

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

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Question No. 85

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2008:

How many nominations have been made for potential appointments to the High Court of Australia?

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

The Attorney-General wrote to the following inviting suggestions of persons considered qualified and suitable for appointment to the High Court as Chief Justice or Justice: State and Territory Attorneys-General, the Chief Justice and other Justices of the High Court, the Chief Justices of the Federal and Family Court and the Chief Federal Magistrate, the Chief Justices of State and Territory Supreme Courts, the Law Council of Australia, the Australian Bar Association, State and Territory Bar Associations and Law Societies, the Australian Women Lawyers, the National Association of Community Legal Centres, National Legal Aid and deans of law schools.

Twenty-three persons were nominated as Chief Justice and twenty-nine persons as Justice.