

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

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Question No. 29

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2007:

Prior to the appointment of the president when was the last time the Attorney-General appointed a commissioner to the Commission without advertising the position?

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

According to the records available to the Department, the vacancy in the office of President was advertised on 17 October 2002. Prior to this, the last appointment to the Commission that was made without advertising (other than acting appointments) was that of Dr William Jonas AM who was appointed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner from 6 April 1999.