

BANKRUPTCY STATISTICS FOR MARCH QUARTER

Federal Justice Minister Duncan Kerr has released provisional bankruptcy statistics for the January to March quarter of 1995. These statistics show an overall increase of 3.1 per cent in administrations under the Bankruptcy Act (comprising Bankruptcies, Deeds of Arrangement and Assignment and Compositions) for this quarter over the same period in 1994.

BANKRUPTCIES & ADMINISTRATIONS			ARRANGEMENTS, ASSIGNMENTS & COMPOSITIONS		TOTALS		
	1995	1994 % CHANGE	1995	1994	1995	1994 % CHANGE	
NT	17	(18) -5.6%	0	(0)	17	(18) -5.6%	
NSW	893	(934) -4.4%	6	(9)	899	(943) -4.7%	
ACT	68	(72) -5.6%	2	(5)	70	(77) -9.1%	
VIC	691	(734) -5.9%	37	(66)	728	(800) -9.0%	
QLD	746	(671) +11.2%	10	(4)	756	(675) +12.0%	
SA	509	(429) +18.6%	5	(4)	514	(433) +18.7%	
WA	414	(333) +24.3%	22	(31)	436	(364) +19.8%	
TAS	161	(166) -3.0%	4	(1)	165	(167) -1.2%	
	3499	(3357) +4.2%	86	(120) -28.3%	3585	(3477) +3.1%	

All of the above figures refer to personal bankruptcies only (not corporate insolvency). Verified annual figures are published in the Annual Report on the Operation of the Bankruptcy Act 1966 for each financial year, released by the office of the Inspector-General in Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Trustee Service, Attorney-General's Department, National Circuit, Barton ACT 2600.



Advocacy Skills Workshop

The Australian Advocacy Institute will conduct a workshop at the Supreme Court in Darwin on Saturday and Sunday July 21-23, 1995.

The workshop will focus on the approach to and performance of cross-examination on documents and prior inconsistent statements.

This workshop will involve the institute's "workshop method", which involves extensive participant performance. The course will provide attendees with the opportunity to improve their case analysis and advocacy skills with help from experienced lawyers with varying styles and philosophies.

The teaching team is:

- * Sydney Tilmouth QC — Moderator
- * Trevor Riley QC
- * Michael David QC
- * Chris Kourakis
- * Anthony Croker
- * Michael Boylan

The cost of the workshop is \$450. Registration forms have been inserted in this month's edition of *Balance*.

For further information contact Anne Craig by calling (06) 249 7600 or facsimile (06) 248 0639.

Legislation, Scrutiny of Bills Conference

The Subordinate Legislation and Tabled Papers Committee is hosting the Conference of Delegated Legislation Committees and Scrutiny of Bills Committees in Darwin from July 5-7.

The venue will be the Parliamentary Chamber, Parliament House.

Guest speakers from Australian Parliaments, Parliamentary Counsels and academics will present papers on the scrutiny of legislation and the role and function of scrutiny committees in the Parliamentary system.

The cost of registration is \$200 for the three days of the conference, including the cocktail party, conference dinner and conference papers.

Daily registration costs \$30.

For details or bookings contact Secretary Helen Allmich on 46 1423 or facsimile 41 2558.