SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Question No. 157

Senator Crossin asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:

Of the four judges appointed during 2005-06, how many have indicated in their CV's that they have experience in industrial relations matters?

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

In 2005 and 2006 the Attorney-General announced the appointments of Justices Collier, Jessup, Tracey and Buchanan to the Federal Court. All four appointments were made in light of the Government's workplace relations reforms. These announcements were set out in the Attorney-General's media releases numbered 240/2005, 118/2006 and 170/2006.

A curriculum vitae for each Judge was provided to the Federal Court by the Attorney-General's Department. A copy of each curriculum vitae is attached. The Federal Court understands that each curriculum vitae was prepared by the Department.