

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Group 2**

**Program 1.3**

**Question No. 65**

**Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:**

In relation to the appointment of a new Family Court judge in Queensland following the retirement the Honourable Justice Robert Monteith:

1. When is the appointment expected to be made?
2. Will the appointment be a Family Court judge, based permanently in the Townsville registry?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

On 7 December 2012, the Attorney-General announced that Mr Peter Tree SC would be appointed to the Townsville Registry, with effect from 14 January 2013. While Mr Tree will be based in Townsville, he will also conduct regional family law circuit work.