

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
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Question No. 247

Senator Heffernan tabled the following question after the hearing on 14 February 2006:

If a Federal Judicial Commission was established, would these allegations and other related allegations be investigated by such a Commission?

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

The government has not made a decision about whether to establish a federal judicial commission. If a federal judicial commission were to be established with the power to receive and investigate complaints against federal judicial officers, the sort of behaviour that it might inquire into would depend on the nature of the jurisdiction which was conferred on the commission. Generally, if allegations of criminal behaviour were to be made, the criminal justice system would be invoked.