

Immigration

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Very few CLCs provide advice/representation in immigration matters (2012-13 figures):

	Information	Advice	Cases
RAILS			
Caxton Legal Centre	-	-	-
Cairns CLC	14	-	-
Mackay CLC	-	16	-
QPILCH	-	-	27
South West Bris	6	-	-
QAI	2	3	3
Women's Legal Service	1	13	6
Gold Coast	-	-	-
Taylor St CLC	-	3	1
TASC	9	-	-
Townsville	-	12	64
YAC	1	-	-
Moreton Bay	1	2	-
TUQ	-	-	-
NQ WLS	0	63	5
Suncoast	-	-	-
ATSIWLS NQ	2	1	-
Logan Legal	-	-	-
Logan Youth	-	-	-
Goondiwindi	1	-	-
TOTAL for Queensland	66	2012	490

We assume that RAILS provides the majority of legal services in this area but we can't be sure, without further information provided by RAILS.

RAILS's continued funding is uncertain; the LNP recently announced its intention to cut funding to the *Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme* which makes up about 30% of RAILS funding, and the Queensland Attorney-General has made comments that Commonwealth areas of law (including immigration) should, as a general rule, be funded by the Commonwealth, putting its state and LPITAF funding at risk.