

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

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**Question No. 14**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:**

Provide details of the level of briefing provided to the Attorney-General concerning the transfer of functions from the Federal Magistrates Court to the Family Court. When was this briefing provided?

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

Chief Justice Bryant met with the Attorney-General on 29 October 2008 and informed him of the proposed transfer. On 11 and 18 December 2008 the Department provided briefing to the Attorney-General on a number of matters, including general briefing in relation to the administration of the two courts.