

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

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**Question No. BE15/065**

**Senator Carr asked the following written question from the 27 and 28 May 2015 hearing:**

1. What role will the Department take in assessing the validity of claims made in submissions on the review of the Premises Standards of the need for any changes?
2. What understanding does the Department have on the negotiating process that led to the adoption of the Premises Standards and how will the Department ensure that all stakeholders, including state and territory governments, access consultants, the building and property sector, the disability community and human rights agencies can contribute to any negotiations around proposed changes to the Premises Standards?
3. What discussions has the Department had with the Australian Human Rights Commission on the purpose, process and possible outcomes of the review?
4. How will the Department ensure that any proposed changes to the Premises Standards remain consistent with existing discrimination law and Australia's obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?

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

The review of the Premises Standards is led by the Department of Industry and Science. The Attorney-General's Department works with the Department of Industry and Science to ensure any proposed changes to the Premises Standards remain consistent with existing discrimination law and Australia's international obligations.