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Dear Ms Cullen

I refer to an appearance by the Deputy President Her Honour Judge Fleur Kingham, our Executive Director Ms Mary Shortland and me before the Standing Committee on Law and Justice on 23 January 2012.

I promised to send your committee some figures about the current level of appeals work. In the period 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011 QCAT delivered 27 457 decisions. From these, 460 applications for leave to appeal (or appeals proper) were lodged. That is an appeal rate of 1.6%.

In the same period, 287 appeals were from QCAT's Minor Civil Disputes jurisdiction. 21 appeals were upheld, indicating a success rate of 7.3% for applicant/appellants. In all other jurisdictions the appeals success rate is in the vicinity of 15%.

Unfortunately our records do not allow us to detect what number or proportion of appeals came from regional areas of Queensland.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours faithfully



Justice Alan Wilson
President