

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

Question No. 41

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

Provide dates of when discussions took place between the Department, the courts and the Chief Justice in relation to the Government's approach to complaint handling and who judges the judges.

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

The Attorney-General wrote to the Chief Justice on 13 June and 20 October 2008 with regard to improved handling of complaints against the judiciary.

The Chief Justice responded to these enquiries on 19, 23 and 26 June and 28 October 2008.

The Chief Justice and/or officers of the Court have discussed judicial complaints handling with the Department over the term of this Government, including on 7 July, 20 August and 17 and 19 November 2008.