

**Question on notice no. 6**

**Portfolio question number: ASQ26-0006**

**2025-26 Additional estimates**

**Education and Employment Committee, Education Portfolio**

**Senator Lidia Thorpe:** asked the Australian National University on 11 February 2026—

At paragraphs 42-43 of his submissions, Professor Tregear noted the following:  
"Ms Bishop wrote to me on 23 December 2020 and noted that 'the Australian National University takes seriously all responsibilities we have under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013 (PID Act) and to the Commonwealth Ombudsman.'

In the light of the evidence provided in these submissions, Ms Bishop's statement about taking responsibilities seriously is, plainly, disingenuous."

Do you accept Professor Tregear's assessment that Ms Bishop's statement that "the Australian National University takes seriously all responsibilities we have ... to the Commonwealth Ombudsman" was disingenuous? If not, please explain, in the light of the evidence set out in Professor Tregear's submissions (in particular the failure of the ANU's officials to respond to repeated requests for information) , why Ms Bishop's statement that "the Australian National University takes seriously all responsibilities we have ... to the Commonwealth Ombudsman" was not disingenuous.