

Appendix 5: Workload statistics

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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 required 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' (CoAs). The classification of matters in this way causes an under representation of the workload because 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 picture possible 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 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.

The Court began reporting on matters by National Practice Areas (NPAs) in 2015–16. This information can be found in Figure A5.9.1 onwards.

TABLE A5.1: SUMMARY OF WORKLOAD STATISTICS – ORIGINAL AND APPELLATE JURISDICTIONS – FILINGS OF MAJOR COAS (INCLUDING APPELLATE AND RELATED ACTIONS)

CAUSE OF ACTION	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22
Total COAs (including appeals and related actions)					
Filed	5,925	6,033	4,484	3,227	3,143
Finalised	5,577	5,716	4,874	2,933	3,096
Current	3,531	3,848	3,458	3,752	3,799
Corporations (including appeals and related actions)					
Filed	3,024	2,804	1,812	738	814
Finalised	2,995	2,853	2,107	709	786
Current	949	900	605	634	662

CAUSE OF ACTION	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22
Bankruptcy (including appeals and related actions)					
Filed	332	376	384	288	418
Finalised	317	361	375	312	376
Current	204	219	228	204	246
Native title (including appeals and related actions)					
Filed	91	115	57	55	54
Finalised	99	80	97	87	66
Current	303	338	298	266	254
Total COAs (including appeals and related actions excluding corporations, bankruptcy and native title)					
Filed	2,478	2,738	2,231	2,146	1,857
Finalised	2,166	2,422	2,295	1,825	1,868
Current	2,075	2,391	2,327	2,648	2,637

TABLE A5.2: SUMMARY OF WORKLOAD STATISTICS – EXCLUDING APPEALS AND RELATED ACTIONS – FILINGS OF MAJOR COAs (EXCLUDING APPEALS AND RELATED ACTIONS)

CAUSE OF ACTION	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22
Total COAs (excluding appeals and related actions)					
Filed	4,662	4,618	3,453	2,412	2,495
Finalised	4,436	4,389	3,769	2,283	2,386
Current	2,682	2,911	2,595	2,724	2,833
Corporations (excluding appeals and related actions)					
Filed	2,989	2,768	1,791	704	785
Finalised	2,966	2,825	2,066	680	749
Current	917	860	585	609	645
Bankruptcy (excluding appeals and related actions)					
Filed	304	342	342	255	376
Finalised	277	326	339	272	337
Current	164	180	183	166	205

CAUSE OF ACTION	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22
Native title (excluding appeals and related actions)					
Filed	78	112	54	48	44
Finalised	81	70	94	84	58
Current	294	336	296	260	246
Total COAs (excluding appeals and related actions excluding bankruptcy and native title)					
Filed	1,291	1,396	1,266	1,405	1,290
Finalised	1,112	1,168	1,270	1,247	1,242
Current	1,307	1,535	1,531	1,689	1,737

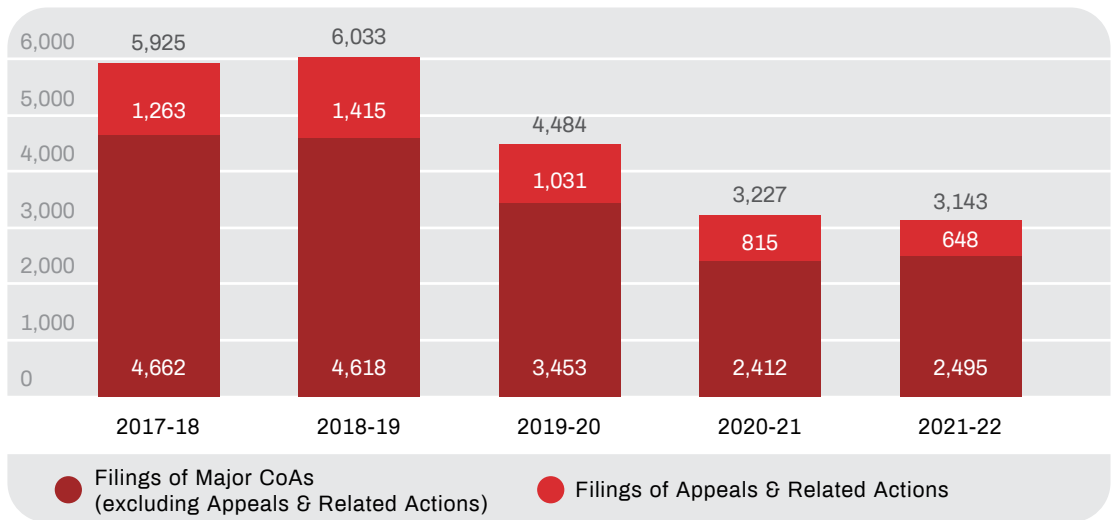
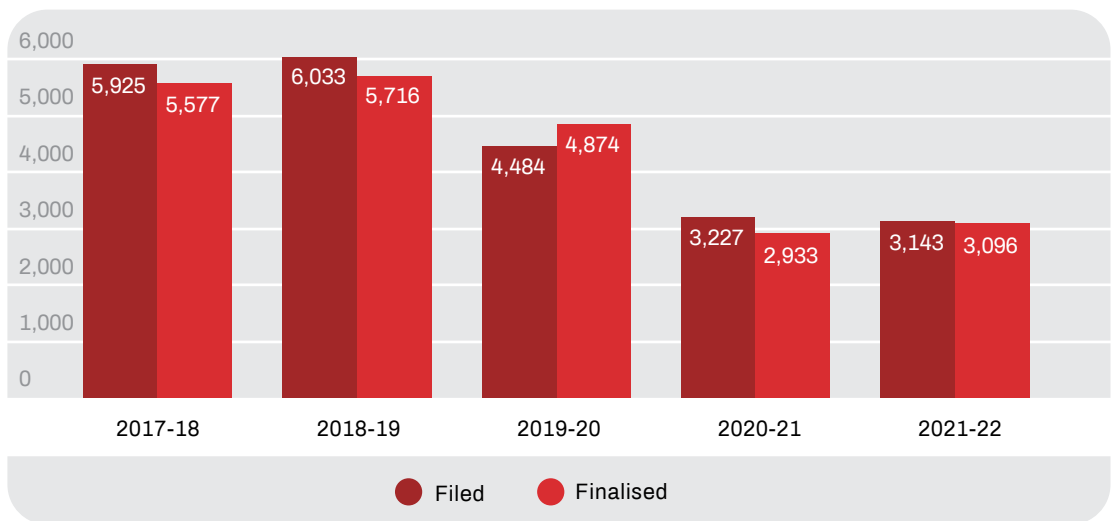
TABLE A5.3: SUMMARY OF WORKLOAD STATISTICS – APPEALS AND RELATED ACTIONS ONLY – FILINGS OF APPEALS AND RELATED ACTIONS

CAUSE OF ACTION	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22
Total appeals and related actions					
Filed	1,263	1,415	1,031	815	648
Finalised	1,141	1,327	1,105	650	710
Current	849	937	863	1,028	966
Corporations appeals and related actions					
Filed	35	36	21	34	29
Finalised	29	28	41	29	37
Current	32	40	20	25	17
Migration appeals and related actions					
Filed	1,021	1,139	749	547	367
Finalised	839	1,092	847	363	435
Current	644	691	593	777	709
Native title appeals and related actions					
Filed	13	3	3	7	10
Finalised	18	10	3	3	8
Current	9	2	2	6	8

CAUSE OF ACTION	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22
Total appeals and related actions (excluding corporations, migration and native title appeals and related actions)					
Filed	194	237	258	227	242
Finalised	255	197	214	255	230
Current	164	204	248	220	232

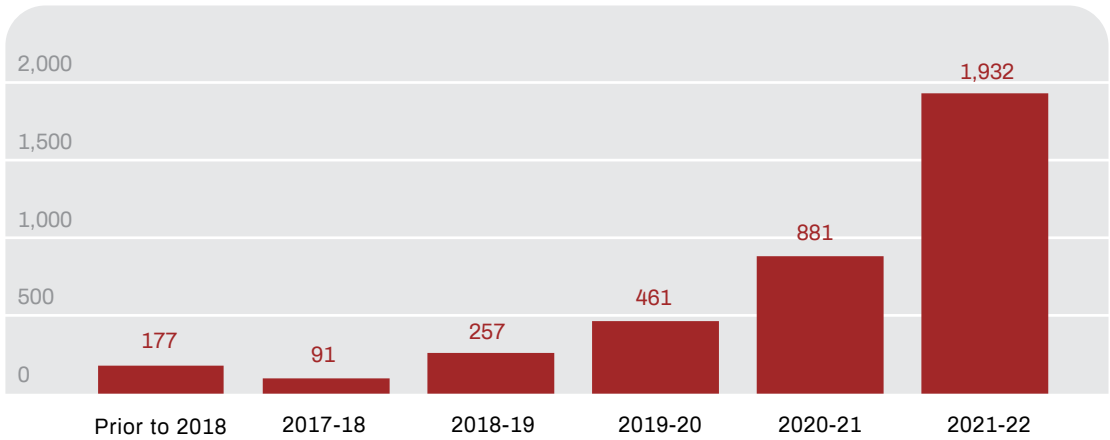
TABLE A5.4: SUMMARY OF SUPPLEMENTARY WORKLOAD STATISTICS – FILINGS OF SUPPLEMENTARY CAUSES OF ACTION

CAUSE OF ACTION	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22
Total COAs (excluding appeals and related actions)					
Cross appeals (original jurisdiction)	17	26	15	23	18
Cross claims	116	148	133	154	122
Interlocutory applications	1,628	1,778	1,722	1,753	1,891
Native title joinder of party applications	628	405	982	781	346
Appeals and related actions					
Cross appeals	17	26	15	23	18
Interlocutory applications	162	166	177	163	194
Total actions (including appeals and related actions)					
Cross appeals	17	26	15	23	18
Cross claims	116	148	133	154	122
Interlocutory applications	1,790	1,944	1,899	1,916	2,085
Native title joinder of party applications	628	405	982	781	346
TOTALS	2,551	2,523	3,029	2,874	2,571

FIGURE A5.1: MATTERS FILED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS**FIGURE A5.2: MATTERS FILED AND FINALISED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

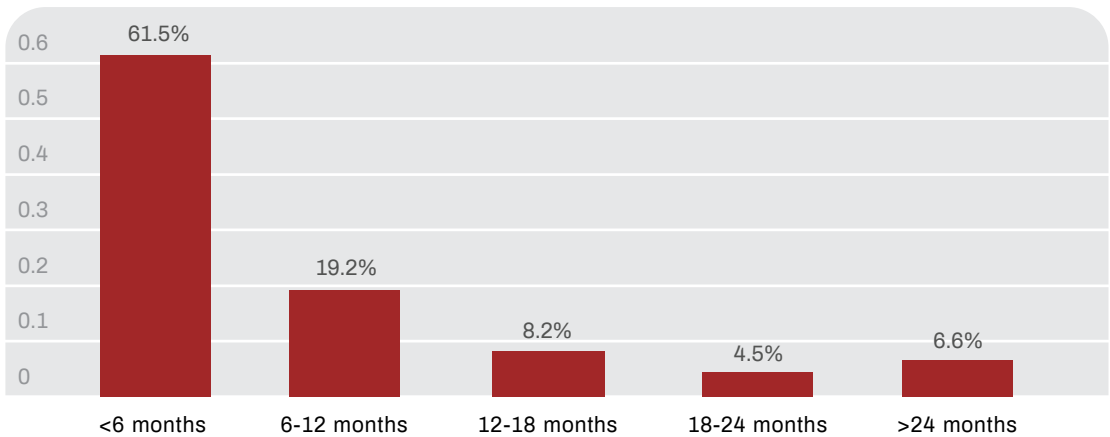
The number finalised refers to those matters finalised in the relevant financial year, regardless of when they were originally filed.

FIGURE A5.3: AGE AND NUMBER OF CURRENT MATTERS AT 30 JUNE 2022

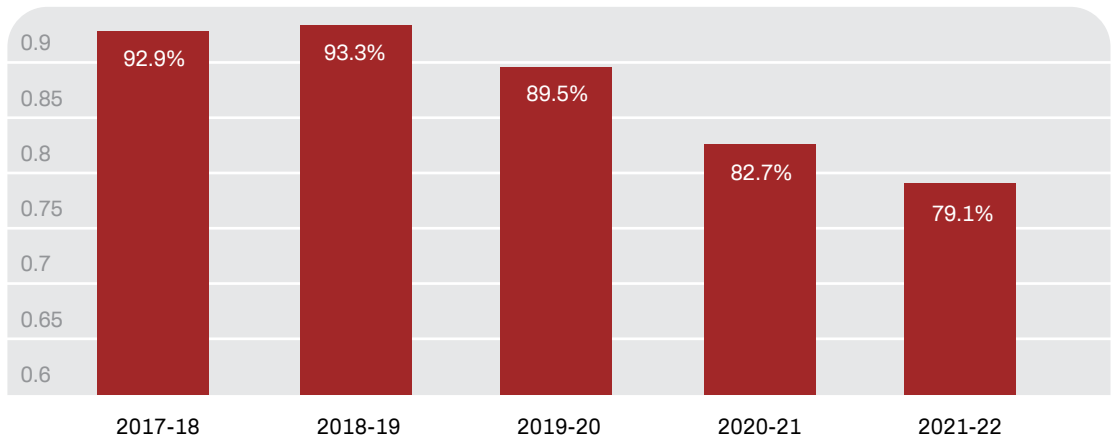


A total of 3,799 matters remain current at 30 June 2022. There were 177 applications still current relating to periods before 2018, of which 82 matters are native title matters (46 per cent).

FIGURE A5.4: TIME SPAN TO COMPLETE – MATTERS COMPLETED (EXCLUDING NATIVE TITLE) OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS



A total of 21,809 matters were completed during the five-year period ending 30 June 2022, excluding native title matters. The time span, from filing to disposition of these matters, is shown in Figure A5.4.

FIGURE A5.5: TIME SPAN TO COMPLETE AGAINST THE 85 PER CENT 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.

TABLE A5.5: FINALISATION OF MAJOR COAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 85 PER CENT BENCHMARK (INCLUDING APPEALS AND RELATED ACTIONS AND EXCLUDING NATIVE TITLE MATTERS) OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

PERCENTAGE COMPLETED	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Under 18 months	5,104	5,265	4,279	2,355	2,402
Percentage of total	92.9%	93.3%	89.5%	82.7%	79.1%
Over 18 months	392	381	501	494	636
Percentage of total	7.1%	6.7%	10.5%	17.3%	20.9%
TOTAL COAs	5,496	5,646	4,780	2,849	3,038

FIGURE A5.6: BANKRUPTCY ACT MATTERS (EXCLUDING APPEALS) FILED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

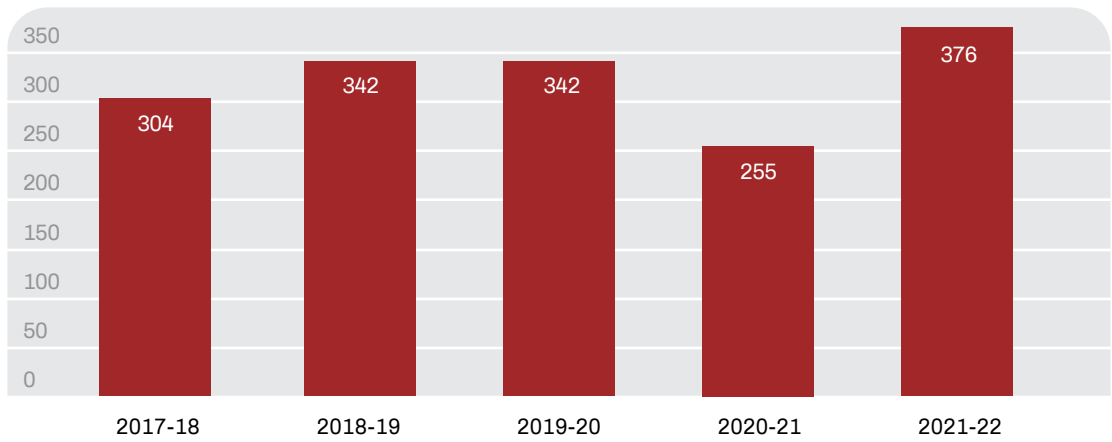


FIGURE A5.6.1: CURRENT BANKRUPTCY ACT MATTERS (EXCLUDING APPEALS) BY YEAR OF FILING

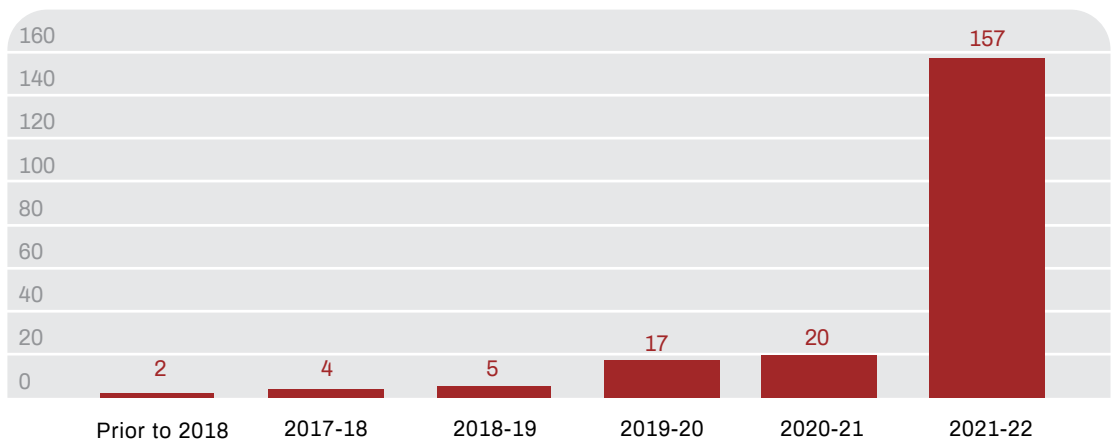


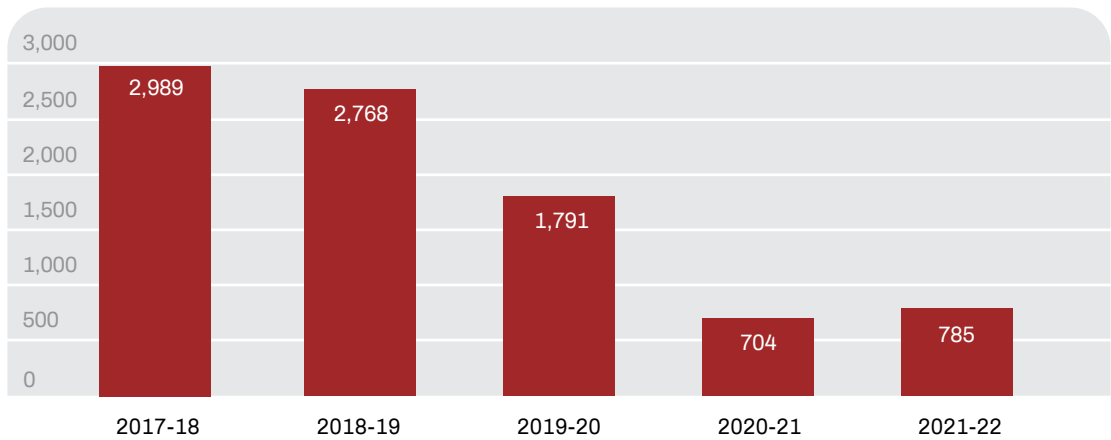
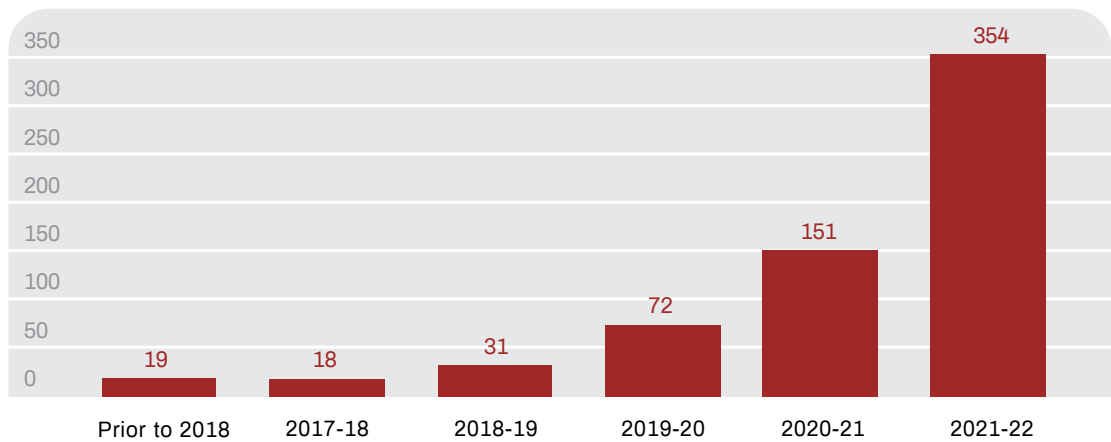
FIGURE A5.7: CORPORATION ACT MATTERS (EXCLUDING APPEALS) FILED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS**FIGURE A5.7.1: CURRENT CORPORATION MATTERS (EXCLUDING APPEALS) BY YEAR OF FILING**

FIGURE A5.8: CONSUMER LAW MATTERS (EXCLUDING COMPETITION LAW AND APPEALS) FILED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

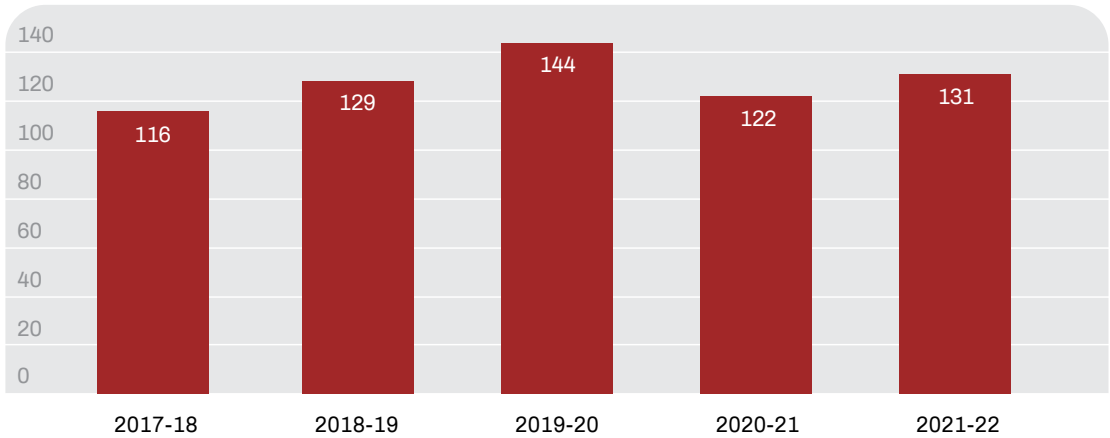
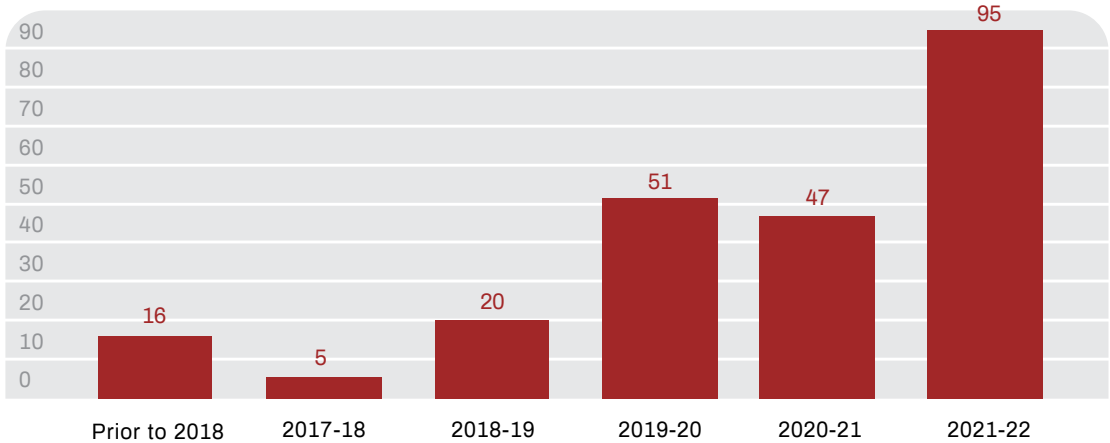


FIGURE A5.8.1: CURRENT CONSUMER LAW MATTERS (EXCLUDING COMPETITION LAW AND APPEALS) BY YEAR OF FILING



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FIGURE A5.9.1: ALL FILINGS, FINALISATIONS AND PENDING BY ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS NATIONAL PRACTICE AREAS (NPA)

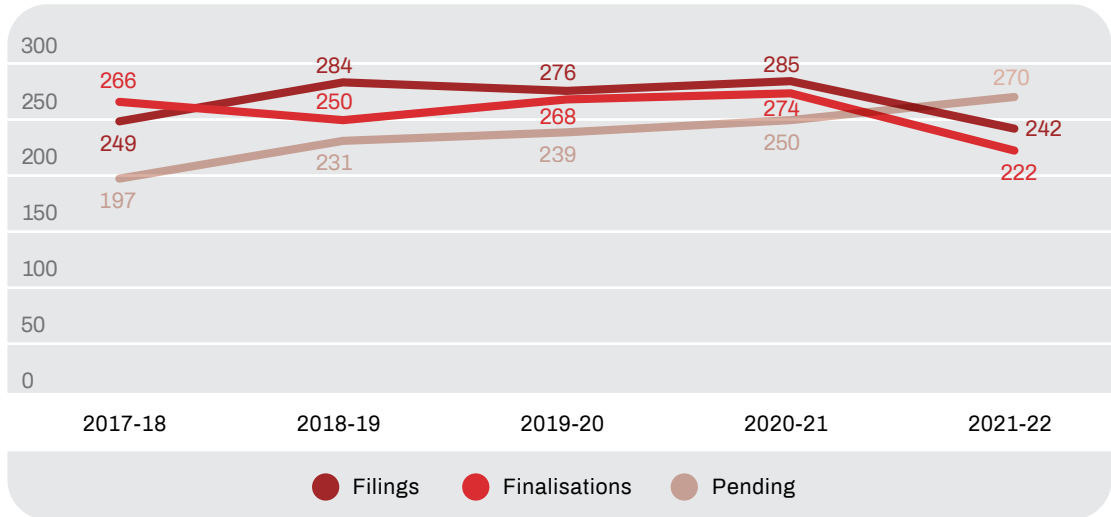


FIGURE A5.9.2: ALL FILINGS, FINALISATIONS AND PENDING BY ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME NPA

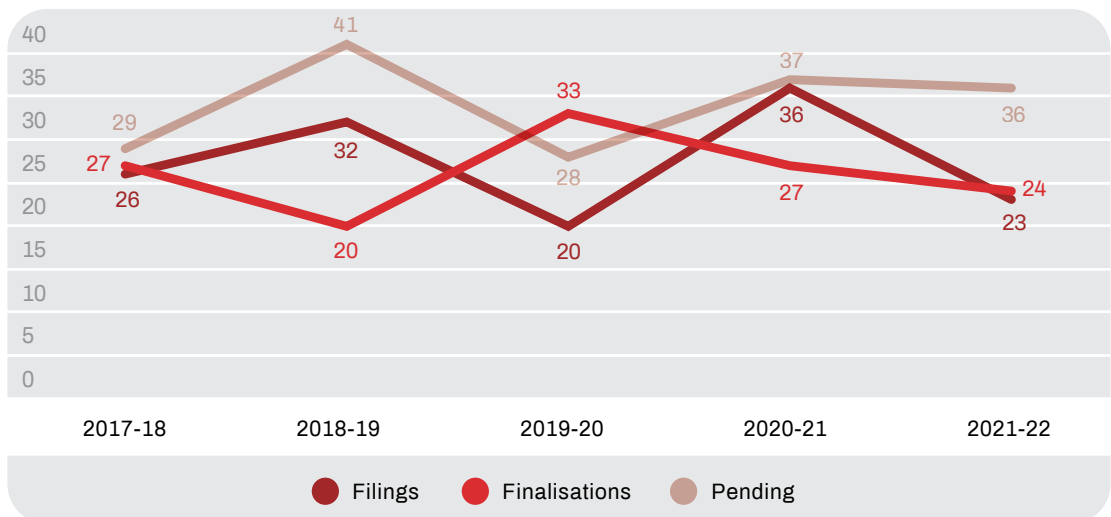


FIGURE A5.9.3: ALL FILINGS, FINALISATIONS AND PENDING BY COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATIONS NPA

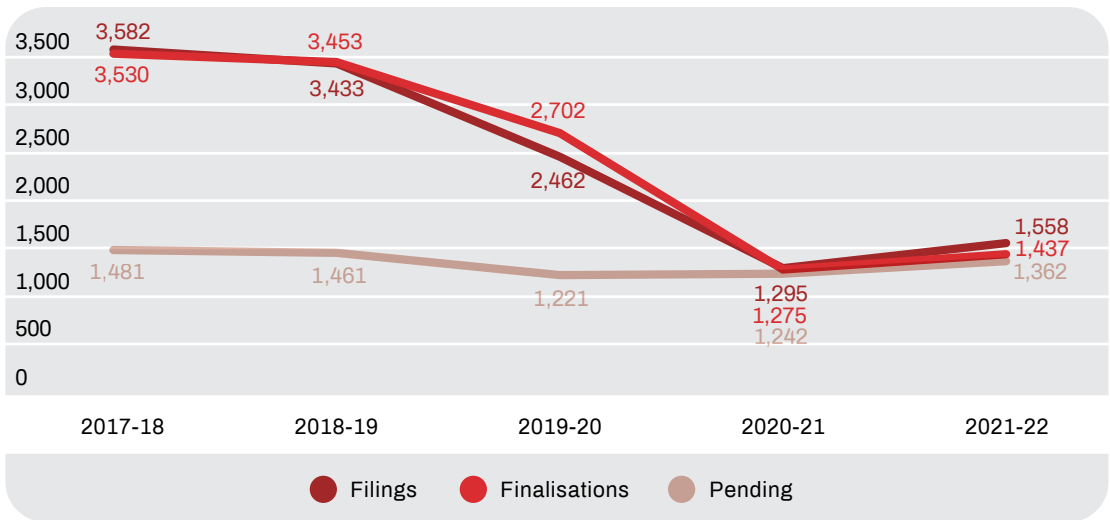


FIGURE A5.9.4: ALL FILINGS, FINALISATIONS AND PENDING BY EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS NPA

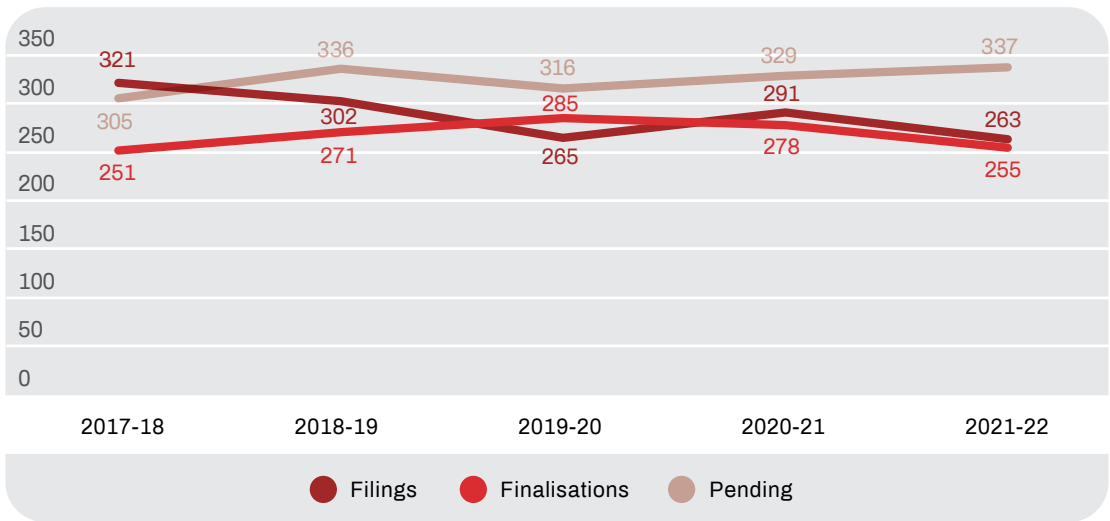


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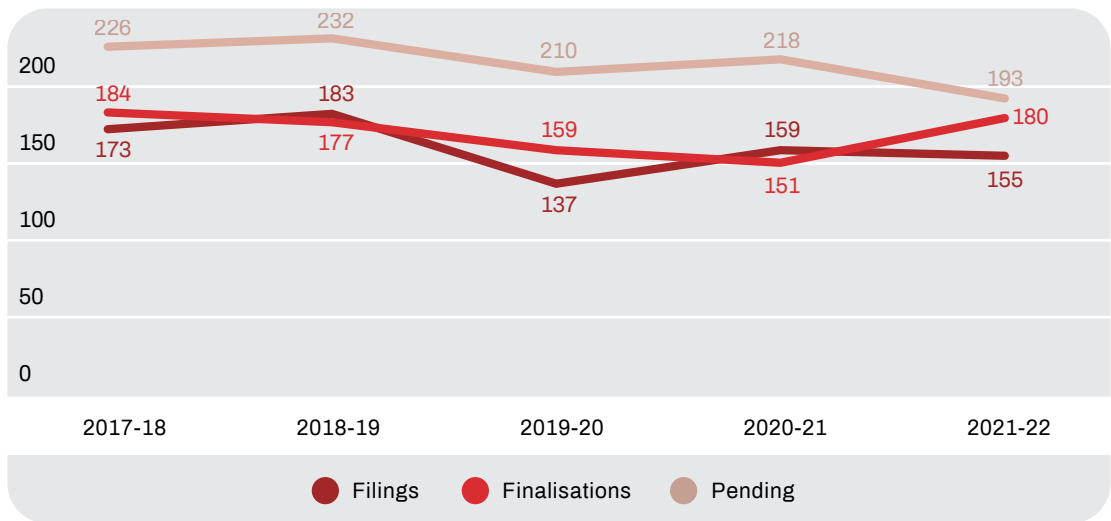


FIGURE A5.9.6: ALL FILINGS, FINALISATIONS AND PENDING BY NATIVE TITLE NPA

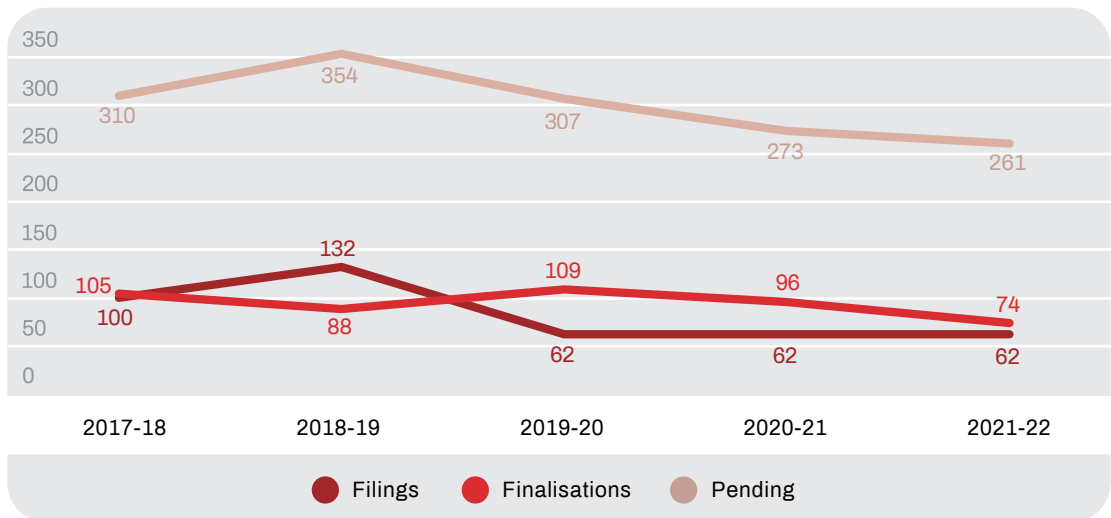
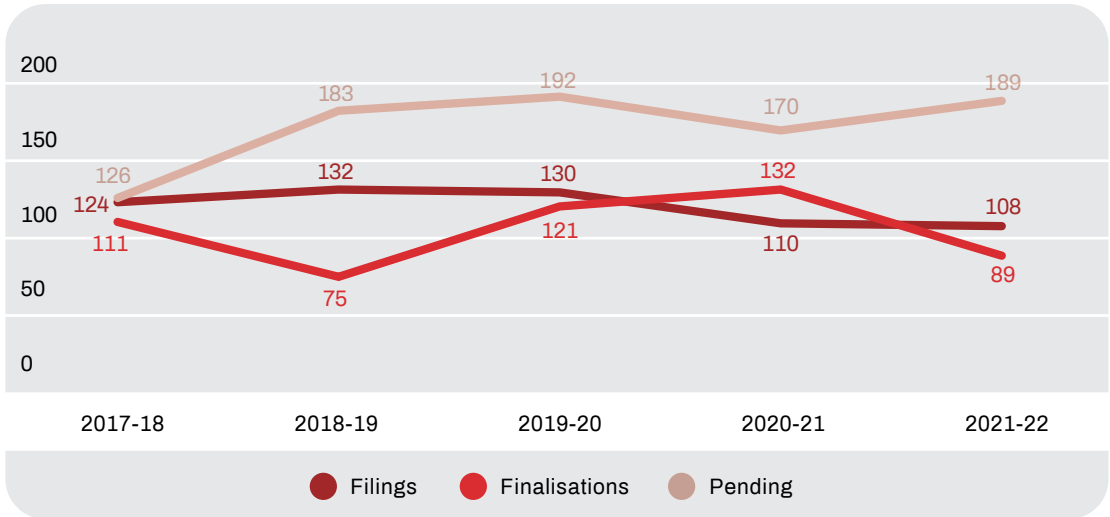


FIGURE A5.9.7: ALL FILINGS, FINALISATIONS AND PENDING BY TAXATION NPA



In 2016–17 the Court introduced two new NPAs: Other Federal Jurisdiction NPA and Federal Crime and Related Proceedings NPA.

FIGURE A5.9.8: ALL FILINGS, FINALISATIONS AND PENDING, OTHER FEDERAL JURISDICTION NPA

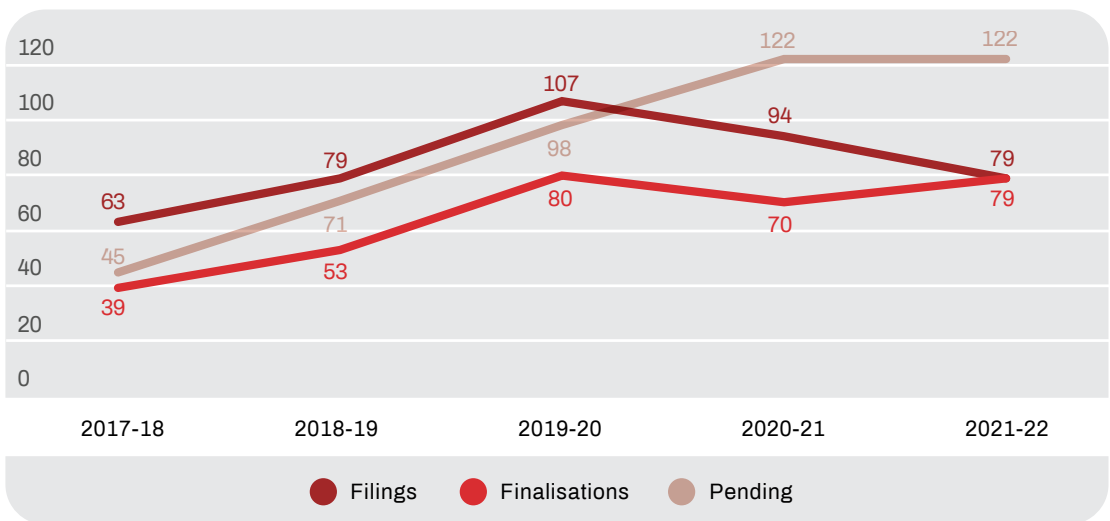
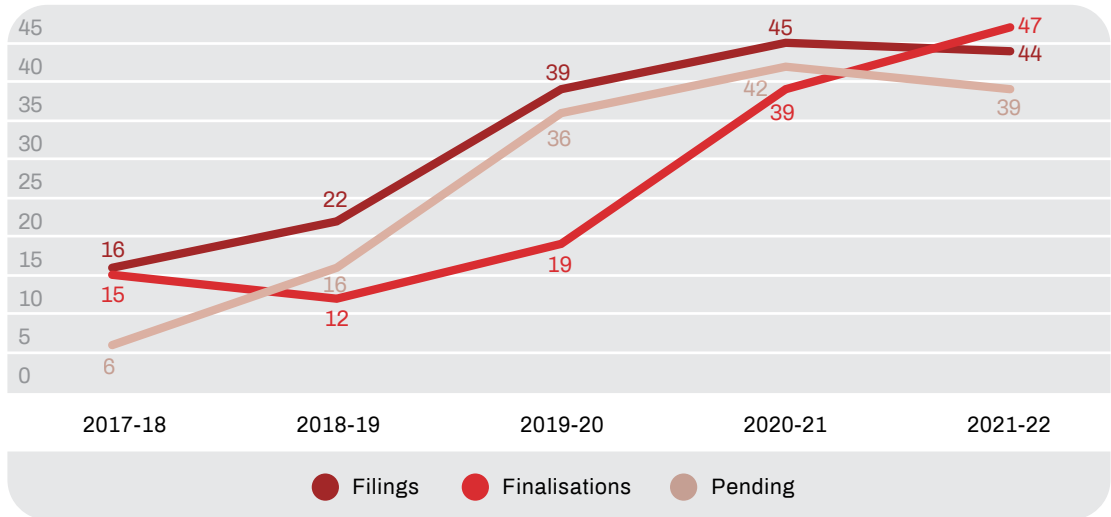


FIGURE A5.9.9: ALL FILINGS, FINALISATIONS AND PENDING, FEDERAL CRIME AND RELATED PROCEEDING NPA**FIGURE A5.9.10: ALL FILINGS, FINALISATIONS AND PENDING, MIGRATION NPA**