## Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

## 2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs Question No: 13

**Topic:** Not for Profit

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## **Senator Moore** asked:

Governments, experts in charity law, and many across civil society have highlighted how important it is to have an independent body determine the charitable status of any organisation. How will this be achieved if the government proceeds with abolishing the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission?

## **Answer:**

The Department is working across government to ensure arrangements are in place following the abolition of the ACNC to facilitate a smooth transition. Specific arrangements including who will be responsible for determining charitable status are a decision for Government.