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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Disability (Access to Premises) Standards 2010

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: B1-74

In relation to the Disability (Access to Premises) Standards 2010 and the legislated review:

1. How will the Department work with stakeholders (including state and territory governments, access consultants, the building and property sector, the disability community and human rights agencies) to ensure any proposed changes to the Premises Standards remain consistent with existing discrimination law and Australia's obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?
2. How will the Department collect data on new buildings and new building work on existing buildings and compliance with the Premises Standards?

ANSWER

1. The department, in conjunction with the Attorney-General's Department, will work with stakeholders by providing them with the opportunity to make a submission to the review and following analysis of those submissions, by undertaking additional discussions with stakeholders as appropriate. In conducting the review, the department and the Attorney-General's Department will give due consideration to the requirements of relevant laws and conventions.
2. The department, in conjunction with the Attorney-General's Department, will consult with the State and Territory Governments and the Australian Human Rights Commission on the collection of data on new buildings and new building work on existing buildings and compliance with the Premises Standards.