

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

Group 1

Program 1.8

Question No. 120

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

- 1) Has the Attorney-General made any appointments to any court since the November Senate Estimates hearings?

If so, please list these appointments, by name, court, date approved, date announced
- 2) For each appointment identified in question 1 -
 - i) Was the attorney provided a brief before making the appointment?
 - ii) Was a panel constructed to assess each applicant and provide a list of recommendations to the Attorney-General?
 - iii) Did the Attorney-General or his office speak to any of the panel members engaged before or during the process of the panel sitting?
 - iv) Was the opposition shadow attorney general consulted on the appointment to the court before it was made?
 - v) Was a short list or any other department prepared lists of potential court appointments provided to the Attorney-General or his office before the appointment was made?
 - vi) Were any names added to any of the documents identified in 2e?
 - vii) Was the final selection chosen from the documents identified in 2e?

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

- 1) Yes. The Hon Jacqueline Gleeson was appointed to the Federal Court of Australia and commenced on 15 April 2014.
- 2) The appointment was made following consultation by the Attorney-General with relevant persons.