

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

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Question No. 23

Senator Evans asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007:

- a) Has the Department received any application for exemption from legislation administered by the Department?
- b) Has the Department received any application for exemption from legislation from the Exclusive Brethren?

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

- a) No. In relation to exemptions from anti-discrimination legislation within the Attorney-General's portfolio responsibilities, the Attorney-General's Department has no statutory role in considering applications for exemptions by individuals or groups. From time to time agencies may raise with the Department issues relating to whether exemptions from discrimination legislation may be necessary for particular government initiatives. For example, Schedules 1 and 2 of the *Age Discrimination Act 2004* (ADA) list Acts, regulations and instruments that have been exempted from the operation of the ADA.
- b) No.