

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

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**Question No. 52**

**Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 18 February 2008:**

Who other than the Attorney-General's Department came up with the list of judicial attributes in the criteria for appointments to the Federal Magistrates Court?

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

The requisite personal and professional qualities for appointment to the Federal Magistrates Court were drawn from a range of sources, including published appointment criteria in comparable jurisdictions, and papers by current and former judicial officers, legal academics and legal professional bodies.