

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

**Question No. 25**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2009:**

How was Crosier Scott Architects chosen for the refurbishment of the Chief Justice's chambers and associated areas in the Family Court in Melbourne?

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

The Court engaged Crosier Scott Architects previously Goodwin Design Studios (GDS), via a direct sourcing arrangement. The direct sourcing of Crosier Scott Architects was based on the following justification:

1. The firm have an excellent knowledge of the Melbourne Commonwealth Law Court (CLC).
2. They have previously conducted works within Melbourne CLC for other jurisdictions and legal entities.
3. They have a sound knowledge of the stakeholders and a good working rapport with them.
4. They were available to undertake this consultancy role immediately.
5. They were able to meet the timeframes identified by the Court for the delivery of the services.