

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

Program: 1.9 Royal Commissions

Question No. AE17/092

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

1. The interim report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse made several recommendations which could be implemented prior to the final report of the Royal Commission, due at the end of 2017. In a communique on the 11th November, Minister Porter announced that community services ministers agreed to the development of National Statement of Principles for Child Safe Organisations, drawing from the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse. Are you able to provide us with an update on the progress of this?
2. What is your plan in ensuring you are able to respond quickly to the final recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse?

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

1. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has not yet made any recommendations in relation to child safe organisations.
Questions about the development of a National Statement of Principles for Child Safe Organisations should be referred to the Department of Social Services.
2. The Commonwealth will consider the final recommendations of the Royal Commission as expeditiously as possible.