

Australian Adult Guardianship Orders 2017/18

Report on adult guardianship and administration/financial management applications and new orders

1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018

The table below contains statistics on the number of adult guardianship and administration/financial management applications made to, and new orders made by, state and territory administrative tribunals during the period 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. Where the appropriate data is available, orders are categorised as public orders where the Public Advocate or Public Guardian is appointed as guardian, and where the Public Trustee (or State Trustees in Victoria) is appointed as administrator or financial manager. Other appointments are categorised as private orders.

Guardianship and Administration/Financial Management Applications and Orders between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018

	Applications			Orders						
	Guardianship	Administration/ Financial management	Total	Guardianship			Administration/ Financial management			Total Orders
				Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Total	
ACT	169	169	338	37	106	143	44	89	133	276
NSW	3229	2897	6126	854	1018	1872	1096	1028	2124	3996
NT*	135	137	272	56	55	111	56	55	111	222
QLD	2491	2569	5060	602	953	1555	803	1314	2117	3672
SA†			1339	363	579	942	380	412	792	1734
TAS	539	415	954	136	59	195	199	109	308	503
VIC	2958	3139	6097	723	747	1470	723	1508	2231	3701
WA†			2087	488	682	1170	553	710	1263	2433
Total			22273	3259	4199	7458	3854	5225	9079	16537

Notes: Joint Public and Private orders are included in Public columns.

* NT data only available from 1 December 2017 to 30 June 2018. Data concerning public and private appointments are estimations.

† SA and WA case management systems do not enable separate totals of different application types to be provided.

The data in this report details applications made to, and orders made by, the following bodies: ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal, South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Guardianship and Administration Board (Tas), Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, State Administrative Tribunal (WA).

The aim of this report is to capture the number of people subject to new guardianship and administration/financial management orders during 2017/2018. In seeking to count the people subject to orders, rather than the simple number of orders, we have sought to exclude from these figures temporary, emergency or interim orders in situations where these short-term orders translate into longer-term orders. Likewise we have not included orders making new public or private appointments that stem from review hearings. However, case management systems in some jurisdictions do not easily enable identification of situations when a temporary, emergency or interim order translates into a longer-term order; therefore a small amount of double counting exists.

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