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Topic: National Centre for Excellence for Civil Society

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Senators Moore and Wong asked:

How do you understand the Centre for Excellence complying with the Minister's request for a light touch, small government approach when the Commonwealth will be funding a research centre for charities and not for profits?

Answer:

The Minister for Social Services has said the proposed Civil Society National Centre for Excellence (NCE) will be owned and governed independently, with some Government grant funding for its establishment and ongoing operations.

The Minister has proposed that the NCE will aggregate existing services; facilitate networks and collaboration; and act as a champion for civil society broadly. This may involve facilitating collaboration between research organisations and individual researchers; and communicating and disseminating the results of research conducted by others.