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Topic: Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

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Senator Siewert asked:

In regard to the replacement of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), who has been consulted in this ongoing process?

Answer:

The Department undertook a public consultation process on the proposed replacement arrangements for the ACNC. Public consultation sessions took place across Australia from 10 to 24 July 2014. A total of 230 stakeholders attended the sessions. Written submissions were accepted by the Department from 4 July to 20 August 2014. A total of 88 submissions were received.

The consultation process canvassed the views of a wide range of participants nationally, with over 291 organisations and interested individuals participating. Participants in the consultation process represented the diversity of the charities sector in Australia, including small, medium and large charitable organisations, peak bodies, charitable trust managers and individuals with a strong interest or connection with the charitable sector. Participants also included representatives from government, education, legal and financial services sectors.

Of the 88 written submissions received:

- 7 were from individuals;
- 2 were from charitable trusts;
- 36 were from charitable or not-for-profit organisations;
- 30 were from peak bodies;
- 9 were from financial services institutions, accountants or consultants that work closely with the charitable and not-for-profit sector;
- 3 were from solicitors or lawyers; and
- 1 was from a government agency.

Twenty-seven organisations provided a written submission and attended a consultation session.

The Department meets regularly with Senior Officers from the Treasury, Australian Taxation Office and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to discuss possible transition arrangements.