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Topic: Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission

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Senators Moore and Wong asked:

The Minister for Social Services has a preference for self-reporting rather than an independent regulator. What concerns did the sector raise about self-reporting? How many submissions identified concerns about self-reporting?

Answer:

Self-reporting was a major theme throughout the majority of written submissions on the Options Paper *Australia's Charities and Not-for-Profits*. Participants in the face-to-face consultation sessions also sought greater clarification on the self-reporting element of the proposed replacement arrangements.

Stakeholders focussed on the underlying principles of self-reporting: public accountability, transparency and reducing red tape. The need for transparency; monitoring; verification; and enforcement of self-reporting by charities was consistently discussed.