

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

Question No. 52

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2009:

Provide the communication between Mr Calma and Ms Branson concerning the request for and authorisation of Mr Calma's travel to attend the Durban Review Conference.

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

The matter of Commissioner Calma's participation at the Durban Review Conference was raised at a Commission meeting on 17 December 2008 and verbal approval for him to attend was given by the President, Catherine Branson. On 14 April 2009 the President formally approved Commissioner Calma's travel by signing the movement requisition.