

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

Group 3

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Question No. 64

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:

On 9 August 2012, the Government announced that it will shortly advertise for the appointment of the next Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.

1. How many applicants responded to the advertisement?
2. What is the progress on this matter?
3. When is the vacancy expected to be filled?

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

1. Twenty-three expressions of interest were received. Nine applications were made.
2. The selection panel has provided its report to the Attorney-General. The Attorney-General's proposed nominee is undergoing a security clearance process.
3. The position will be filled once the Governor-General has approved the appointment of a new Director of Public Prosecutions.