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Question No. 11

Senator Edwards asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:

Senator EDWARDS: My questions this morning relate to the recent appointment of the Race Discrimination Commissioner, Dr Soutphommasane, who joins us here today. Secretary or president, in relation to that recent appointment, can you tell me how long that position was advertised for before you made the appointment?

Prof. Triggs: I do not think I can give you a very precise answer to that. I think it was something like six weeks. I would have to take that on notice to be precise.

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

The position was advertised on 20 December 2012 with the advertised closing date of 20 January 2013. The closing date was extended to 14 February 2013.