

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

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Question No. 22

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

In relation to the appointment of the Chief Justice of the High Court:

- a) was the former Secretary of the Department, Mr Cornall, consulted, and
- b) was the then Commonwealth Solicitor-General consulted?

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

At the 27 May Senate Estimates hearing, the former Secretary advised the Senate Committee that he had discussed the issue of judicial appointments with the Attorney-General on a number of occasions.

The former Solicitor-General was also consulted in relation to the appointment.