

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**Social Services Portfolio**  
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**Question No: 243**

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

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**Senator Moore** asked:

What advice has been provided to the Minister on consulting with the sector about this legislation?

**Answer:**

The Department is committed to supporting the Minister in his commitment to continue to consult with the sector on the establishment of the Civil Society National Centre for Excellence and associated issues.

The Department is holding a series of formal consultation sessions in major capital cities in July. An options paper outlining proposed replacement arrangements was uploaded on 4 July 2014 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).