

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 15

Topic: Not for Profit

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Senator Moore asked:

Experts in charity law have raised major concerns about the impact of both abolishing the ACNC and repealing the definition of charity that came into force this year. Has there been consultation with these experts and the broader civil society sector about how best to address the many concerns they have raised? Is there an intention to provide exposure draft legislation to enable full public consultation with these experts and the not-for-profit sector it will impact on? If so when and if not, why not?

Answer:

Representatives from the Department and the Minister's Office met with sector representatives and charity law experts at a forum convened by the University of Melbourne Law School Tax Group on 28 February 2014. The Department is working across government to ensure arrangements are in place following the abolition of the ACNC to facilitate a smooth transition. The Minister will continue to seek advice on the impact of removing the ACNC on a variety of issues as well as on the *Charities Act 2014*. The outcomes of this advice are a decision for the Government.