

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs. Finocchiaro to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice:

Re-write of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992*

1. What is the status of the re-write of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992* (Act) as contemplated by the Discussion Paper: Modernisation of the Anti-Discrimination Act that was circulated in late 2017?
 2. Will a re-write of the Act be introduced into the Legislative Assembly in the September meeting of the Legislative Assembly? If not, what is the anticipated introduction date of the re-write of the Act?
 3. When will the submissions to the consultation on the Discussion Paper Modernisation of the Anti-Discrimination Act be published for review by the public?
 4. How many of those that made submissions to the Discussion Paper: Modernisation of the Anti-Discrimination Act requested that their submissions be kept private?
 5. What specific parties (including, but not limited to, individual stakeholders, non-governmental organisations, schools and community groups) have been consulted since 31 January 2018 concerning a potential re-write of the Act?
 6. What input, if any, was collected from the parties identified in Question 5 and how has that input been incorporated into the re-write process?
 7. When will a draft of the proposed re-write of the Act be provided to the public?
 8. What opportunity, if any, will parties have to express their opinions about the re-write of the Act before it is introduced into the Legislative Assembly?
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Answers:

1. Following consultation on the discussion paper, recommendations for reform (i.e. not a re-write) of the Act are under consideration by government.
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3. Following consultation on the discussion paper, the submissions and recommendations for reform of the Act are under consideration by government.
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5. The Department of the Attorney-General and Justice had contact with the following on specific issues or for clarification of a submission:
 - i. the Northern Land Council, Central Land Council
 - ii. Anindilyakwa Land Council
 - iii. Tiwi Land Council
 - iv. Tangentyere Council
 - v. Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
 - vi. Larakia Nation
 - vii. Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
 - viii. Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantatjara Yankunytatjara Women's Council
 - ix. Director of the Heritage Branch, Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture
 - x. the Department of Education
 - xi. Office of Yingiya, Mr Mark Guyula MLA, Independent Member for Nhulunbuy
 - xii. Office of the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner
 - xiii. a student of Casuarina Secondary College.

Otherwise, while the vast majority of submissions were received on or dated 31 January 2018, some 16 were received in the days or weeks immediately following.

6. The input has been considered in the same manner as all submissions received that is to balance it with other submissions made, available evidence and the position of the law in other states, territories and countries in order to make a recommendation for reform.
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