

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

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Question No. AE15/072

Senator Rhiannon asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:

1. How long has the position of Freedom of Information Commissioner been vacant?
 - a. Has the position been advertised?
 - b. If so, when?
 - c. When do expect to appoint someone?

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

The Freedom of Information Commissioner position has been vacant since 1 January 2015. In accordance with the policy objective of the Budget measure, the position will not be filled.

The former FOI Commissioner, Dr James Popple, was appointed as a full-time Senior Member of the AAT on 1 January 2015. Dr Popple has been appointed until 31 December 2017.