

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

**Group 2**

**Program 1.1**

**Question No. 35**

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

**Senator BRANDIS:** When was the first short list [of Federal Circuit Court appointment applicants] sent to the Attorney-General?

**Ms Glanville:** We do not send the short list to the Attorney-General.

**Senator BRANDIS:** So you do not follow the practice that Mr Fredericks follows for the Federal Court?

**Ms Glanville:** There might be the running through of who has applied—

**Senator BRANDIS:** And who is on the short list?

**Ms Glanville:** Yes but it is not sent to the Attorney-General as such.

**Senator BRANDIS:** Is the Attorney-General either directly or through his political staff—

**Ms Glanville:** It is a similar process to the one that Mr Fredericks described.

**Senator BRANDIS:** If it is similar to the process that Mr Fredericks described, then the Attorney-General's office would have been made aware of who was on the shortlist. Did that happen?

**Ms Glanville:** Yes.

**Senator BRANDIS:** Were they made aware of who was on the first short list?

**Ms Glanville:** Yes.

**Senator BRANDIS:** And presumably they were also made aware of who was on the second short list?

**Ms Glanville:** I will need to check that because in the intervening period there was a change of Attorney-General. To be clear on that I would need to look at what impact that would have had on the process.

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

Yes, the Attorney-General's Office was made aware of who was on the second shortlist.