

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

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Question No. 20

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

With respect to vacancies, provide details on the number of nominations received and appointments made, including the identity of each, for judicial appointments.

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

As at 25 November 2008 four judicial appointment processes were in train.

Forty-four candidates expressed interest or were nominated for appointment as a Federal Magistrate in Cairns.

Twenty-one candidates expressed interest or were nominated for appointment as a Federal Court Judge in Perth.

Forty-one candidates were nominated for appointment as a Justice of the High Court.

For reasons of confidentiality and privacy, the identities of candidates are not disclosed.

A public notice inviting expressions of interest and nominations for appointment to the Family Court in Newcastle was published in national and local press on 21 and 22 November 2008. Expressions of interest and nominations have been sought by 12 December 2008.