

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Question No: 498

Topic: GetUp charity status

Reference: Written

Senator: Abetz, Eric

Question:

1. Has GetUp ever applied for charity status?
2. At Estimates, officials provided evidence that advice could not be provided on applications to become a charity due to 'secrecy provisions'. Please provide detail on these provisions.

Answer:

1. GetUp Limited (ABN: 99 114 027 986) is not a registered charity. The ACNC is unable to confirm if GetUp Limited has applied for registered charity status.

According to information available on the Australian Business Register, GetUp Limited is an Australian Public Company, and is therefore regulated by ASIC.

2. Division 150 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (Cth) (the ACNC Act) sets out the Secrecy provisions and imposes strict obligations on ACNC officers (and other entities that acquire protected information).

The purpose of this Division of the Act is to encourage charities and the public to provide correct information to the Commissioner, whilst allowing disclosures of protected ACNC information for specific purposes.