

FY07 Restriction Petition Survey and Restriction Training Update

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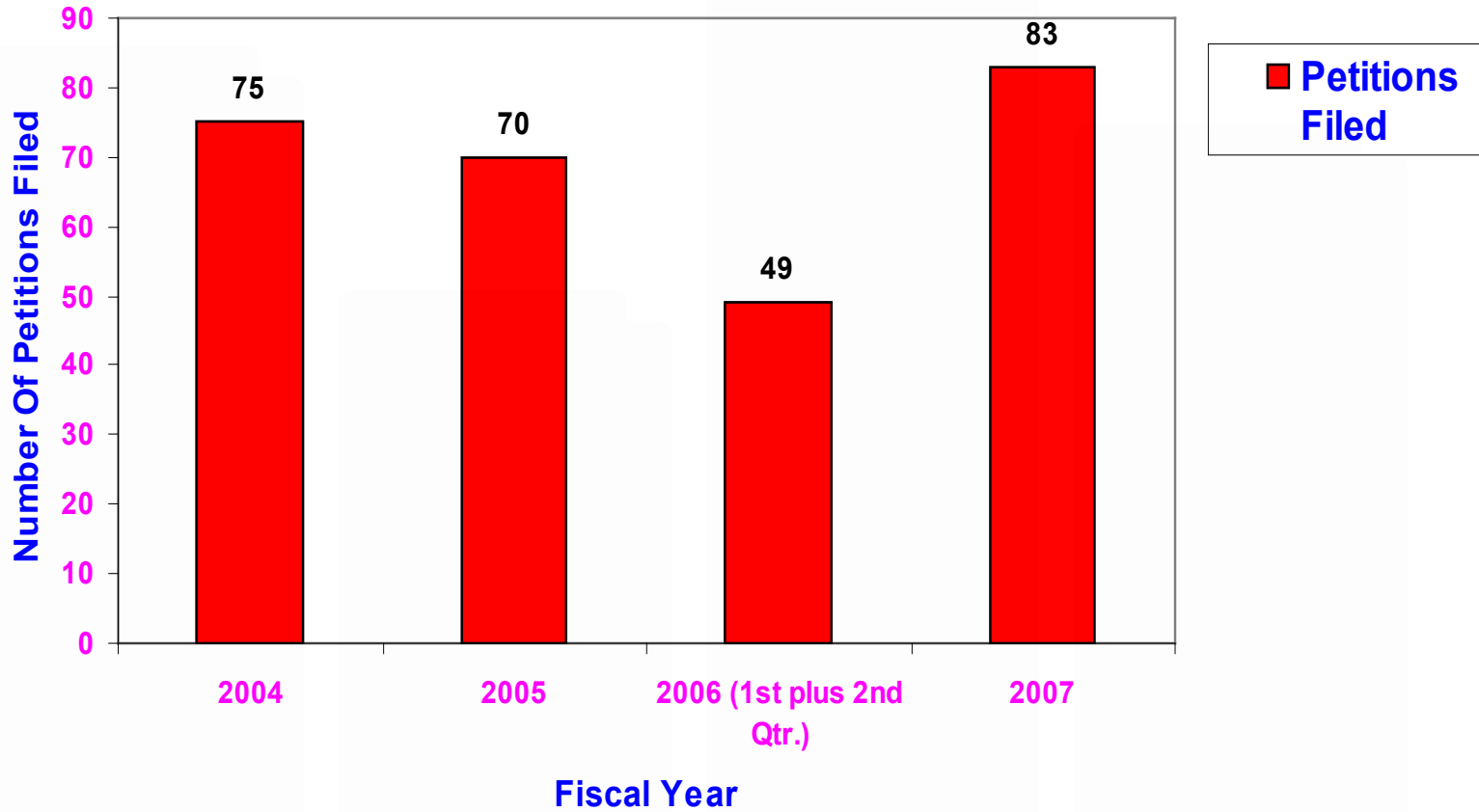
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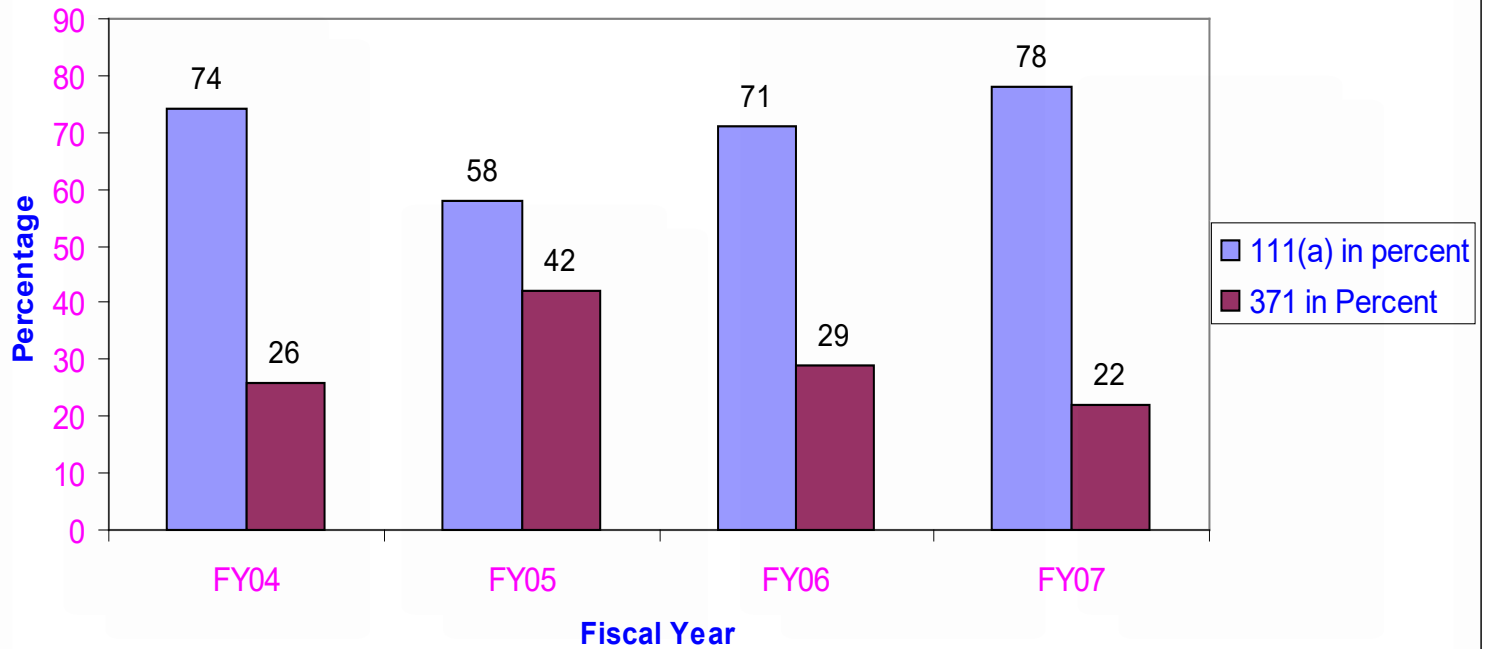
TC 1600 Filings and Restrictions

- TC1600 mails out about 28,000 first actions on the merits each year and about 12,000 restriction requirements
- Of about 12,000 restriction requirements mailed per year, only about 75 are petitioned
- 21% of TC1600 cases are filed under 35 U. S. C. 371 (i.e., the national stage of a PCT application), yet 371 applications account for about 30% of the petitions
- on average, a 91 day turnaround time to mail decision for a restriction petition

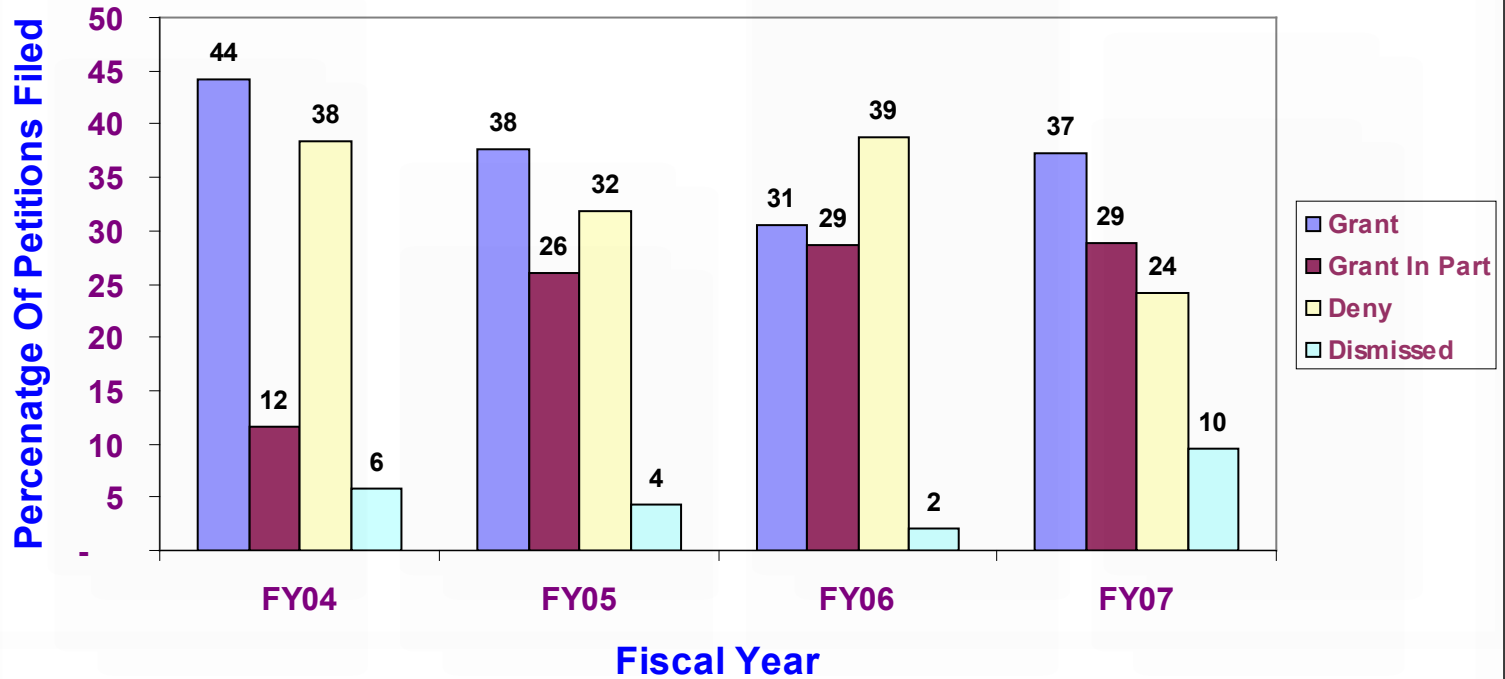
Restriction and Lack Of Unity Petitions Filed in FY04, 05, 06, 07



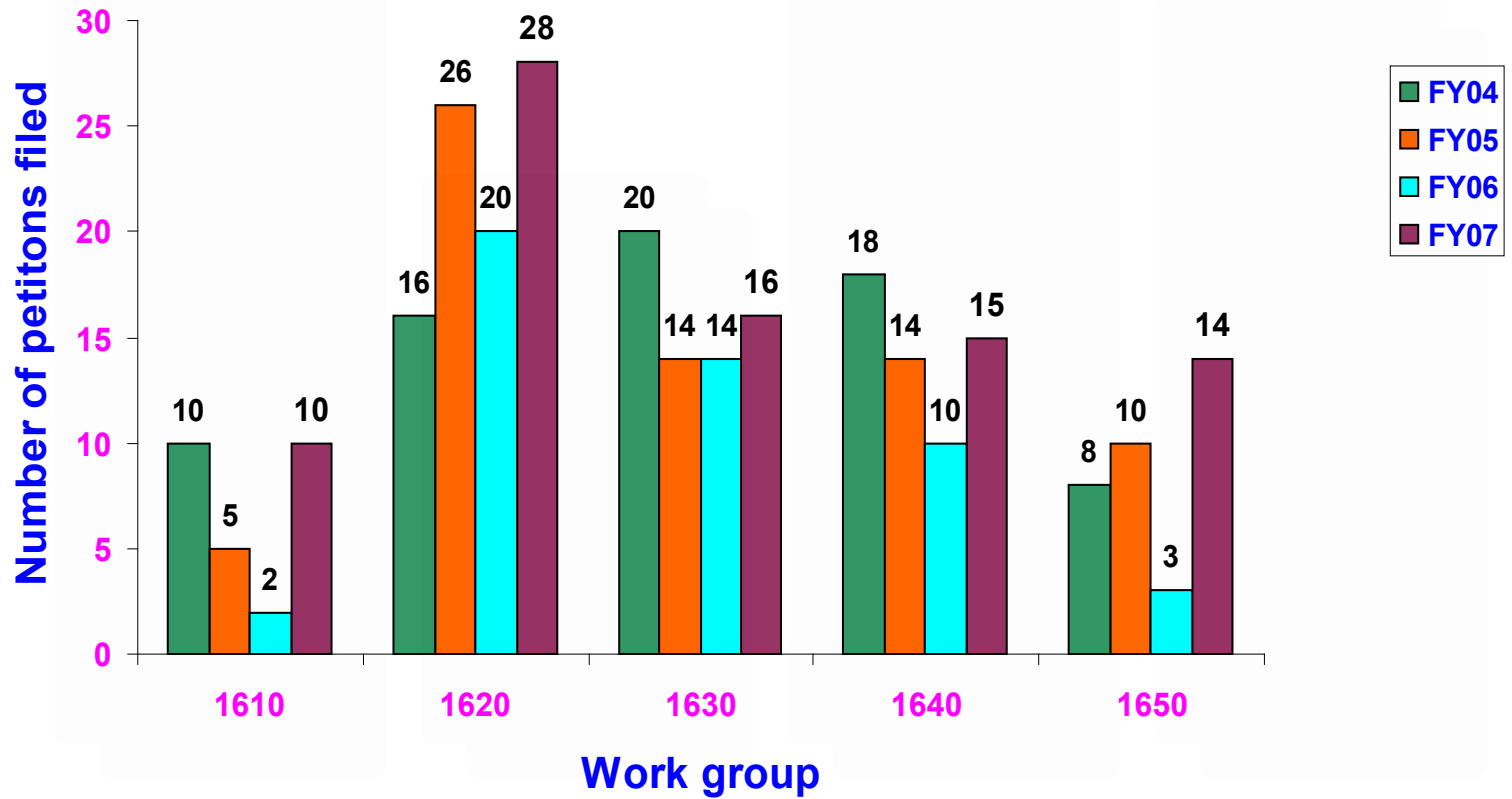
Petitions For Restriction Requirement In 111(a) Application Versus Lack of Unity Determinations In 371 Application In FY04, 05, 06, 07



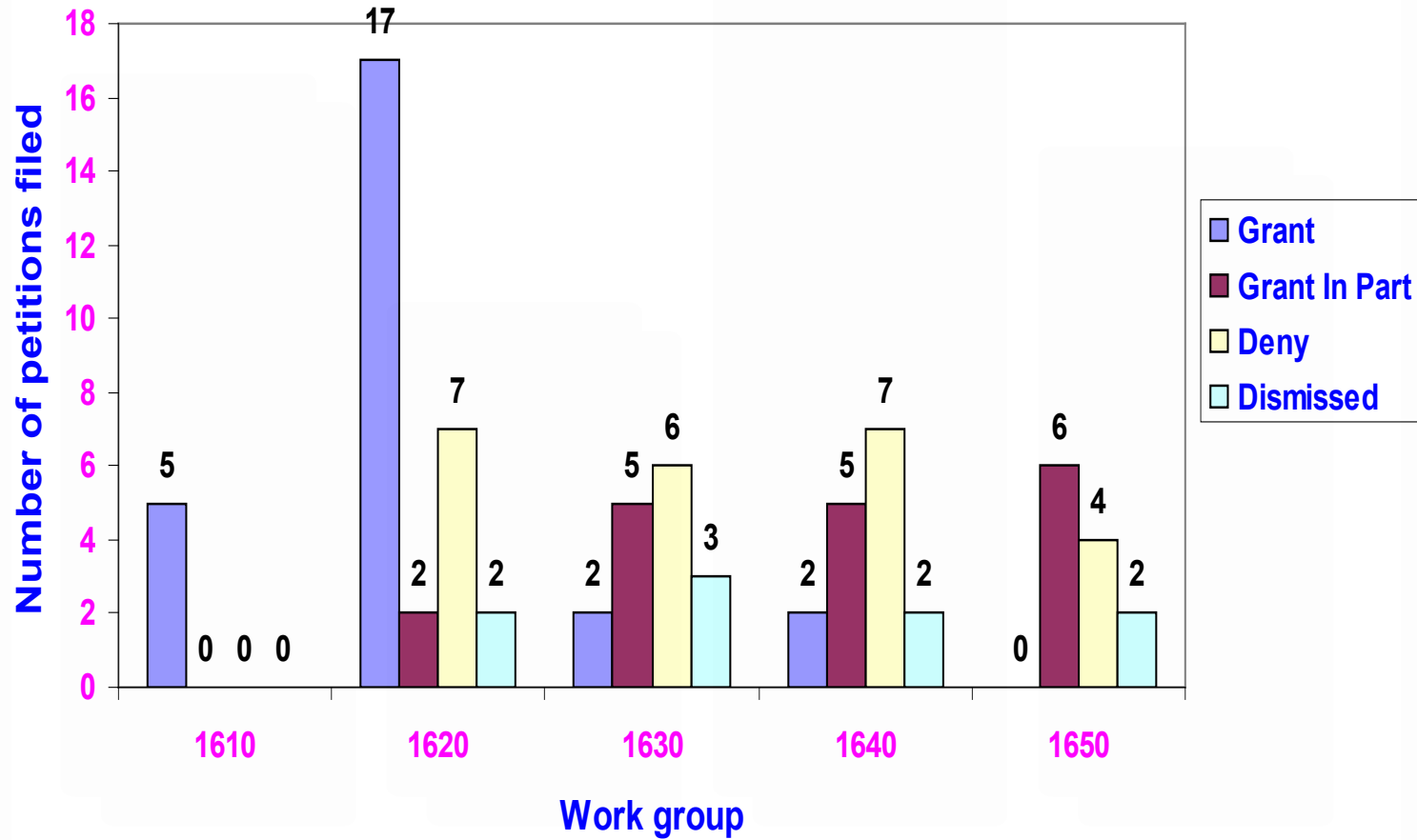
Petitions Outcome By Fiscal Year



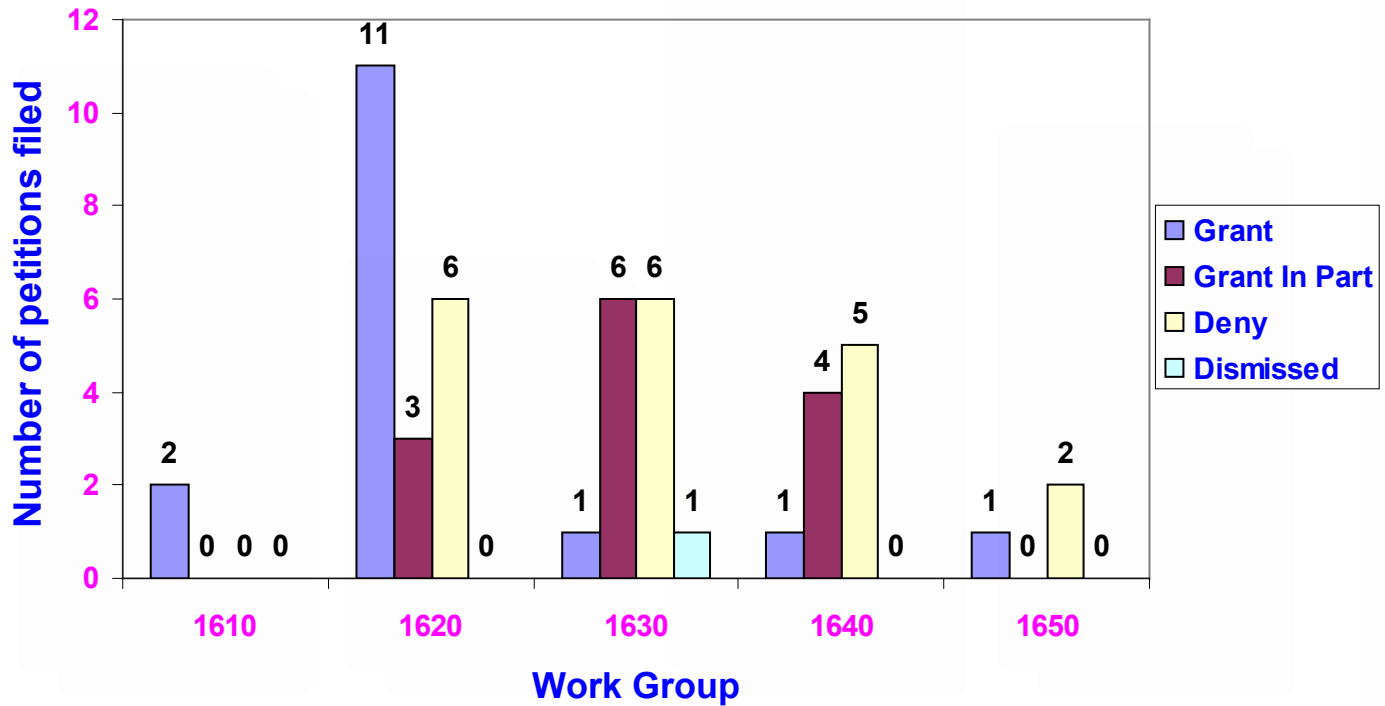
Restriction Petitions By Work Group Filed in FY04, 05, 06 and 07



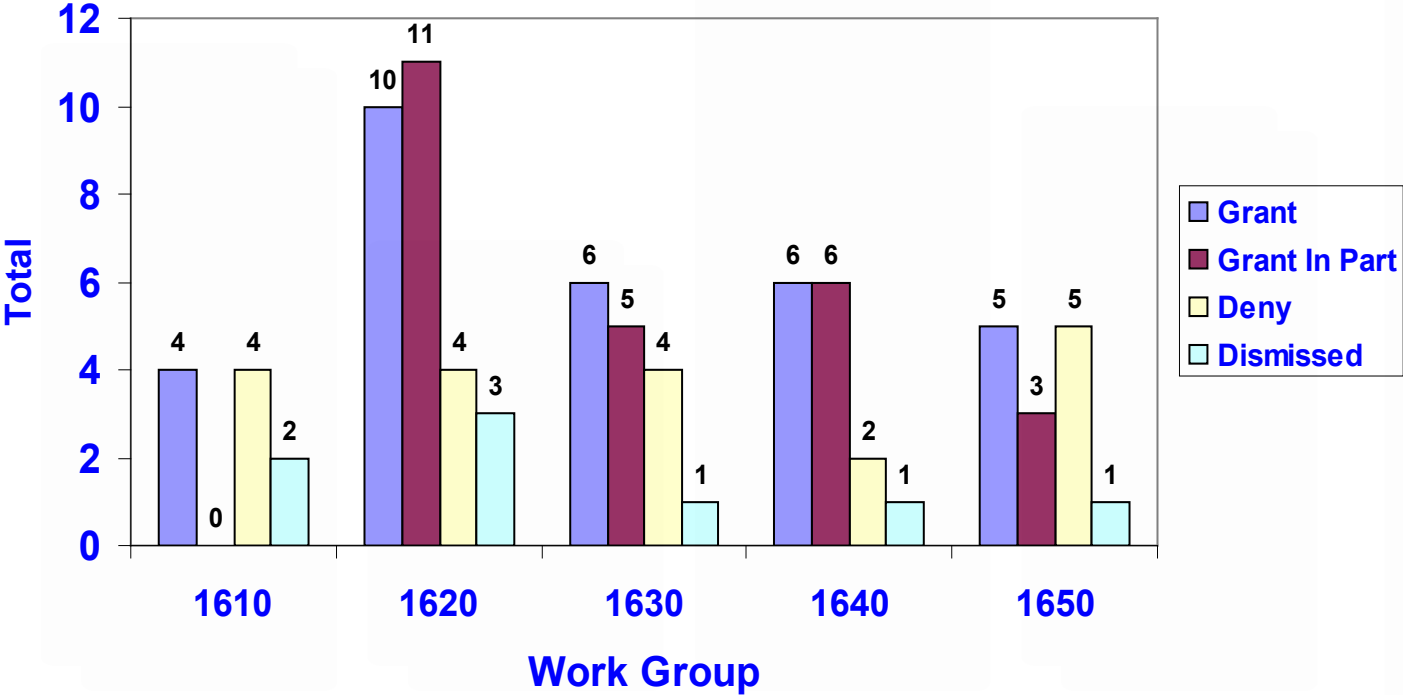
Petition Outcome By Work Group For FY05



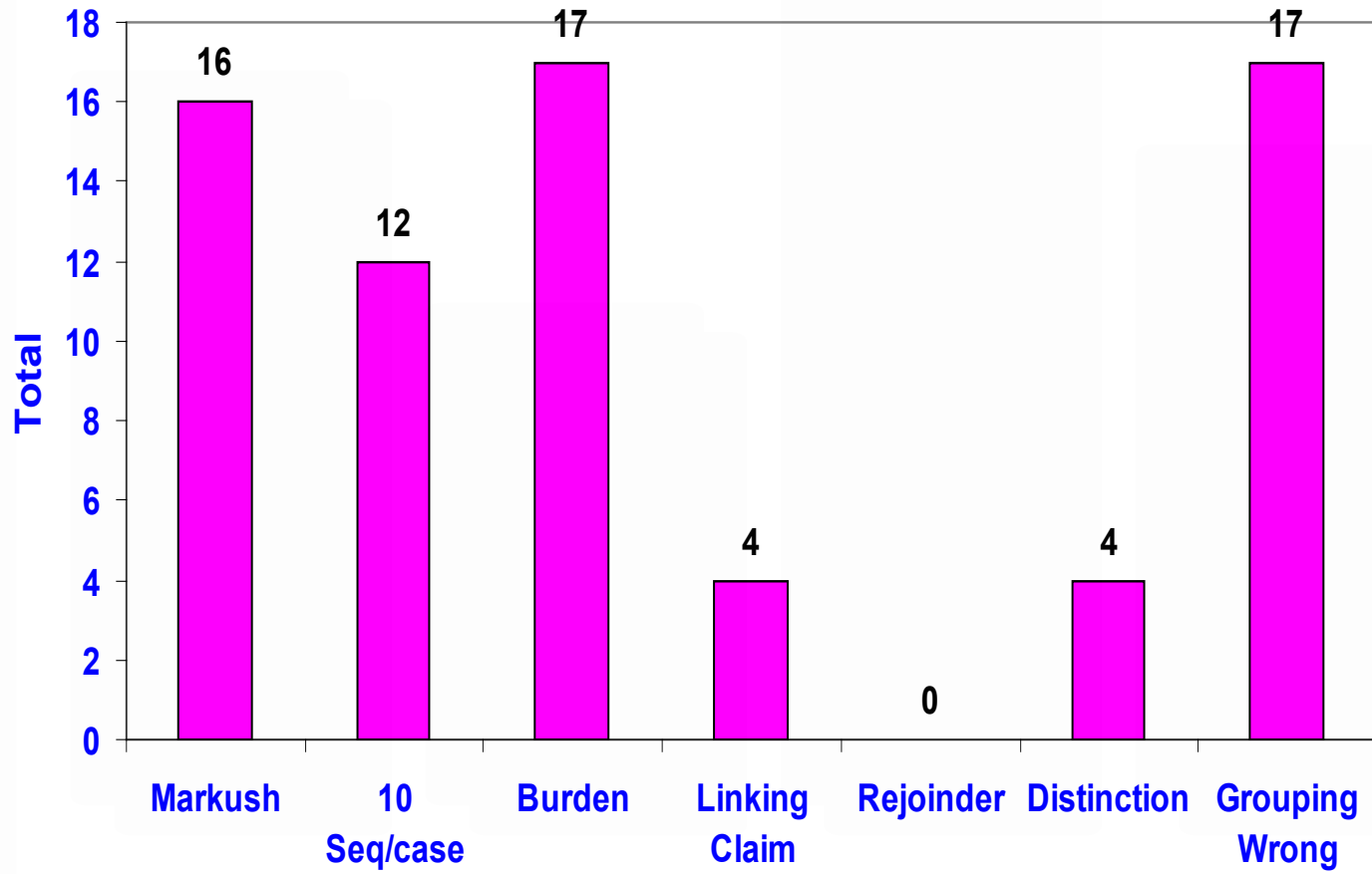
Petition Outcome By Work Group For FY06



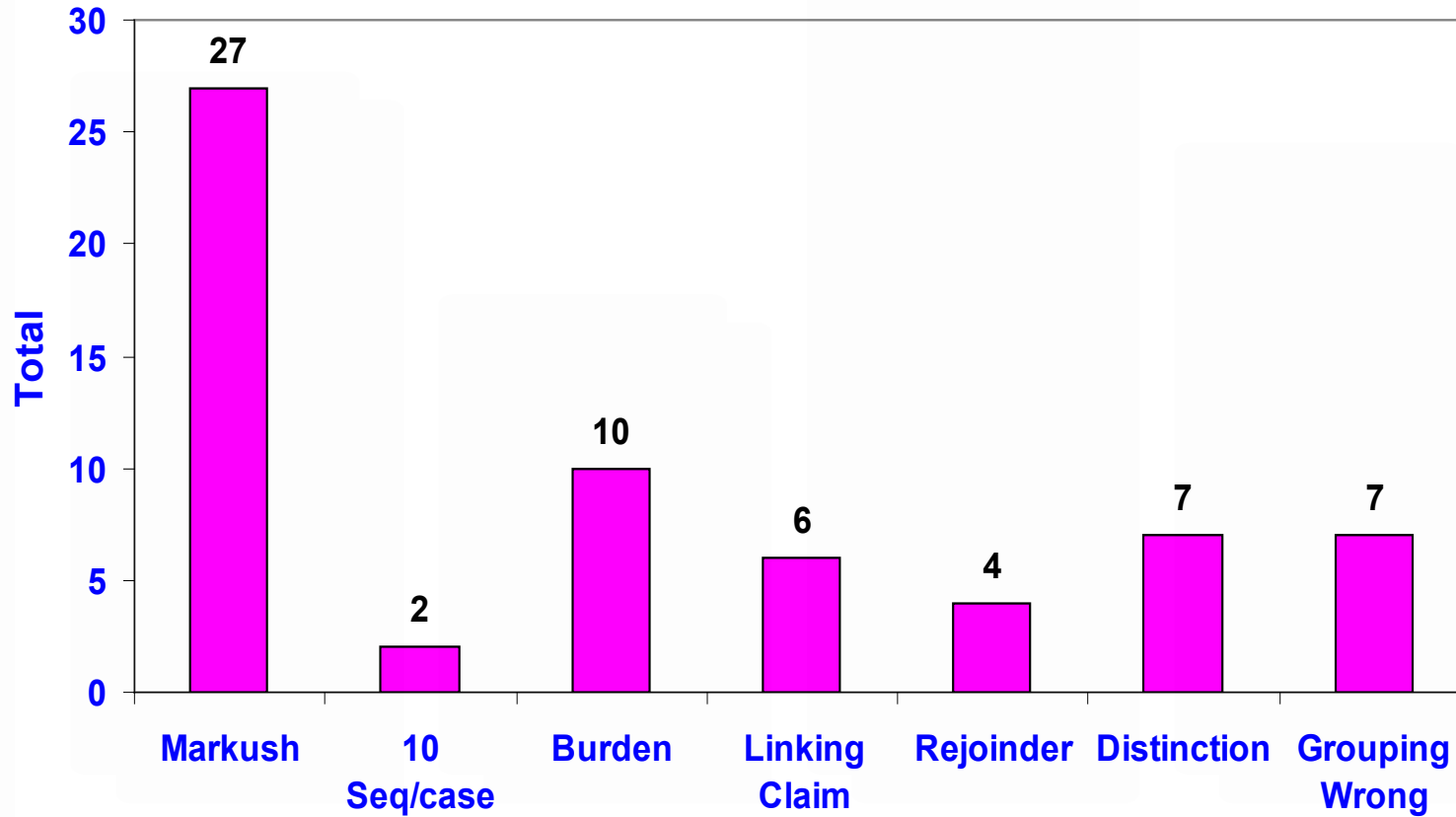
Petition Outcome By Work Group FY07



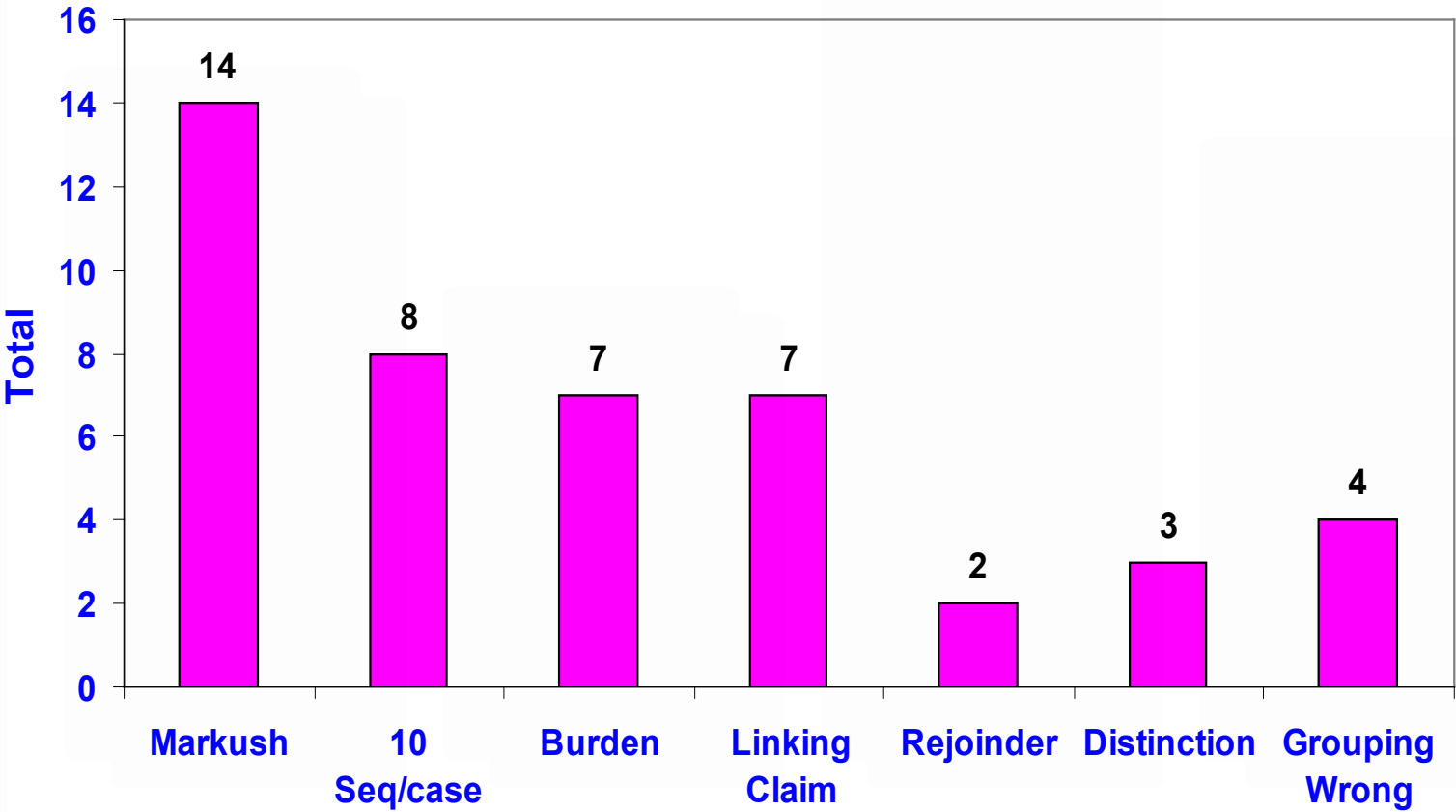
Types Of Concerns FY04



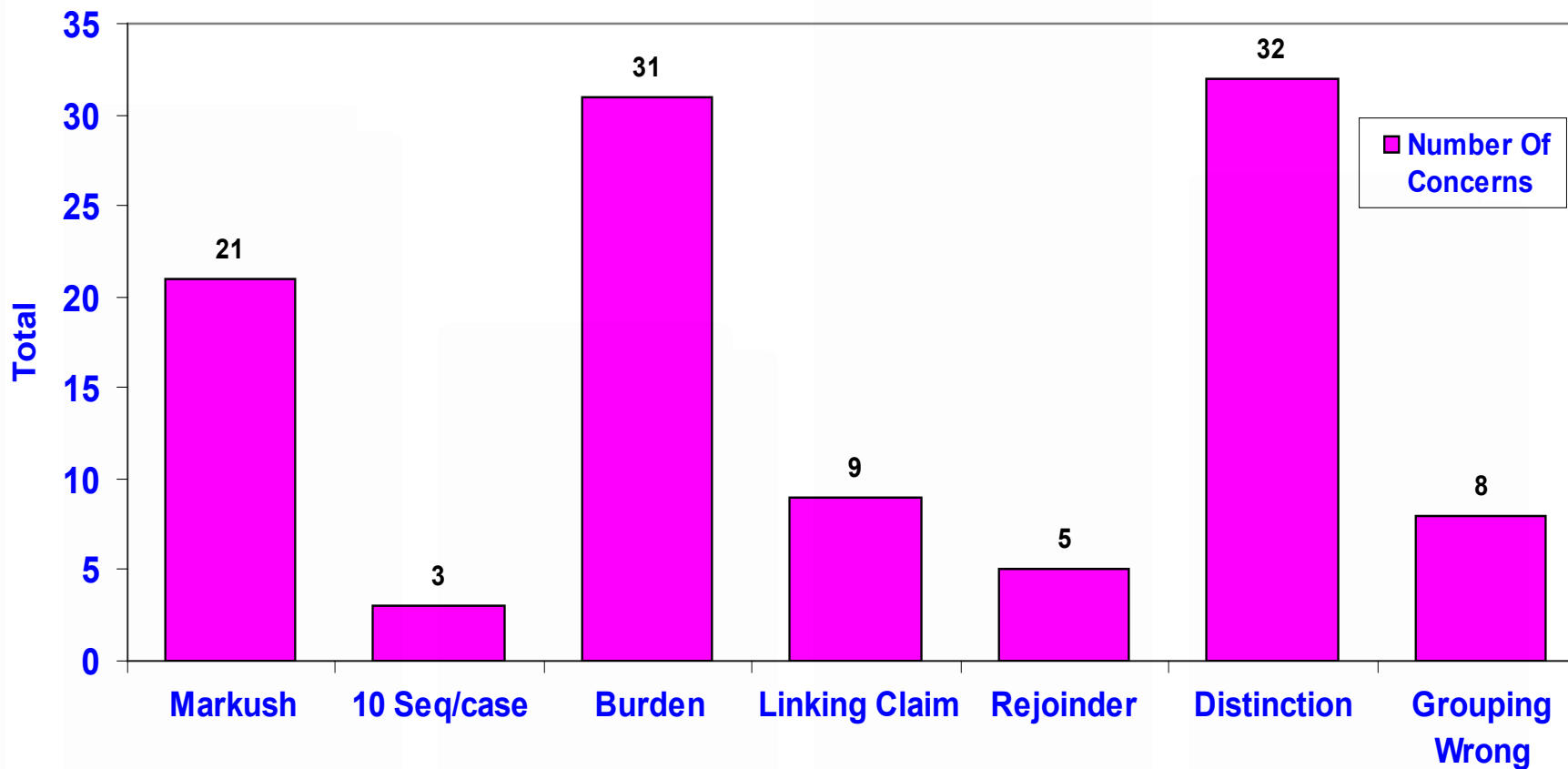
Types Of Concerns FY05



Types Of Concerns FY06



Types Of Concerns FY07



TC1600 Restriction Talks

Overview of Revised Chapter 800, Part 1 and Part 2

- BCP Talk 9/06
- Presented to all new examiners in Training Academy, FY07

Products and Processes

- BCP Talk 6/07
- Presented to new TC1600 examiners in Training Academy, FY07

Nucleic Acid Sequences

- BCP Talk 9/07
- Biotech examiner training planned for 4/08

TC1600 Restriction Training

Genus, Species, Markush and Linking Claims

- BCP Talk 3/07
- TC1600 Training completed 7/07

Combination/Subcombination Practice

- BCP Talk 12/07
- TC1600 Training completed 2/08

Rejoinder Practice

- BCP Talk 3/08
- TC1600 Training planned for 6/08

Questions?

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