

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

**Question No. SBE15/002**

**Senator Collins asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2015:**

CHAIR: Just before I pass to Senator Lindgren, who I understand has some questions, I know and have the highest regard for both Mr Wilson and Ms Ryan. I have heard Mr Wilson has resigned from the Liberal Party. Does anyone know whether Ms Ryan has resigned as a member of the Labor Party, having been a minister in the Labor government at some time?

Prof. Triggs: I believe she has, but I would need to take that on notice to be absolutely certain. I am reasonably confident that she has, consistent with exactly the policy I have been describing to Senator Collins.

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

The Hon Susan Ryan AO advises that she has not resigned membership of the ALP but has not participated in any activities relating to the party since her appointment as Age Discrimination Commissioner.