

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

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**Question No. 78**

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

The minister may note an interview by the Attorney-General of January this year where the Attorney-General indicated that it would be “more probable than not” that discrimination legislation would be introduced in this session of parliament? (Source: <http://www.starobserver.com.au/news/2009/01/28/more-reforms-mooted/3953>) What actions are being taken to introduce Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Anti-Discrimination legislation into the parliament this term? When is a response to this likely to be made available?

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

The issue of legislation to address sexuality and gender identity discrimination is likely to be raised in the National Human Rights Consultation. The Committee undertaking the consultations is to report by 31 August 2009. The timing of any legislation is a matter for Government.