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Title of Report: Work of Attorney General's Chambers – February 2009

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Report of: Attorney General

1.0 Purpose

1.1 This is an information paper only to let Executive Council have an analysis of the time recording data produced by the Attorney General's Chambers in relation to the work of Chambers in February 2009.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 None

3.0 Summary of Financial Implications

3.1 None

4.0 Background

4.1 As a companion paper to the Legislative Drafting Priorities paper, and to help explain the inevitable questions that will arise from that paper as to why Chambers capacity to draft legislation is so limited, this paper sets out some of the analysis from the February time recording data in relation to the legal work carried out in that month both by the Chambers as a whole, and by each of the four lawyers in Chambers. This analysis shows the total hours recorded in that month, who the work was done for, and what type of work it was.

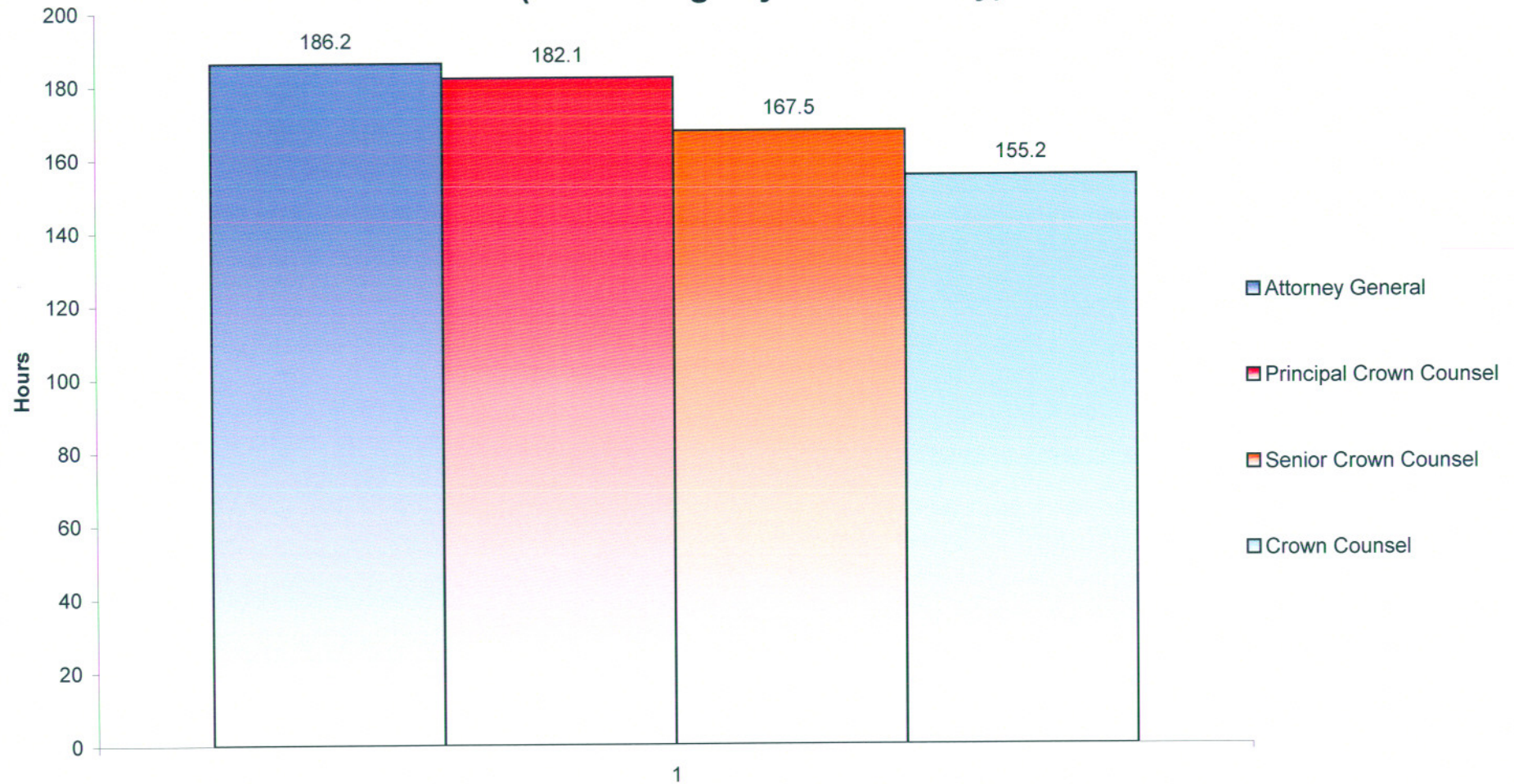
4.2 In relation to the hours recorded by each of the lawyers, it should be noted that these relate to work done in Chambers (our equivalent of what in the private sector would be 'chargeable hours'); the inevitable other things that feature in a work environment (social interaction, coffee making etc) do not register here, so the fact that all members of chambers exceeded their conditioned hours (even on the work done basis), and that three of the four members of Chambers did so to a significant degree

(averaging 9.31; 9.10, and 8.37 recorded hours in each working day respectively) should be emphasised.

4.3 In relation to legislative drafting, the analysis of time spent by Principal Crown Counsel is particularly relevant. It will be seen that she spent more than 50% of her time during February on HR issues; which principally related to the disciplinary investigation of the CPO. This meant that she was only able to devote 5% of her time in that month to legislative drafting.

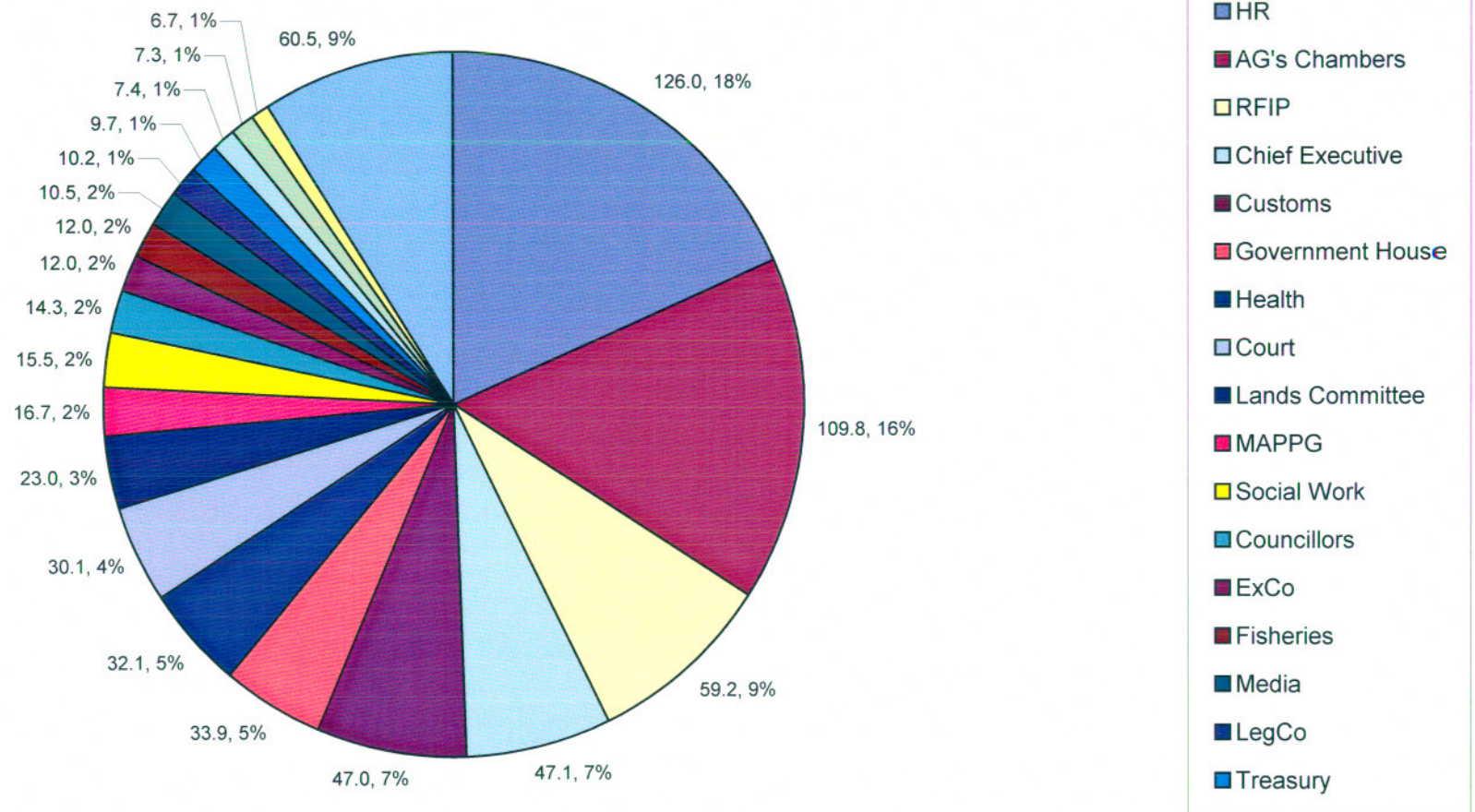
4.4 The small amount of legislation produced by Chambers in February is an inevitable consequence of these factors.

Work of AG's Chambers - February 2009
Total Hours worked by each lawyer in Chambers
(20 working days in February)



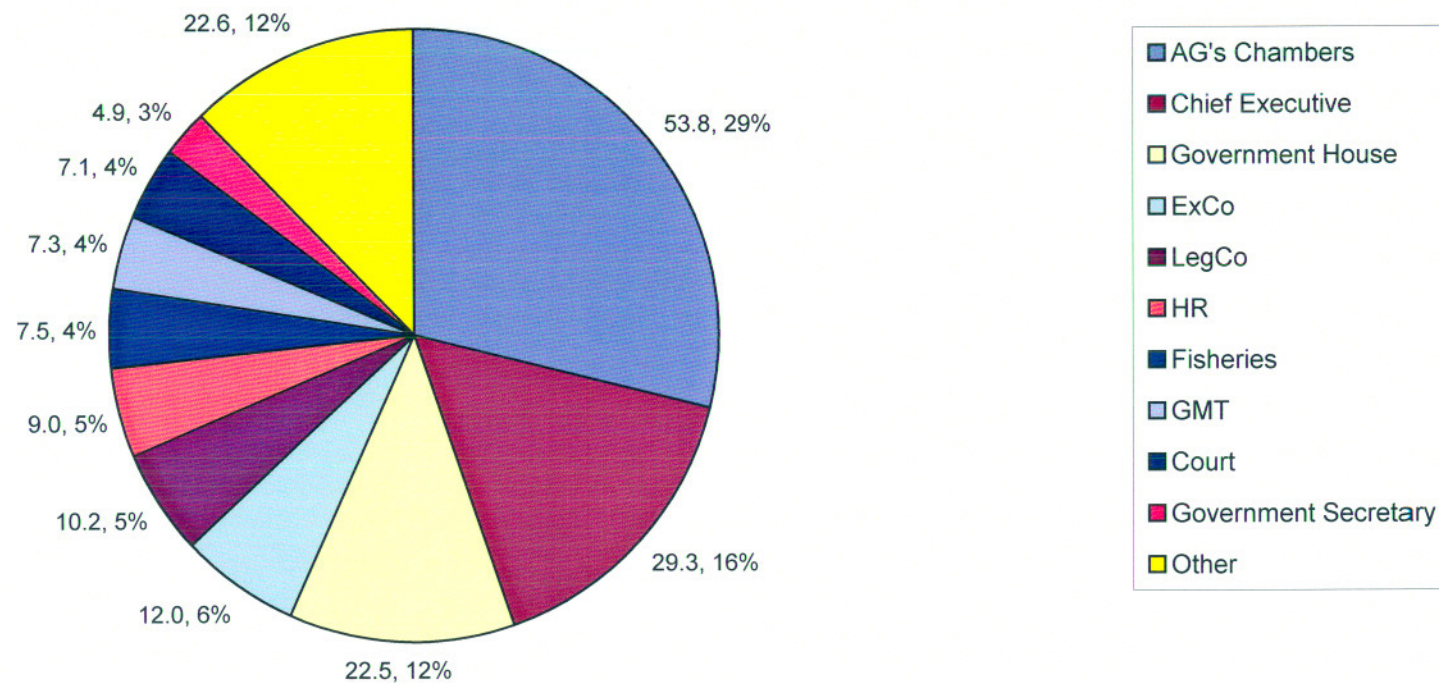
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Work of all lawyers in Chambers for particular Department shown in % terms

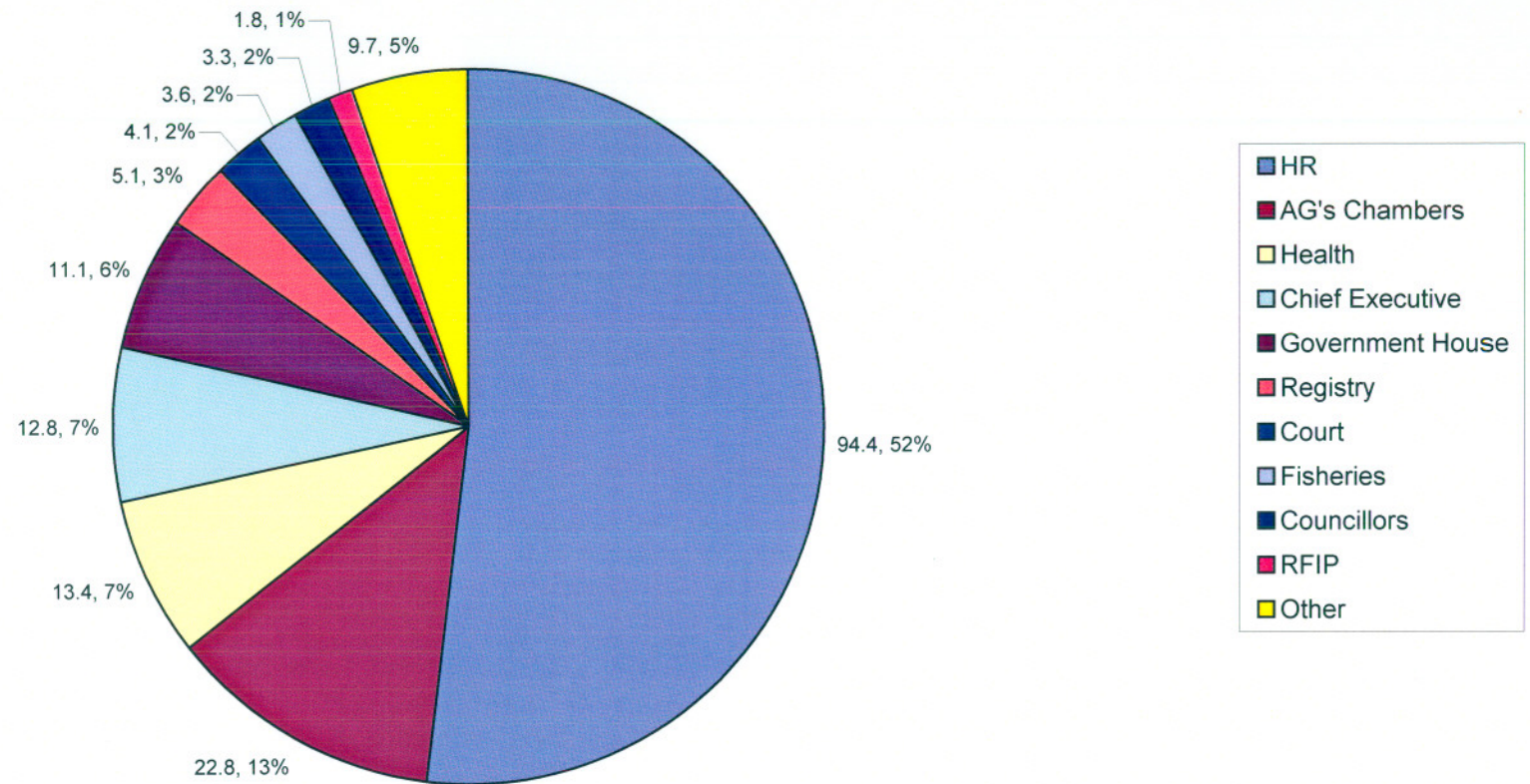


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Work for particular department for each lawyer
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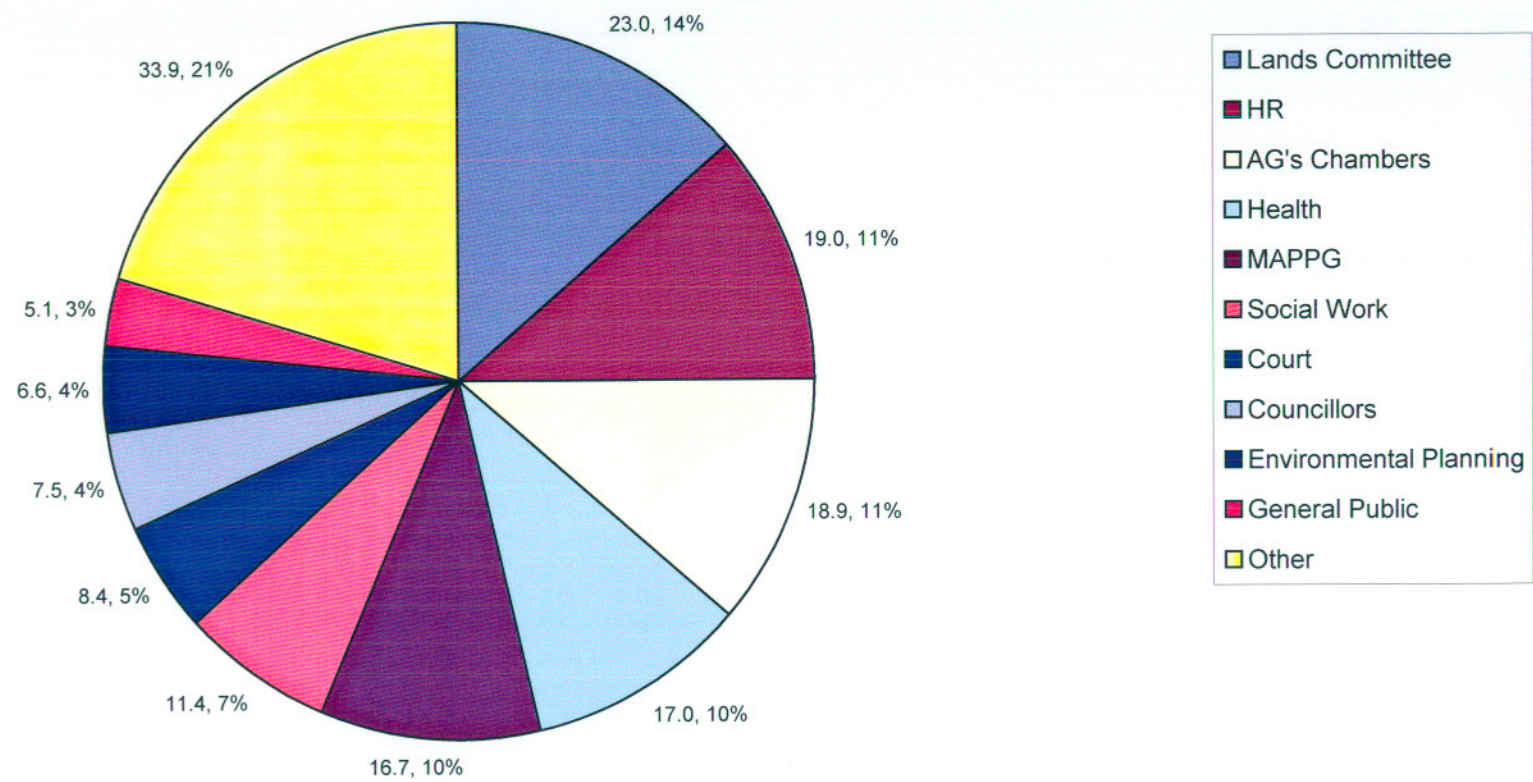
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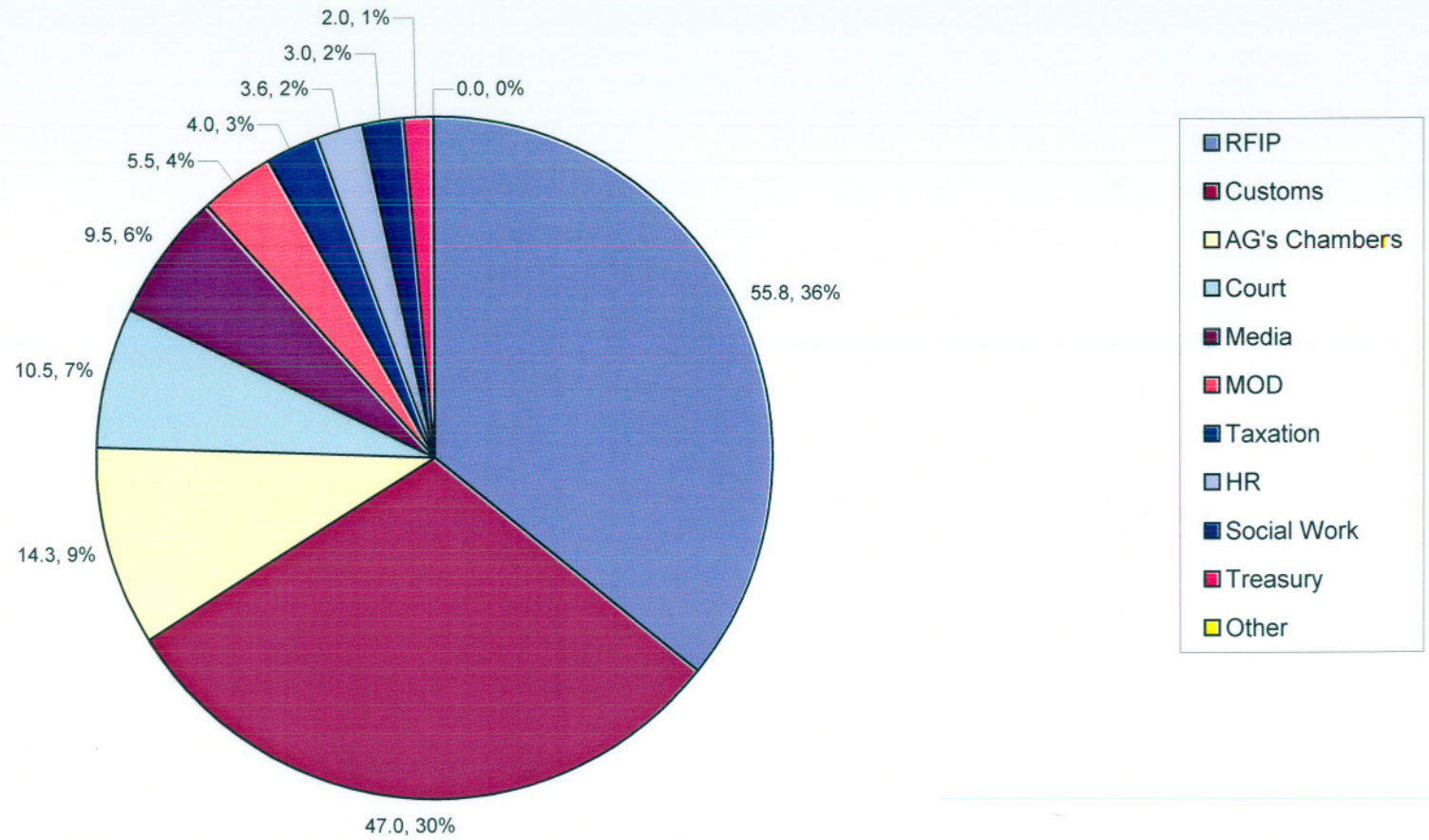
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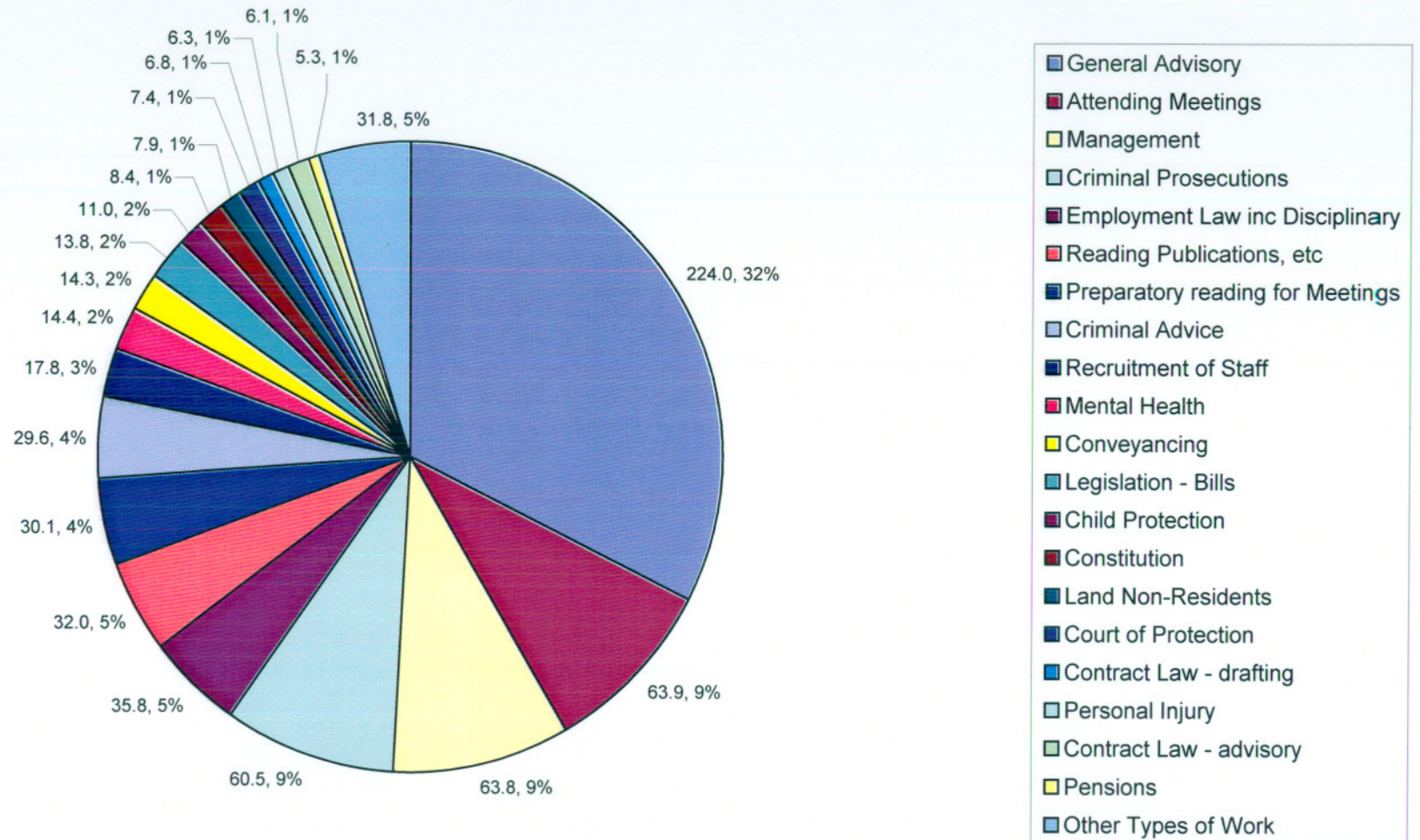
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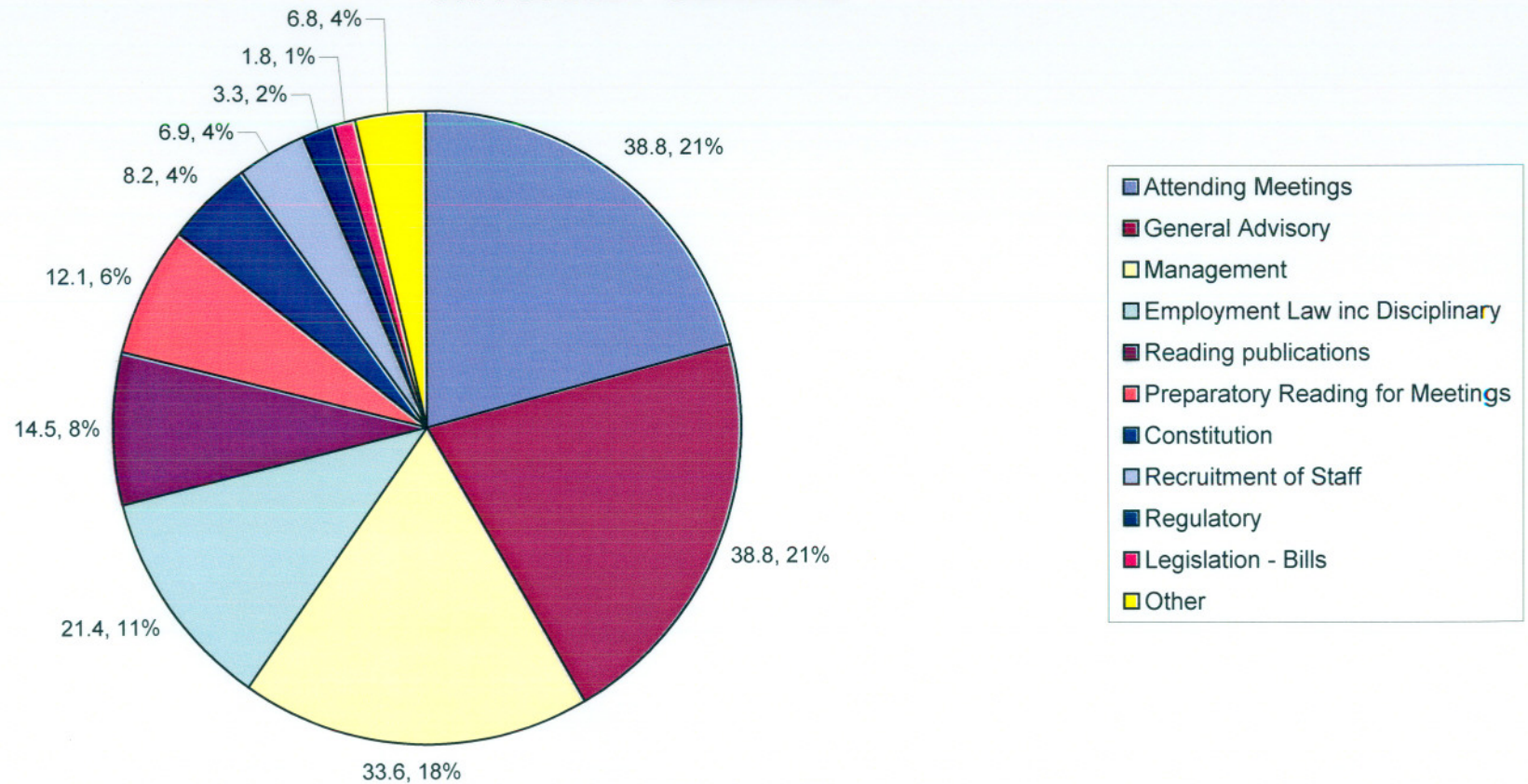


Work of AG's Chambers - February 2009 **Types of work for all lawyers in Chambers shown in % terms**

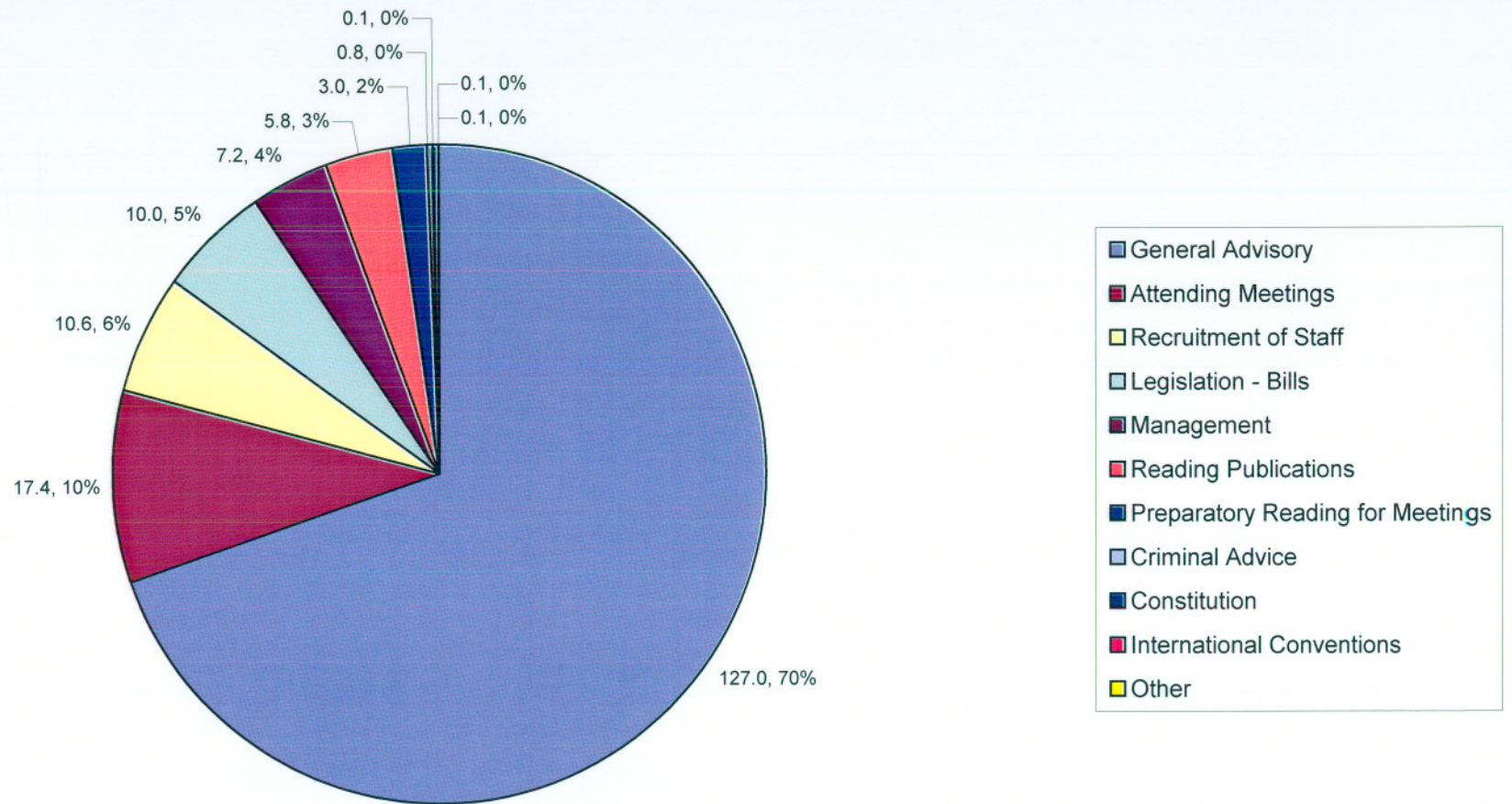


**Types of work for each lawyer
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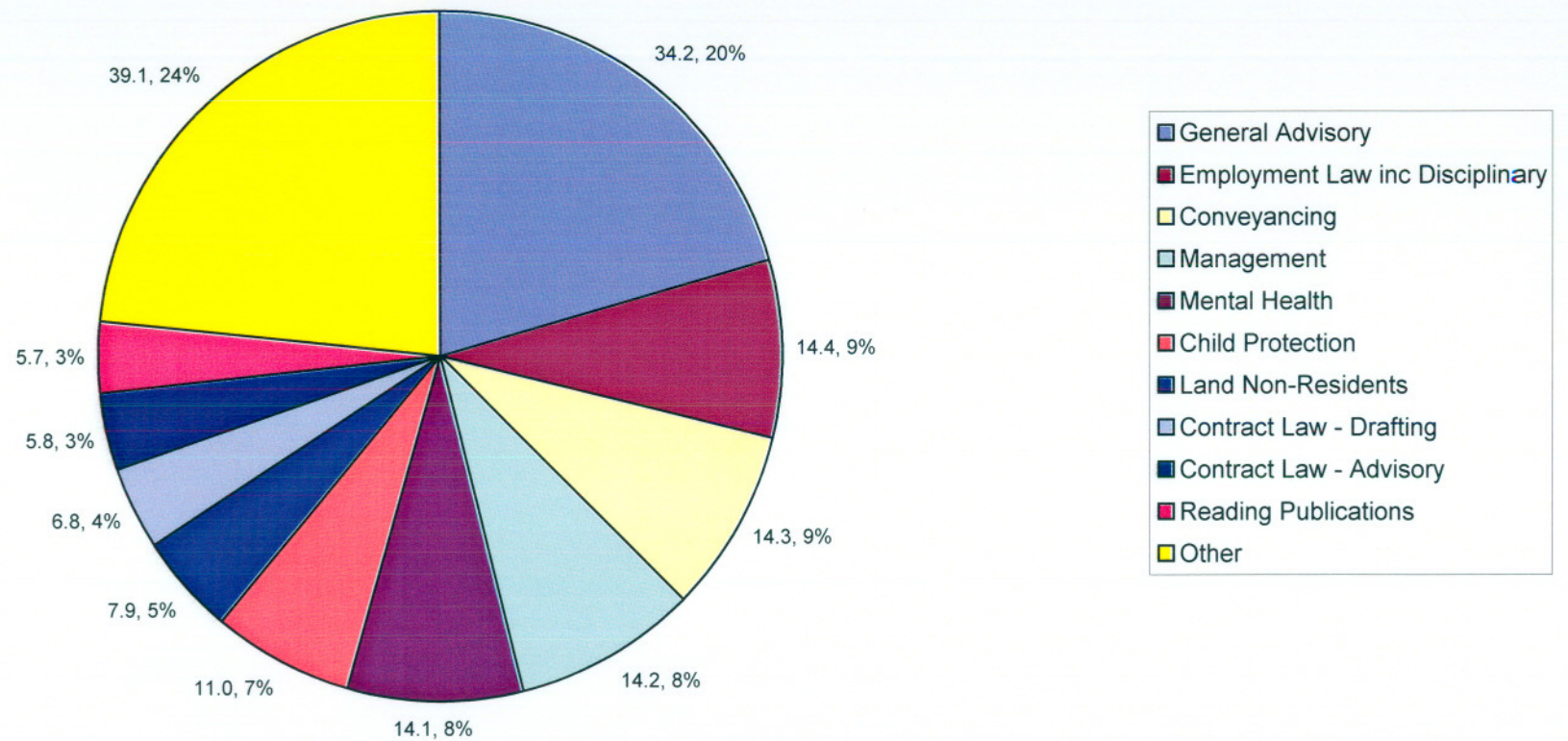
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