

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Question No: 233**

**Topic: Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission**

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**Senator Moore asked:**

Who has the Department consulted with in developing the legislation to repeal the legislation?

**Answer:**

The Department meets with a wide range of stakeholders on a regular basis on a range of issues relating to the Government's commitments on civil society, for example peaks such as ACOSS, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, and interested stakeholders such as Philanthropy Australia and the Community Council of Australia.

Some of these meetings have been specifically requested by external stakeholders, while others have been in the context of conducting the general business of the Department. In the course of these meetings the Department endeavours to raise this issue and test the views of stakeholders.

The Department has also been meeting regularly with Senior Officers from the Treasury, Australian Taxation Office and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to discuss possible transition arrangements.

In addition, the Department is holding a series of formal consultation sessions in major capital cities in July. An options paper outlining proposed replacement arrangements has been uploaded onto the Department's website and written submissions from interested parties on the proposed options will be accepted until 20 August 2014. These consultations will inform the second stage of the repeal legislation.

A full list of sessions and the options paper is available on the Department's website at [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au).