

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

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Senator Waters asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

Senator WATERS: Thank you, Attorney. Professor, has the commission had a chance to input on the impacts of the budget on women, and not just the budget as it pertains to your organisation but the budget in its entirety, after its release?

Prof. Triggs: No, we have not done that. We operate on the basis of particular projects in particular areas. We have limited capacity. Taking on a very major task such as that would be a project that Commissioner Broderick may very well raise for the commission in the future but not for the moment.

Senator WATERS: Were you consulted on the fact that a women's budget statement was not produced in this budget for the first time in more than 30 years?

Prof. Triggs: No, we were not.

Senator WATERS: Did Commissioner Broderick have a view on that that she has expressed post-budget delivery?

Prof. Triggs: I am not aware of view that Commissioner Broderick has expressed in relation to that, but I am happy to ask further questions.

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

The Australian Human Rights Commission consults the Government on a range of issues, including sex discrimination issues, from time to time.