

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

**Group 2**

**Program 1.1**

**Question No. 34**

**Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 29 May 2013:**

**Senator BRANDIS:** I want to ask you about some appointments to the Federal Circuit Court announced by the Attorney-General on 16 May. I particularly want to ask about the appointment of Ms Suzanne Jones, the wife of Mr Dave Oliver, the secretary of the ACTU.

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**Senator BRANDIS:** When did the panel meet, please?

**Ms Glanville:** I cannot tell you when the panel actually met. I could get that for you. I could take that on notice.

**Senator BRANDIS:** Let me know tomorrow, would you?

**Ms Glanville:** Yes.

**Senator BRANDIS:** When was the short list finalised?

**Ms Glanville:** Once again, I would have to take that on notice and give you that date.

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**Senator BRANDIS:** How many names were on the first short list?

**Ms Glanville:** I would have to take that on notice.

**Senator BRANDIS:** Approximately?

**Ms Glanville:** I would have to take that on notice.

**Senator BRANDIS:** How many names were added to the short list when the second short list was prepared?

**Ms Glanville:** About five, but I would have to check that.

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

The Advisory Panel met on 27 November 2012, 14 and 19 December 2012, and 3 and 10 April 2013.

The first shortlist of candidates for interview for the Melbourne Federal Circuit Court appointment process was finalised on 27 November 2012, and contained the names of fifteen candidates. The second shortlist for the same process was finalised on 3 April 2013, and contained the names of five candidates.