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**Senator Moore asked the following question at the hearing on 27 March 2015:**

Senator MOORE: I love that saying. Is there any convention about how soon a response to a report from the Human Rights Commission should take? There is a laughing convention about other committee reports, that they have a three-month turnaround. In my lifetime that has not happened. Is there a convention within the Attorney's department for how long a response has to take?

Mr Reid: There is not.

Senator MOORE: Is the government's response tabled in parliament?

Mr Reid: There may not be a formal government response. It will depend on the circumstances and what the recommendations.

Senator MOORE: I will be asking the minister as to whether there could be a formal response to this one, amongst many others, but I have just taken a particular interest in this one. It would be a matter of seeking the minister's view as to whether there would be a formal response?

Mr Reid: That is exactly right.

Senator MOORE: Minister, can I make that formal response through you to the minister about seeking some information about whether there will be a formal response to the Children's rights reports 2014? Can I do it in this way?

Senator Scullion: If you are asking me, and I think you are, to simply take that on notice to get back to the committee, I see there are nods all around to say that is the case, so, yes.

Senator MOORE: If it requires a letter of something, I am happy to do that.

Senator Scullion: We are happy to take that on notice.

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

This is a matter for the Government's consideration.