

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Attorney General's Department

Program: 1.4 Justice Services

Question No. BE17-190

Senator Pratt, Louise asked the following question on 28 August 2017:

1. There are two current vacancies in the Family Court. Why have these not been replaced?
2. Do you consider that your delay in filling these vacancies is significantly contributing to the backlogs in the courts?
3. When will you do something about it?

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

1. Vacancies occur from time to time. Careful consideration is given to recruitment to identify the best candidates for such vacancies, including with the head of jurisdiction and the legal profession.
2. This is asking for the expression of an opinion.
3. See answer to question 1.