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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Division/Agency: Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)
Question No: 61
Topic: Charity Status: Mens Shed Network
Reference: Written
Senator: Abetz, Eric

Question:

1. Has the Mens Shed Network or individual Mens Sheds been granted DGR status?
2. Has an, or any application by Mens Shed for DGR status been made?
3. If so, what is the status of the application/s?

Answer:

1. According to the Men's Shed peak body website, there are approximately 800 organisations operating under that banner in Australia. Of these organisations, 24% are registered charities, and half of these (12%) have deductible gift receiptent (DGR) status.
2. Men's Sheds operate as individual entities, and would therefore need to apply individually to the ACNC for registration status as a charity, and to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for DGR status.

The Men's Sheds entities that have obtained registration status as a charity and DGR status would have applied to the ATO or the ACNC depending on the timing of their registration.
3. Under Division 150 of the [*Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 \(Cth\)*](#) the ACNC is unable to discuss the specific details of applications to obtain charity status or DGR status.