

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

**Program:** Australian Human Rights Commission

**Question No. SBE16/042**

**Senator Macdonald asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2016:**

CHAIR: Finally, Professor Triggs, Senator Fawcett has raised this indirectly, but I can not understand the QUT case. That is the 18C Queensland University of Technology case. I admit that I am uneducated, but it is simply beyond my comprehension that what is reported as the basis for that action could have possibly supported the action. My understanding is that the Human Rights Commission finished its involvement in relation to the QUT case in late August 2015. Is that correct?

Prof. Triggs: I would have to check the exact date, but it was around that time, yes.

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

The Commission finalised the QUT complaint on 25 August 2015.