

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

**Group 2**

**Program 1.1**

**Question No. 13**

**Senator Edwards asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:**

**Senator EDWARDS:** But when were you appointed? When did you know that you had the job? When did you pop the cork from the champagne at home?

**Dr Soutphommasane:** In July 2013.

**Senator EDWARDS:** What date?

**Dr Soutphommasane:** I would have to take that on notice and get back to you.

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

The Governor-General appointed Dr Soutphommasane as Race Discrimination Commissioner on 25 July 2013. Dr Soutphommasane's term began on 20 August 2013.