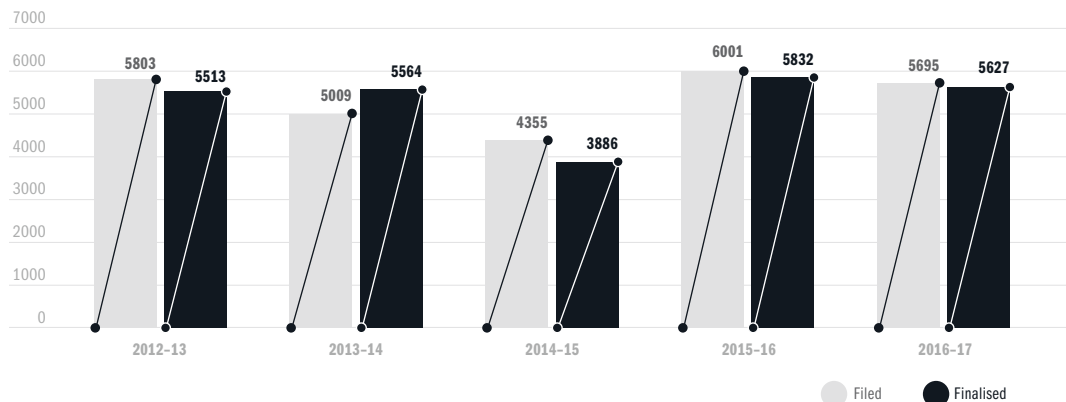
Table A5.4: Summary of supplementary workload statistics – filings of supplementary causes of action

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Total CoAs (excluding appeals and related actions)					
Cross appeals (original jurisdiction)	0	0	0	0	0
Cross claims	165	177	134	135	147
Interlocutory applications	1673	1541	1513	1530	1502
Native Title (NT) Joinder of party applications	628	405	982	781	346
Appeals and related actions					
Cross appeals	16	25	25	19	20
Interlocutory applications	138	135	172	192	219
Total actions (including appeals and related actions)					
Cross appeals	16	25	25	19	20
Cross Claims	165	177	134	135	147
Interlocutory applications	1811	1676	1685	1722	1721
Native Title (NT) Joinder of party applications	628	405	982	781	346
Totals	1992	1878	1844	1876	1888

Figure A5.1: Matters filed over the last five years

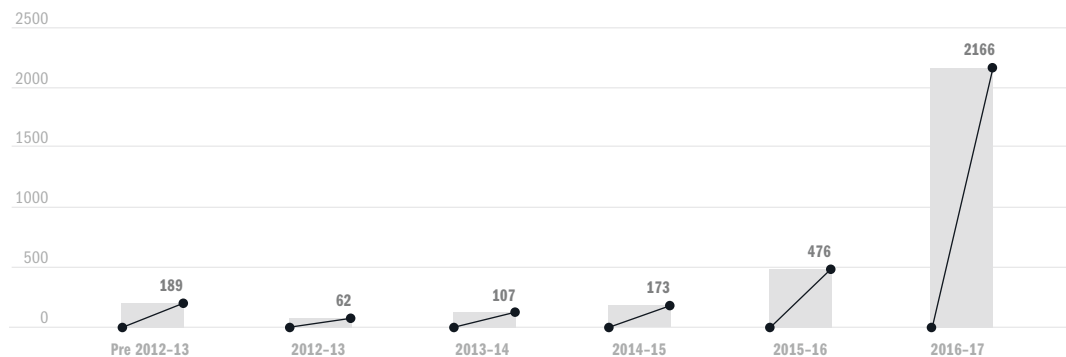
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Figure A5.2: Matters filed and finalised over the last five years



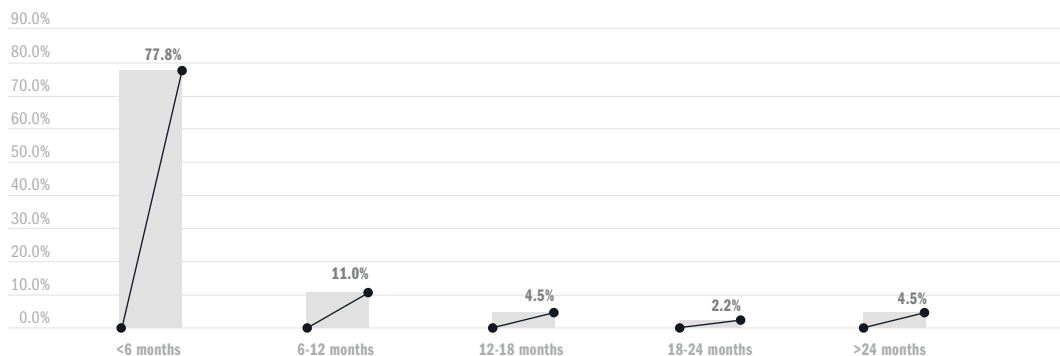
The number finalised refers to those matters finalised in the relevant financial year, regardless of when they were originally filed.

Figure A5.3: Age and number of current matters at 30 June 2017



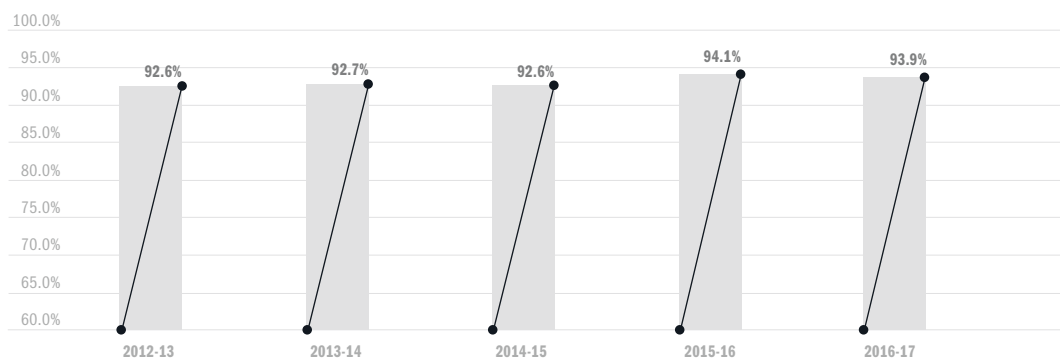
A total of 3173 matters remain current at 30 June 2017. There were 189 applications still current relating to periods before 2012-13. Six per cent of cases prior to 2012-13 are native title matters.

Figure A5.4: Time span to complete – matters completed (excluding native title) over the last five years



A total of 25,974 matters were completed during the five-year period ending 30 June 2017, excluding native title matters. The time span, from filing to disposition of these matters, is shown in Figure A5.4 above.

Figure A5.5: Time span to complete against the 85% benchmark (excluding native title) over the last five years



The Court has a benchmark of 85 per cent of cases (excluding native title) being completed within 18 months of commencement. Figure A5.5 sets out the Court's performance against this time goal over the last five years. The total number of matters (including appeals but excluding Native Title) completed for each of the last five years and the time spans for completion are shown in Table A5.5.

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Table A5.5: Finalisation of major CoAs in accordance with 85% benchmark (including appeals and related actions and excluding native title matters) over the last five years

PERCENTAGE COMPLETED	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Under 18 months	5033	5067	3537	5374	5204
% of total	92.6%	92.7%	92.6%	94.1%	93.9%
Over 18 months	405	397	281	335	341
% of total	7.4%	7.3%	7.4%	5.9%	6.1%
Total CoAs	5438	5464	3818	5709	5545

Figure A5.6: Bankruptcy Act matters (excluding appeals) filed over the last five years

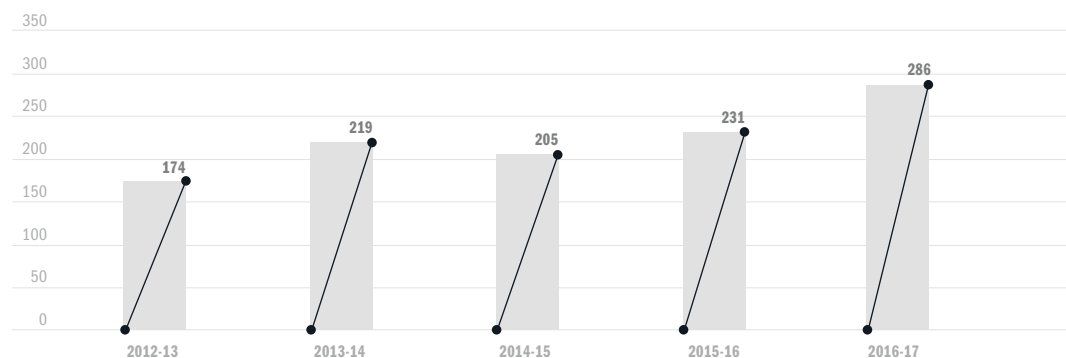


Figure A5.6.1: Current Bankruptcy Act matters (excluding appeals) by year of filing

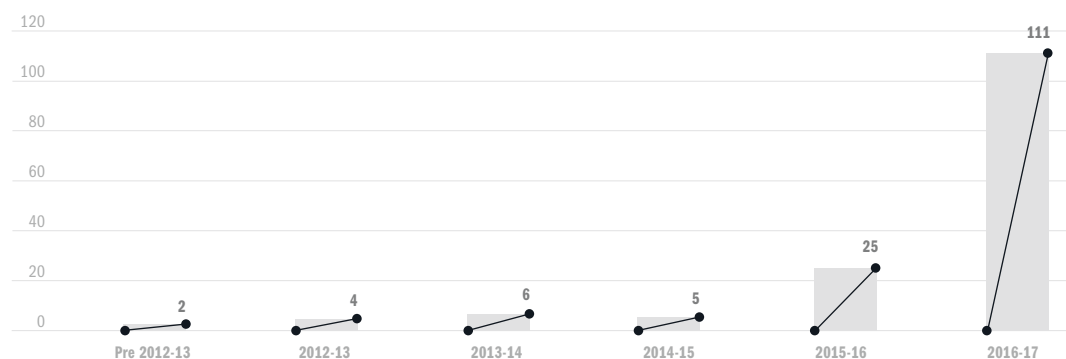
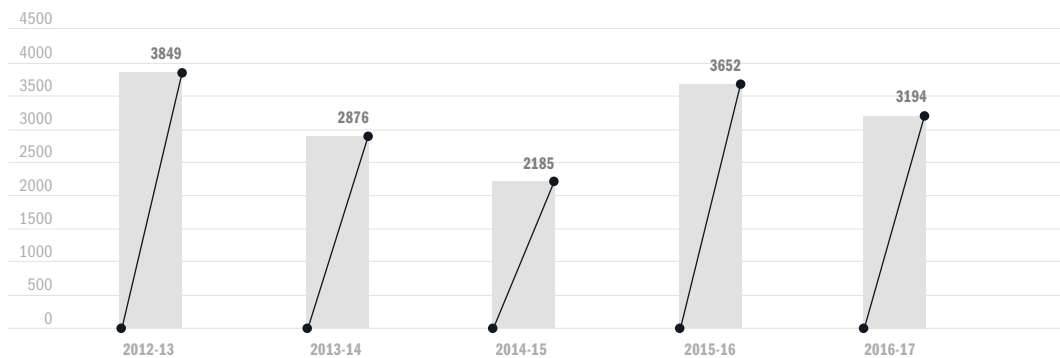
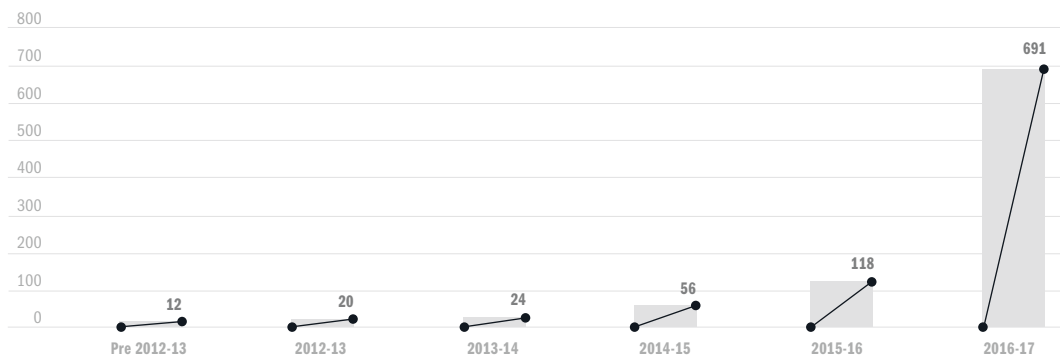


Figure A5.7: Corporation Act matters (excluding appeals) filed over the last five years**Figure A5.7.1: Current Corporation matters (excluding appeals) by year of filing**

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Figure A5.8: Consumer law matters (excluding competition law and appeals) filed over the last five years

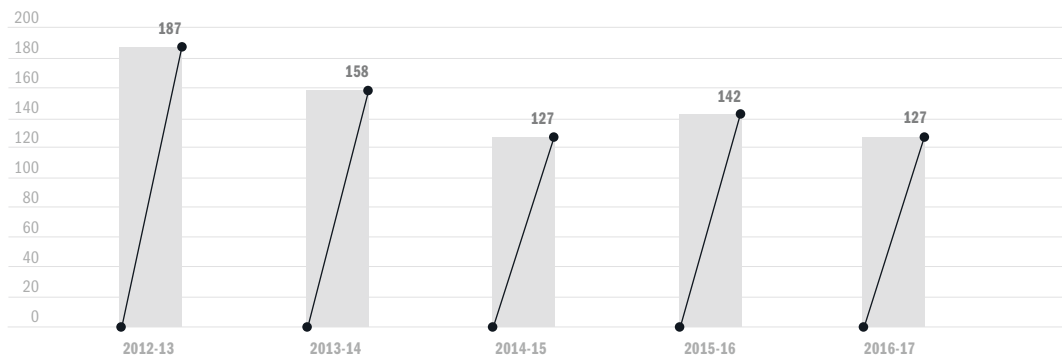
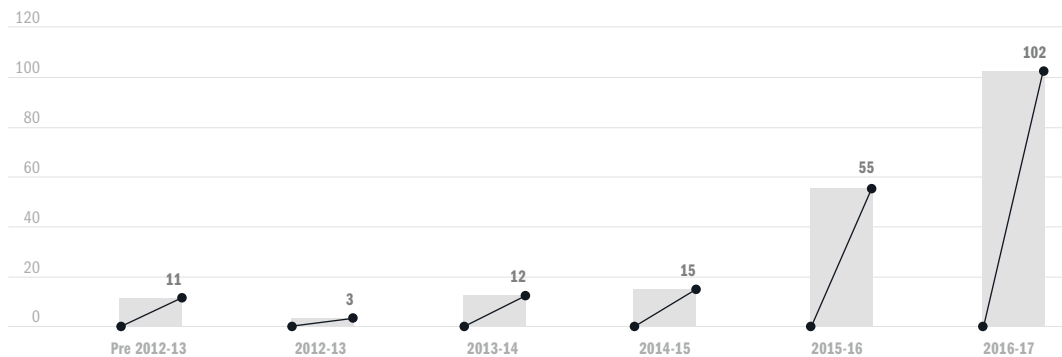


Figure A5.8.1: Current consumer law matters (excluding competition law and appeals) by year of filing



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Figure A5.9: Filings, finalisations and pending

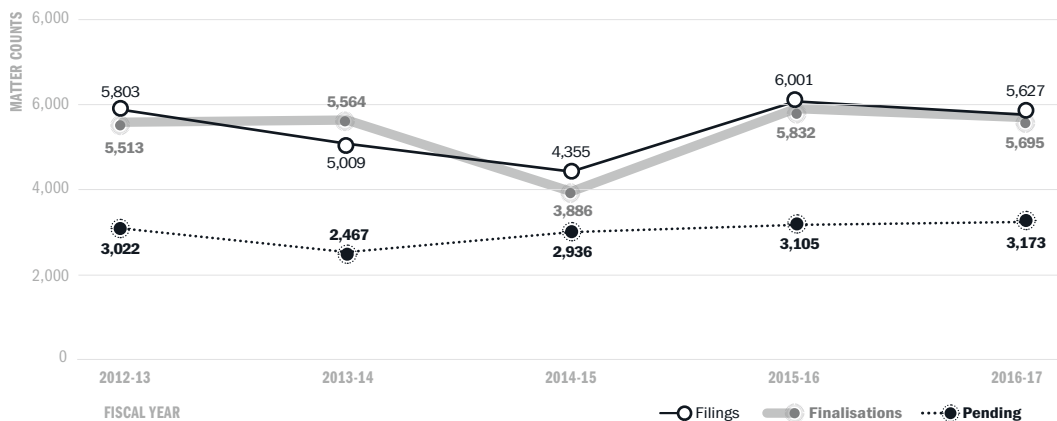
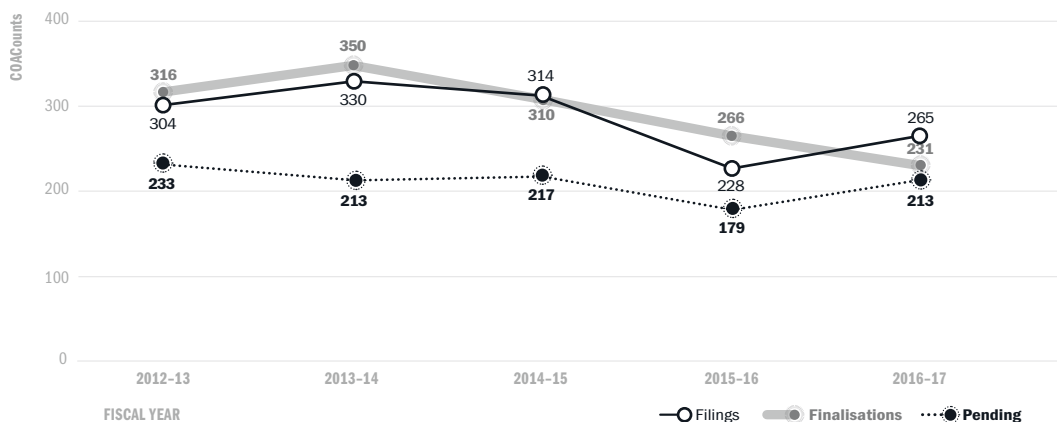


Figure A5.9.1: All filings, finalisations and pending by Administrative and Constitutional Law and Human Rights NPA



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Figure A5.9.2: All filings, finalisation and pending by Admiralty and Maritime NPA

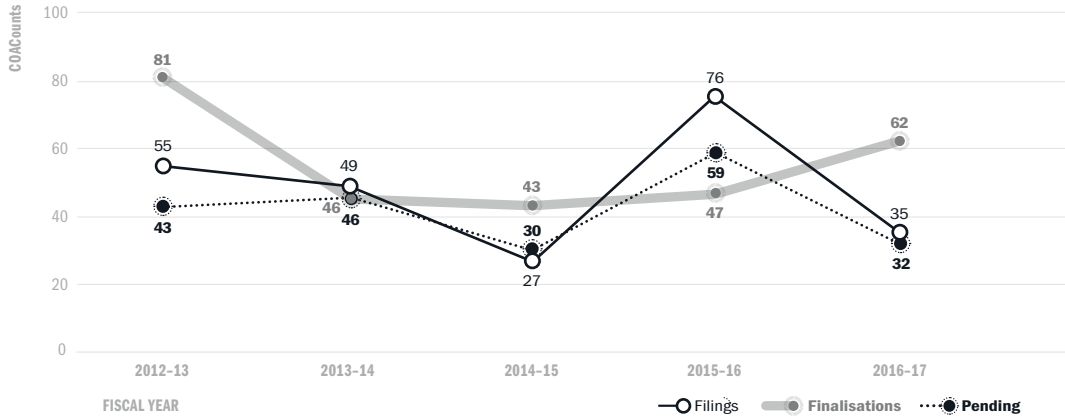


Figure A5.9.3: All filings, finalisation and pending by Commercial and Corporations NPA

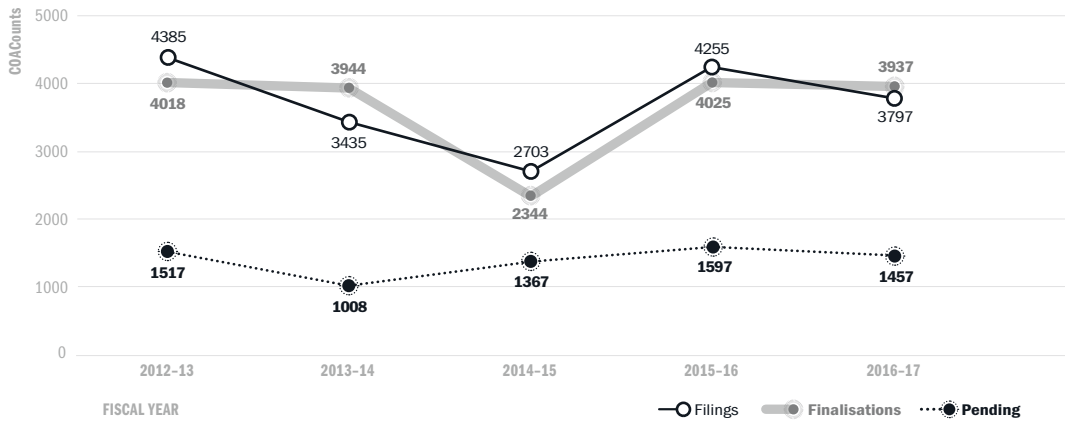


Figure A5.9.4: All filings, finalisation and pending by Employment and Industrial Relations NPA

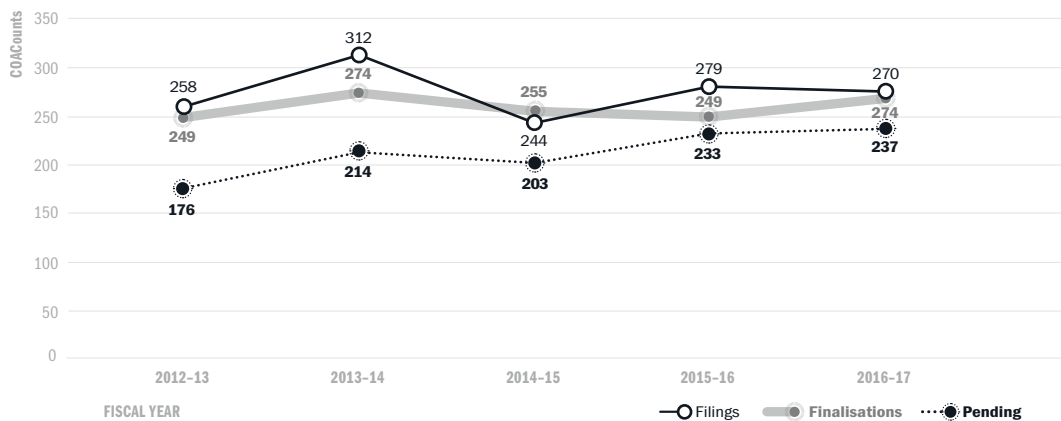
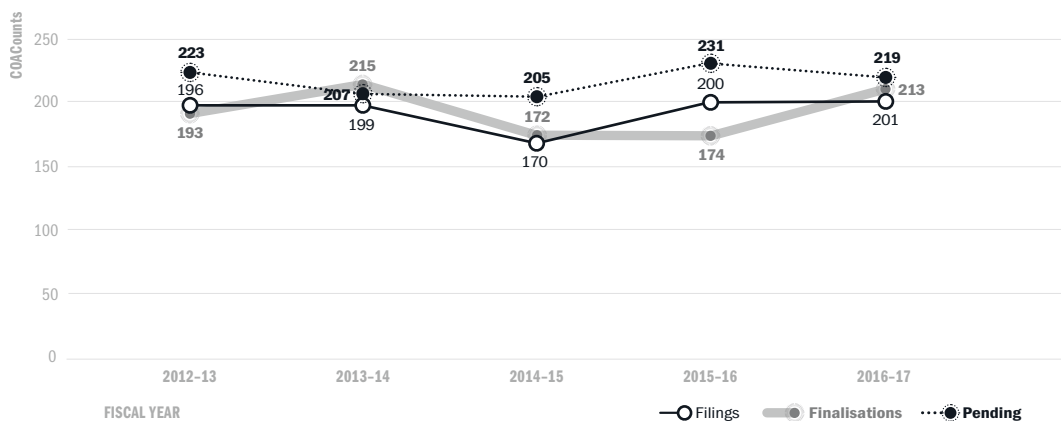


Figure A5.9.5: All filings, finalisation and pending by Intellectual Property NPA



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Figure A5.9.6: All filings, finalisation and pending by Native Title NPA

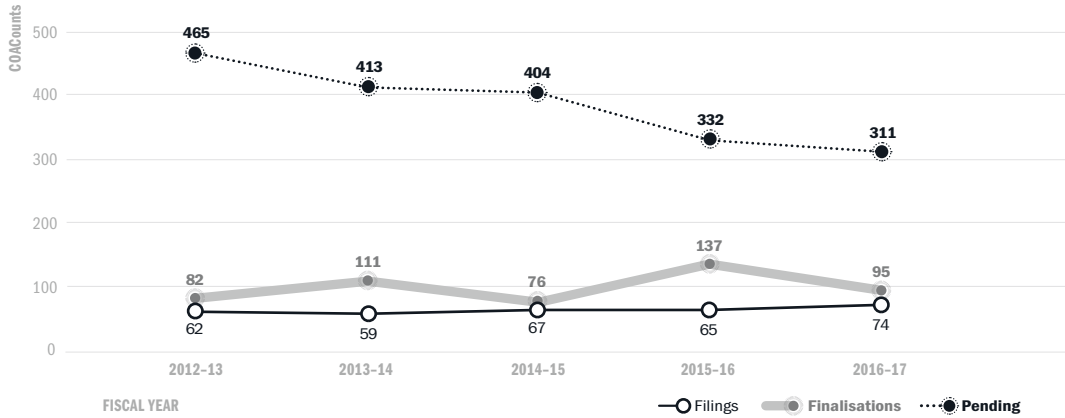
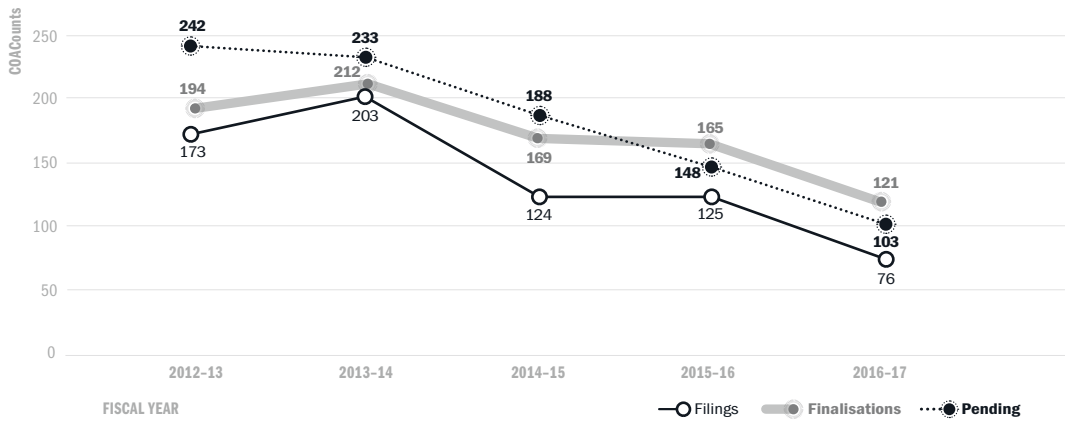


Figure A5.9.7: All filings, finalisation and pending by Taxation NPA



In 2016–17 the Court introduced two new practice areas: other federal jurisdiction and federal crime and related proceedings.

Table A5.6: Other federal jurisdiction, filings, finalisations and pending, 2016–17

Filings	27
Finalisation	4
Pending	23

Table A5.7: Federal crime and related proceedings, filings, finalisations and pending, 2016–17

Filings	6
Finalisation	1
Pending	5