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Question

Community Halls

Senator CAMERON: Isn't a community hall private property? Ms Leon: No. Ms Drayton: It potentially could come under a not-for-profit community organisation. But without the details I am not really sure. Senator CAMERON: That does not help me. I wonder what the property would be described as—private property? CHAIR: It would be owned by local government. Ms Taylor: It would be a community organisation, either a not-for-profit or— Ms Bruinsma: Not for profit. Senator CAMERON: Take that on notice and give me some detail, because it obviously will be an issue.

Answer

While many community halls are publicly-owned and managed by not-for-profit organisations, they can also be privately owned by not-for-profit organisations or other entities.

Work for the Dole activities cannot be undertaken on private property except in limited circumstances such as Community Action Groups, which are activities designed to contribute to recovery efforts following a disaster event in local communities.