

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

Program: Australian Human Rights Commission

Question No. AE17/129

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

1. Are the President's speeches posted on the AHRC's speeches?
 - a) Did the President deliver a speech on the 18th November 2016?
 - b) If so, to which organisation was the speech delivered?
 - c) If so, was this speech posted on the AHRC website?
 - d) If not, why not?

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

The Commission has a longstanding practice of publishing a selection of speeches delivered by its President or Commissioners. This is primarily a resourcing issue, as the Commission does not consider the resources required to check against delivery or convert talking points into a written speech for publication is warranted in all circumstances, and as some speeches repeat information contained in other published speeches.

a) Yes.

1b) Australian Council of Social Service National Conference 2017.

1c) No.

1d) See above.