

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

Question No. AE16/011

Senator Macdonald asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:

Prof. Triggs: I think the general question of the transferring of those seeking our protection under the refugee convention to Nauru and to Manus is a matter that is objectively of great concern to members of the Human Rights Council and to the international community generally. I was at the Geneva meeting of the UPR process and I counted well over 60 countries that raised their concerns and asked Australia courteously to review the policies, particularly with regard to children. So this is not a small issue; it is a matter of concern to the overwhelming majority of those states that chose to speak about Australia's human rights record generally.

CHAIR: Could you, on notice, list the 60 countries.

Prof. Triggs: Yes, I will provide you with that list.

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

In the UPR process there were 53 recommendations from 38 countries as follows:

- Greece
- Germany (2 Recommendations)
- France
- Portugal
- Holy See
- Luxembourg (2 Recommendations)
- Italy (2 Recommendations)
- Slovenia (4 Recommendations)
- Spain (2 Recommendations)
- Belarus
- Uzbekistan
- Norway
- Sweden
- Switzerland (2 Recommendations)
- Turkey
- India
- Republic of Korea
- China
- Pakistan
- Maldives (5 Recommendations)
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Bangladesh (2 Recommendations)
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Fiji
- Bahrain
- United States of America
- Mexico
- Guatemala (2 Recommendations)
- Honduras
- Uruguay
- Brazil
- Argentina
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Djibouti
- Rwanda (2 Recommendations)