

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

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Question No. 77

Senator Hanson-Young asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:

Has a position been formed in relation to the recommendation to protect same-sex couples from discrimination on the basis of their relationship status by extending the same protection provided to married couples under the Sex Discrimination Act?

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

The answer to this question will be addressed in the Government's response to Recommendation 4 of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*. The decision as to the date of tabling of the Government's response is a matter for the Government.