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Senator Canavan asked:

Senator CANAVAN: I understand all of that. But I directly asked at the last estimates if an organisation has been taken off of the register because of noncompliance with section 30-270(2). You have provided some information there but you have not actually said whether anyone has been taken off because of noncompliance with section 30-270(2). I am happy for you to take that on notice again. You gave me information for the last year. Can you take that on notice again, Ms Jensen?

Ms Jensen: We noted that we had issued in 2013-14 approximately 40 compliance warnings and that we are taking appropriate action. But in this period there have not been organisations taken off of the register.

Senator CANAVAN: 'In this period'—I took that to mean this year.

Dr Kennedy: I might be able to help you. I will tell you this and I will also confirm it on notice: for just the conduit issue, I am not aware of any organisation being taken off the register.

Answer:

On 2 July 2014, the Department warned an organisation that its operation could be breaching section 30–270(2) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*. In a letter dated 7 July 2014, the organisation agreed with the Department's assessment and consented to the Department seeking its removal from the Register.