

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Division/Agency: Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

Question No: 135

Topic: Charities - Annual Statement Data

Reference: Written

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

1. How is the data from all the charities annual information statements being used?
- Please provide any analysis undertaken on this data/using this data

Answer:

Each year registered charities provide data in their Annual Information Statement and annual financial reports. The ACNC uses this information in a number of ways:

Populating the ACNC Charity Register

The ACNC Charity Register is a free, searchable, online database of Australia's registered charities. More information about the ACNC Charity Register can be found at acnc.gov.au/charityregister.

Research reports

Each year the ACNC commissions a research partner to undertake a detailed analysis of the information provided by Australia's registered charities. The *Australian Charities Report* analyses the income, assets, expenses, and activities of registered charities.

The Australian Charities Report is published at australiancharities.acnc.gov.au.

The data used to create the Australian Charities Report is made available to the public and researchers at data.gov.au.

Red tape reduction initiatives

The information the ACNC receives from registered charities is shared with other authorised Australian Government agencies (via the Charity Passport), removing the need for those agencies to request the same information from charities.

For example:

- Incorporated associations in Tasmania registered with the ACNC are exempted from providing duplicate financial reports, as we share data with the Tasmanian regulator, and
- Incorporated associations in South Australia registered with ACNC no longer need to report separately to Consumer & Business Services (the South Australian Government regulator).