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

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Question No. 43

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

Has the Government made a specific decision not to replace the Tribunal members, one of whom resigned and the other whose term expired? If further vacancies arise, will these vacancies be filled or remain vacant?

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

The Government has not made a specific decision not to appoint further members to the National Native Title Tribunal. Future appointments to the Tribunal will be considered on a case-by-case basis.