Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 2 Question No: 49

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

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Senators McLucas, Moore and Wong asked:

In regard to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) consultations, there were 230 face-to-face meetings and 90 submissions. Of those, did any want the ACNC retained? If some did, what proportion of those who attended? How many submissions opposed the repeal of the ACNC?

Answer:

The purpose of the Options Paper *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits*, on which the face-to-face consultation sessions and written submissions focussed, was to seek feedback from charities and interested parties on proposed replacement arrangements following the abolition of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). Retaining the ACNC did not form part of the Options Paper and was not a focus of the consultations.

The Department received a total of 88 written submissions in response to the Options Paper. 27 out of the 88 submissions, or 31 per cent, directly expressed their opposition to the abolition of the ACNC.