

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

**Group: 2**

**Program: 1.4**

**Question No. AE14/114**

**Senator Wright asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearing:**

1. Does the Family Relationships Services Program currently provide services to same-sex couples or same-sex parents?
  - a. If not, why?
  - b. If so, what percentage of clients identify as a same-sex family?
2. Has any advice been prepared or discussed to prevent same-sex couples accessing this program?
3. Does the High Court's decision in *William v Commonwealth of Australia (No 2)* June 2014 impact on this program?

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

1. Yes.
  - a. Not applicable
  - b. This data is not collected.
2. No.
3. It would not be appropriate for the Attorney-General's Department to answer this question as it is a request for legal advice.