

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

**Group 2**

**Program 1.1**

**Question No. 14**

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

**Senator EDWARDS:** How many previous commissioners have been party political aligned?

**Prof. Triggs:** I am afraid that I am unable to answer that. There have certainly been some. I am again very happy to give you those names and statistics on notice after I pull them together.

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

Party political alignment does not form part of the statutory requirements for appointment to membership of the Australian Human Rights Commission. Therefore, the Department and the Commission do not keep a record of how many previous commissioners have been 'party political aligned'.