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Senator Moore asked:

The Minister for Social Services has stated publicly that he has heard that the sector has supported a Charity Register in whatever model of regulation of charities goes forward. What is the Government's current policy on the Charity Register?

Answer:

An Options Paper outlining the proposed replacement arrangements following the abolition of the ACNC, which was made available on the Department's website on 4 July 2014, emphasises the Government's commitment to self-reporting and self-management for charities.

The Options Paper also documents that the ACNC repeal legislation will make a provision for the information that is currently housed in the Charities Register to be archived, and where required, available to other regulators, to assist with the transition to new arrangements.