

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

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**Question No:** 689

**Topic:** National compact agreements & codes

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**Senator Moore** asked:

With the abolition of the Not-for-profit Sector Reform Group in PM&C, what is the future of the National Compact agreements and codes?

**Answer:**

The National Compact, together with any codes developed under it, has ceased as an initiative. The Government's current approach is based on respecting the independence of the not-for-profit sector, empowering organisations to self-manage and developing a relationship with them that is focused less on compliance and regulation and more on collaborative education, training and development, and fostering innovation.

As part of this approach, the Government is establishing a National Centre for Excellence to support and represent the interests of the sector. It will have a key role in facilitating interaction between government and the sector.