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Topic: NRAS

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

As NRAS currently operates, when incentives are first allocated the recipient must nominate to receive the incentive either as a tax offset or in cash, and then is subsequently unable to change this arrangement. What work, if any, is the department doing to introduce flexibility around the ability for NRAS recipients to transfer the NRAS tax incentive from cash to tax credit, or from tax credit to cash?

Answer:

National Rental Affordability Scheme Amendment (Incentive Election) Regulation 2013 commenced on 3 July 2013. This amendment allows NRAS approved participants that are endorsed charities to change their election to receive the NRAS incentive as a tax offset certificate, rather than as a cash payment.

Approved participants that are endorsed charities have until 30 September 2013 (inclusive of that date) to change their election for all future NRAS incentives payments to receive the incentive as a tax offset certificate, instead of a cash payment.

This option is only available to approved participants that are endorsed charities, as in accordance with NRAS Regulation 28A, only endorsed charities have the option to elect to receive the incentive as a cash payment or tax offset certificate.