

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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Finance Portfolio

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**Outcome/Program:** General

**Topic:** National Commission of Audit – presentation by charities and peak bodies

**Senator:** Moore

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**Question:**

In relation to the Commission of Audit, why were no charities or peak bodies from across the sector invited to present to the Commission despite several making submissions?

**Answer:**

The Secretariat to the National Commission of Audit has provided the following advice to the Department of Finance in response to the Senator's question:

The Commission of Audit received over 300 submissions from government, industry and the community.

Because of the tight timeframes, the Commission has not sought to meet with everyone who provided a submission. While the submissions stand on their own quality, the Commission did meet with a number of organisations where the organisation directly requested a meeting or where the Commission wished to discuss some matters raised in their submission.

As noted by the Chair of the Commission of Audit in his evidence to the Abbott Government's Commission of Audit Select Committee on 15 January 2014, these meetings included the Australian Council of Social Service.