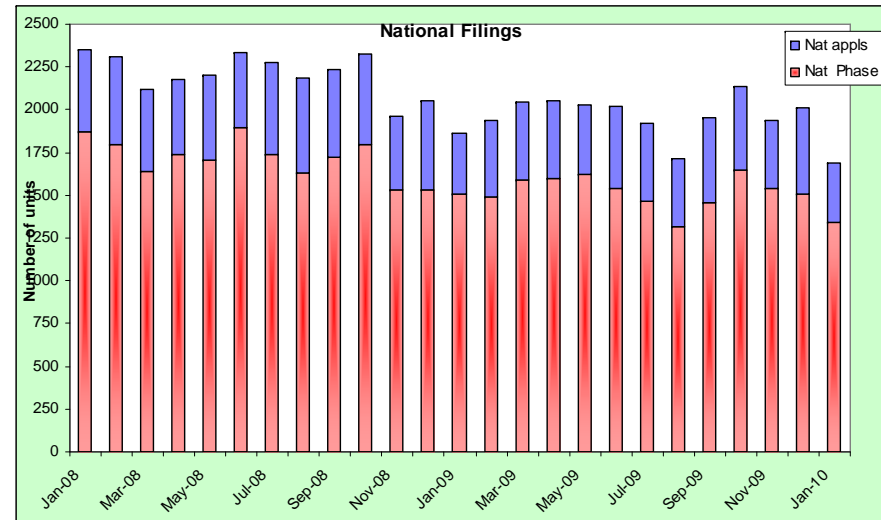
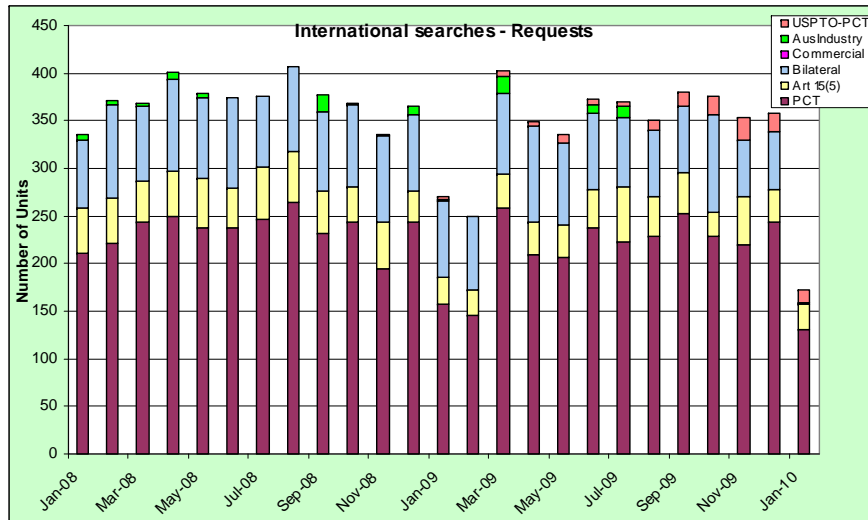


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Comments:

Based on the preliminary figure from PCT Unit, of 131 PCT search requests for the month, PCT searches are 98.9% pro rata (YTD cf Op Plan – an annual target of 2650 searches for 09-10).

USPTO PCT searches are at 373.7% pro rata, Article 15(5) searches are at 101% pro rata, Bilateral searches are at 75.7% pro rata, AusIndustry searches are at 37.7% pro rata.

The overall number of searches (PCT, 15(5), Bilateral, AusIndustry) filed is running at 96.2% pro rata (YTD cf Op Plan).

Comments:

Based on preliminary figures of 1,337, national phase entries for January 2010 are lower than the 1,505 achieved in the corresponding month last year. The 353 filings for national applications in the month is 2 lower than the corresponding month last year, when 355 applications were lodged.

National Phase: 93.6% pro rata (YTD cf target of 18800 as per PPBRG operational plan 2009-2010).

National Applications: 93.2% pro rata (YTD cf target of 5700 as per PPBRG operational plan 2009-2010).