

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**Question No. 87**

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

Question: With regards to legislative changes over the past 12 months that have impacted on the Disability Support Pension by introducing more stringent access tests, including an 18 month waiting period for some applicants, have you had any complaints relating to these changes? Have you undertaken any research into the impacts of this legislation? If not, will you?

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

The Commission has not received any complaints in relation to the introduction of more stringent access tests for the Disability Support Pension.

The Commission has not undertaken any research into the impacts of the changes to the Disability Support Pension.

Research into the impacts of the changes to the Disability Support Pension is not part of the Commission work plan.