Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: If there are no terms of reference it is a bit unclear for each sector how they interact-what they can expect from their advocate if the terms of reference are not common across the board.

Mr Ronalds: In a sense, the national compact sets out all the principles that the government is seeking to live out with the not-for-profit sector, and in one form that sets out a terms of reference for what the compact advocate is responsible for.

Senator SIEWERT: I presume the ABS survey is still underway.

Mr Ronalds: It is underway.

Senator SIEWERT: When is it expected to finish?

Mr Ronalds: I will have to get you the date on notice. It was about a 12- or 18-month

process.

Answer:

To inform the development of the 2012-13 Non-Profit Institution (NPI) Satellite Account, the Australian Bureau of Statistics will release a survey in August 2013 which will be in the field until December 2013.