

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

**Question No. 6**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:**

Provide locations the freedom of religion and belief project has visited, the dates and times of these visits, and these particulars for future planned visits. Provide details on the costs and budgets of each of these activities, in terms of staff, consultants and researchers.

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

Consultations with heads of faith, NGO and government have occurred in the following states and territories:

- Darwin – 16 July 2008 – 10am – 12pm and 2- 4 pm; individual interviews - 17 July 2008
- Perth – 28 August 2008 –10am -12pm and 6:30pm- 8:30pm; individual interviews – 29 August 2008
- Adelaide – 20 November 2008 - 10am -12pm and 6:30pm- 8:30pm; individual interviews – 21 November 2008
- Tasmania – 25 November 2008 - 10am -12pm and 6:30pm- 8:30pm; individual interviews – 26 November 2008

The following consultations are scheduled for 2009:

- Brisbane – 26 March 2009- 10:30am -12:30pm and 6pm- 8pm; individual interviews – 27 March 2009
- Canberra- 31 March - 10:30am - 12:30pm and 6pm- 8pm; individual interviews – 1 April 2009
- Melbourne – 5-7 May 2009, further details TBC
- Sydney – 19-21 May 2009, further details TBC

The costs involved with these consultations are covered as part of the contract with the Australian Multicultural Foundation.