SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Question No. AE16/007

Senator Collins asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:

Senator COLLINS: As you have indicated, in some parts the accommodation related to accommodation by a third party. Professor, it made me wonder, in terms of declarations of interest, what applies in relation to yourself and commissioners at the Human Rights Commission in relation to any benefits you receive as commissioners?

Prof. Triggs: We all have to declare any possible either conflict of interest or a gift or opportunity; that has to be properly recorded and reported. We are very careful to make sure that that is met, especially as so many of us do a lot of public speaking. We do get a lot of gifts, so we have to check that very carefully.

Senator COLLINS: Where are those reports made?

Prof. Triggs: They are within the commission. I think we report to the Attorney-General's Department, but again I can take that on notice and show you how frequently we report on what might be seen as advantages of one kind or another.

Senator COLLINS: Perhaps you could provide me with such reports for the last two years on notice.

Prof. Triggs: Certainly.

Senator COLLINS: Unless that is burdensome.

Prof. Triggs: No, not at all. We will be very pleased to do it. It is kept up as a matter of course. We keep full records of anything that might be—I forget the exact amount, but it is \$50 or something in that area.

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

The Commission has an internal gifts policy that applies to all staff of the Commission including Commissioners and the President. Any gift received with a value above AUD100 must be declared. Declarations are sent to the Chief Finance Officer and stored in a file titled 'Donations, gifts offered and/or received by the Commission or staff' kept by the Chief Finance Officer. A register has now been created from those records and an extract for the last 2 years is attached.

The Commission does not report gifts to the Attorney-General's Department.

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1/02/2016	Gillian Triggs	AIIA NSW	Twelve month membership to AIIA NSW	\$ 170.00	Employee	n/a	P. Raman Executive Director	1/02/2016
12/02/2016	Gillian Triggs	UNHCR	Attendance at the launch of Australia for UNHCR's new refugee women support campaign 'I will'.	\$ 200.00	Employee	n/a	G. Triggs President	1/02/2016

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illian Trriggs	Charles Darwin University	Northern Editions framed print	\$550.00	Agency	Displayed in Commission Premises	P. Raman Executive Director	15/09/2015						
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illian Trriggs	Sydney Law School Students co-ordinated by Rose Jackson	6 Bunches of Flowers	\$200.00	Agency	Displayed in Commission Premises until flowers died	P. Raman Executive Director	2/03/2015						
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17/04/2014	L. BRODERICK	ASX	Café Sydney gift voucher	\$250.00	Employee	n/a	P. Raman Executive Director	17/04/2014
4/09/2014	L. BRODERICK	unknown	Swarovski tea lights x 2	\$100.00	Employee	n/a	P. Raman Executive Director	4/09/2014
4/09/2014	L. BRODERICK	Marie Claire	1 x 30ml La Prairie skin caviar luxe cream	\$300.00	Employee	n/a	P. Raman Executive Director	4/09/2014
4/09/2014	L. BRODERICK	ASX	Attending CEW Annual Dinner as guest	\$350.00	Employee	n/a	P. Raman Executive Director	4/09/2014
6/11/2014	L. BRODERICK		Waterford Crystal Jasper Cronan 28cm Strata Vase	\$273.00	Agency	Used in Commission Premises	P. Raman Executive Director	6/11/2014
6/11/2014	L. BRODERICK	Deloitte	1 x mixed case of wines (12 bottles)	\$720.00	Employee	n/a	P. Raman Executive Director	6/11/2014
1/12/2014	L. BRODERICK	AGSM Executive Education	UNSW Scholarship	\$5,000.00	Employee	n/a	P. Raman Executive Director	1/12/2014

15/09/2014	G. TRIGGS	Bathurst Refugee	What boat did you come on	\$100.00	Agency	Displayed in	P. Raman	17/09/2014
		Support Group /	etching from Bathurst artist			Commission	Executive	
		Charles Sturt				Premises	Director	
		University						
15/09/2014	G. TRIGGS	Bathurst Refugee	Small etching (framed) of	\$100.00	Agency	Displayed in	P. Raman	15/09/2014
		Support Group /	Bathurst Courthouse by Weaver			Commission	Executive	
		Charles Sturt	Hawkins			Premises	Director	
		University						
9/09/2014	T. WILSON	ADF	Gold Coin	unknown	Employee	n/a	P. Raman	9/09/2014
							Executive	
							Director	
28/06/2014	T. WILSON	WA Law Society	Painting from artist Lucky Morton	\$100.00	Agency	Displayed in	P. Raman	28/05/2014
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