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Topic: National Centre for Excellence for Civil Society

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Senators Moore and Wong asked:

Aren't there not for profit research centres already that could be better supported instead of the Commonwealth initiating another?

Why has the Government proposed a new research centre for Charities?

When does the Government propose opening a new research centre for Charities?

Answer:

It is proposed that the Civil Society National Centre for Excellence (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 existing research organisations.

The Government is currently considering advice on establishing the NCE.