

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

**Sub Program 1.1.1**

**Question No. 38**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2009**

Provide the process, based on past practice, for forwarding short listed candidates for judicial appointments to the Attorney-General for consideration.

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

The Advisory Panels appointed by the Attorney-General to provide advice on suitable candidates provide a report to the Attorney-General. The Panels' reports generally contain information on:

- panel composition
- public notice and nomination/consultation process
- requisite qualities for appointment
- description of the process used by the Advisory Panel to make recommendations, and
- candidates recommended by the Panel for consideration by the Attorney-General.

The process has differed for the High Court of Australia. In that case a submission has been provided to the Attorney-General containing a summary of persons identified through the consultation process.