

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**Question No. 23**

**Senator Hanson-Young asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:**

**Senator HANSON-YOUNG:** Your report issued on 13 December goes through a number of recommendations—13 I believe—specifically in relation to Christmas Island. Have you had any response from the government in relation to those specific recommendations?

**Prof. Triggs:** I do not believe we have. I wonder if I could just take that on notice to check to make sure, but I do not believe we have had any responses.

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**Prof. Triggs:** Thank you very much. Perhaps I should say that I may have incorrectly answered one of your questions with regard to whether we have received a response from Minister Bowen with regard to Christmas Island. I think we might have done. For the moment, I am grasping to think of whether we actually did. It may have been in letter form and I have momentarily forgotten it. So I may want to correct the record if I have in fact answered your question incorrectly.

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

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) responded to the recommendations in the 2012 Australian Human Rights Commission report, *Immigration Detention on Christmas Island*. The DIAC response can be accessed on the Commission's website at [http://humanrights.gov.au/human\\_rights/immigration/idc2012\\_christmasisland\\_response.html](http://humanrights.gov.au/human_rights/immigration/idc2012_christmasisland_response.html)