

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Program: Australian Human Rights Commission

Question No. AE17/001

Senator Siewert asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:

Senator SIEWERT: I think we have discussed before the number of people on the disability support pension being reassessed against the eligibility criteria and moved onto Newstart, or off income support. Have you had any specific complaints about that?

Mr McEwin: We do receive, in general, complaints about access to services, and that includes government services—but, no, we have not received many complaints of that nature.

Senator SIEWERT: Many or any?

Mr McEwin: I will have to take that on notice—I do not have the specific information to hand. That is a very specific area and I do not have that information—I will take it on notice.

Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated.

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

The Commission does not currently have any complaints regarding people on the disability support pension being re-assessed against the eligibility criteria and moved onto Newstart or off income support.