



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

JACS No. 52

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA (CHAIR), MARISA PATERSON MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), JO CLAY MLA

Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Discrimination, Health Services, Disability and Community Services Commissioner

In relation to: **Discrimination and disability complaints**

Ref: Budget Statements D, Disability, Output class 1.5 Protection of Rights

1. For each year since the establishment of the Commission, how many complaints were received concerning discrimination against:
 - a. Disability
 - b. Health, including medical record
 - c. Race, including colour, national or ethnic origin or immigrant status
 - d. Sex, pregnancy, marital or relationship status, family responsibilities or breastfeeding
 - e. Age
 - f. Sexual orientation, gender identity or intersex status
 - g. Religion
 - h. Political opinion
 - i. Criminal record
 - j. Trade union activity

In relation to: Discrimination and disability complaints

2. How many complaints were received concerning abuse of people with disabilities since the Commission accepted this new jurisdiction in May 2020?

In relation to: Referrals to the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission

3. How many complaints received by the Commission were referred onto the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission for management since its establishment on 1 July 2019?

Ms Karen Toohey: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—



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- NOTE: A discrimination complaint may be lodged with more than one attribute

| | 2019-2020 | 2018-2019 | 2017-2018 | 2016-2017 |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| Disability | 90 | 77 | 64 | 40 |
| Health, including medical record | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Race, including colour, national or ethnic origin or immigrant status | Race: 48 Immigration status: 12 Total: 60 | Race: 36 Immigration status: 8 Total: 44 | Race: 34 Immigration status: 5 Total: 39 | Race: 18 Immigration status: 1 Total: 19 |
| Sex, pregnancy, marital or relationship status, family responsibilities or breastfeeding | Sex: 20 Pregnancy: 1 Relationship status: 4 Parent, family, carer or kinship responsibility: 17 Breastfeeding: 0 Total: 42 | Sex: 17 Pregnancy: 3 Relationship status: 5 Parent, family, carer or kinship responsibility: 14 Breastfeeding: 0 Total: 39 | Sex: 18 Pregnancy: 4 Relationship status: 1 Parent, family, carer or kinship responsibility: 7 Breastfeeding: 0 Total: 30 | Sex: 13 Pregnancy: 1 Relationship status: 1 Parent, family, carer or kinship responsibility: 9 Breastfeeding: 1 Total: 25 |
| Age | 10 | 8 | 9 | 4 |
| Sexual orientation, gender identity or intersex status | Sexuality: 9 Gender identity: 6 Intersex status: 1 Total: 16 | Sexuality: 4 Gender identity: 1 Intersex status: 0 Total: 5 | Sexuality: 5 Gender identity: 5 Intersex status: 0 Total: 10 | Sexuality: 2 Gender identity: 3 Intersex status: 0 Total: 5 |
| Religion | 11 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| Political opinion | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| Criminal record | 8 | 13 | 7 | 1 |
| Trade union activity | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

- 14 complaints were received concerning abuse, neglect or exploitation of people with disabilities under the vulnerable people jurisdiction between 14 May 2020 and 28 February 2021.
- No complaints received by the Commission have been referred to the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission for management since its establishment on 1 July 2019



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Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Karen Toohey".

Date:

8/3/2021

By the Discrimination, Health Services, Disability and Community Services Commissioner, Ms Karen Toohey

