

Australian Adult Guardianship Orders 2022/23

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

1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

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 2022 and 30 June 2023. 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 new Orders between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023

	Applications			Orders						
	Guardianship	Administration/ Financial Management	Total	Guardianship			Administration/ Financial Management			Total Orders
				Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Total	
ACT	160	140	300	25	122	147	34	108	142	289
NSW	5093	3908	9001	1338	1752	3090	1198	1404	2602	5692
NT[†]	-	-	338	64	131	195	76	108	184	379
QLD	2686	2699	5385	794	772	1566	826	1054	1880	3446
SA[†]	-	-	2960	573	1063	1636	404	687	1091	2727
TAS	311	264	575	89	61	150	88	129	217	367
VIC[#]	2888	2964	5852	495	1060	1555	514	1826	2340	3895
WA	2742	2755	5497*	662	1198	1860	717	1017	1734	3594
Total			29908	4040	6159	10199	3857	6333	10190	20389

Notes:

[†] SA and NT case management systems do not enable separate totals of different application types to be provided. In these jurisdictions, the total number of new orders made may exceed the number of applications listed, as one combined application may result in more than one order.

[#]As with previous years the Victorian data draws on information provided by the Office of the Public Advocate.

*Unlike previous years, joint applications were able to be counted separately for WA.

The data in this report details applications made to, and new 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, Tasmanian Civil

and Administrative Tribunal, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, and the 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 2022/2023. 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 (so as to count the people subject to orders, rather than the simple number of orders). 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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