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Executive Officer  
Public Accounts and Estimates Committee  
Legislative Assembly, Parliament of Victoria

Our Ref:

Sent via email: [Caroline.Williams@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:Caroline.Williams@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Dear Ms Williams,

**RE: Advice regarding matters heard in Victoria's Courts during May, June and July of 2020**

I refer to your email of 20<sup>th</sup> July requesting advice regarding matters heard and matters heard via audio-visual links in Victorian Courts during May, June and July of 2020. Court Services Victoria's advice is as follows:

**Matters Heard**

	Supreme Court	County Court	Magistrates' Court	Children's Court	Coroners Court	VCAT
<b>May 2020</b>	1,315	2,346	13,923	1,167	4	2,906
<b>June 2020</b>	1,359	2,589	12,741	1,672	11	4,293

*NB: Matters heard comprise of in person, on the papers and remote hearings (including audio-video or telephone/telconference).*

**Matters heard using audio-visual links**

	Supreme Court	County Court	Magistrates' Court	Children's Court	Coroners Court	VCAT
<b>May 2020</b>	696	N/A	3,985	662	3	74
<b>June 2020</b>	743	1,561	3,531	560	9	379

*NB: Audio video links include calls via Webex, Zoom and iMediation. In addition to matters heard at VCAT by audio video link, VCAT heard 2,832 in May and 3,914 in June remotely via telephone/teleconference.*

Further I note that the Magistrates' Court heard, on average, 188 hearings via audio video link per day for May and June 2020.

Data for July 2020 is not available at the time of this response.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



**Louise Anderson**  
Chief Executive Officer