

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

**Group: 2**

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**Question No. AE15/075**

**Senator Rhiannon asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:**

1. Does the failure to disband the OAIC mean that FOI matters can still be heard by the Commission with the ombudsman, with appeals going to Admin Appeals Tribunal?

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

Consistent with the evidence provided by the Acting Information Commissioner to the Senate on 24 February 2015, FOI complaints are being transferred to the Commonwealth Ombudsman. Information Commissioner reviews are being triaged so that the more complex or voluminous matters are referred to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.