

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

**Program:** 1.4 Justice Services

**Question No. SBE16/051**

**Senator Wong asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2016:**

Dr Smrdel: The president identifies which appointments will be expiring, which of the members are seeking reappointment and which members he recommends for reappointment.

Senator WONG: So the letter of 11 December 2015 sets out, from the president, which appointments will be expiring and in relation to which individuals he is seeking reappointment.

Dr Smrdel: That is correct.

Senator WONG: In the president's letter, was there a reference to any additional positions being created?

Dr Smrdel: I would need to take that on notice.

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

Appointments to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) are made in accordance with the Protocol agreed between the Attorney-General and the President of the AAT, a copy of which is attached (Attachment 1).