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**Question:**

Senator McALLISTER: Has BETA done any work with the Department of Human Services or with Centrelink?

Dr Gruen: The list of departments that BETA works with is quite long and it is growing. I think there are now 14 or 18 departments that work with BETA. I will be able to lay my hands on the list of all those departments at some point—I do not have it in front of me. Most of the departments of state in Canberra partner with BETA.

Senator McALLISTER: Can you tell me whether Human Services or Centrelink is on that list?

Dr Gruen: I believe so. I will confirm it for you.

**Answer:**

The Behavioural Economics Team of the Australian Government, hosted by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, has 19 partner agencies. This includes the Department of Human Services. A full list of partners is below.

The partner agencies are:

1. Department of Education
2. Fair Work Ombudsman
3. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
4. Australian Public Service Commission
5. The Treasury
6. Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
7. Department of Communications and the Arts
8. Department of Employment
9. Department of the Environment and Energy
10. Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
11. Department of Social Services

12. Department of Human Services
13. Department of Health
14. National Disability Insurance Agency
15. Australian Taxation Office
16. Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
17. Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
18. Department of Veterans' Affairs
19. Attorney-General's Department