Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 2.1 Families and Communities Question No: SQ16-000301

Topic: Multicultural & Settlement Policy

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Senator Jacinta Collins asked:

- 1. Has the Minister or his office sought advice from his department on part 18C of the racial discrimination act?
- 2. [if so] When was it sought? Who requested it?
- 3. Has the Minister received any correspondence on 18C?
- 4. Has the department provided any advice to the Minister or his office on 18C or related issues?
- 5. Has the department received any letters on 18C? how many support changes? How many do not support changes?
- 6. Any advice provided to the Minister on 18C issues, when, why, requested by who
- 7. Department submissions to proposed amendment processes, any briefing on it.
- 8. Has the Minister or his office sought advice from his department on part 18D of the racial discrimination act?
- 9. [if so] When was it sought? Who requested it?
- 10. Has the Minister received any correspondence on 18D?
- 11. Has the department provided any advice to the Minister or his office on 18D or related issues?
- 12. Has the department received any letters on 18D?
- 13. Any advice provided to the Minister on 18D issues, when, why, requested by who

Answer:

Issues relating to the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* are a matter for the Attorney General's Department.