Australian Legal Aid Overview

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Information from National Legal Aid Database for 2023 – 2024 year valid up to September 2023

https://nla.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/nlareports/

National Legal Aid Services & Costs 2021 -22

Services

- 150, 094 grants of aid approved
- legal advice (269,578) and legal task services (34,915)
 Total 304,493
- duty lawyer services = 412,742
- family dispute resolution conferences = 8,527

Costs

- Commonwealth government -\$267.7 million
- State and territory governments
 \$610.5 million
- Interest, contributions & fees -\$60 million
- TOTAL \$938 million

Three sectors for Aboriginal people to obtain Legal Aid:

- Legal Aid Commissions (\$938 million per annum)
- Aboriginal Legal Services (\$88 million per annum)
- Private practitioners pro bono referral services -Law Society and Bar Association



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Aid 6827 approvals from 7956 applications (86%)

Approvals by State, Gender and ATSI Indicator

