

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017**

**Australian Human Rights Commission**

**Question No. BE17-003**

**Senator Macdonald asked the following question on 24 June 2017:**

CHAIR: You raise the next question I was going to ask. I refer to question number EA16/002, asked by Senator Canavan on 9 February 2016 to the Human Rights Commission. Can anyone explain to me why it has taken that long to get that answer back? And the answer seems to be relatively brief.

Senator Brandis: Obviously I will take that on notice and check. There are a lot of agencies in this portfolio—more than in most portfolios, as a matter of fact. A large proportion of these questions await the response of those agencies external to the department before they can be lodged.

**The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:**

Finalisation of the response to question AE16/002 was delayed due to the provision of further information to the Attorney-General's Office about the response.