

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

Group: 2

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Question No. BE15/101

Senator Collins asked the following written question from 27 and 28 May 2015 hearings:

1. Who presently occupies the position of Freedom of Information Commissioner?
 - a. When did this position become vacant?
 - b. Does the OAIC Act oblige the Government to appoint a Freedom of Information Commissioner?
 - c. When will the Government appoint a new FOI Commissioner? What steps have been taken to select a candidate?
2. Who presently occupies the position of Information Commissioner?
 - a. When did this position become vacant?
 - b. Does the OAIC Act oblige the Government to appoint an Information Commissioner?
 - c. When will the Government appoint a new Information Commissioner? What steps have been taken to select a candidate?

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

1. (a) 1 January 2015.

(b) Please see answer to BE15/033.

(c) Please see answer to BE15/032.
2. (a) Mr Timothy Pilgrim is the Acting Information Commissioner.

(b) It would not be appropriate for the Attorney-General's Department to answer this question as it is a request for legal advice.

(c) See answer to 2(a).