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Senator Moore asked:

What measures have been introduced, or are planned to be introduced, to ensure that regulatory improvements to the not for profit sector continue? How will these changes help the not for profit organisations? What impact will these changes have on the clients of these organisations?

Answer:

The Department will be working with the Treasury next year to finalise legislation to abolish the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) and return its regulatory functions to the Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

In February 2014, the Department will launch consultations with charities and not-for-profit agencies on a National Centre for Excellence for the civil sector which will replace the ACNC.

The Centre will represent the interests of charities and not-for-profit agencies. It will support innovation, provide education and reduce reporting and regulation for the civil sector.

The Centre will provide the civil sector with the freedom to give more time to their clients rather than using it for reporting and regulation.

Details of the consultation process will be made available at www.dss.gov.au early in 2014.