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Melton, Playford - ownership of

buildings

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Senator Birmingham asked:

Mr Flanigan: At University of Western Sydney, the principle aim is, once a facility is constructed, to encourage knowledge businesses to set up in the facility and partner with the academic skill of the university and try to grow businesses from a partnership between start-up companies and the university's skills set. That is the focus there. Playford is a little more focused on training and passing skills out to the broader community. So they are all slightly different in their nature and the tenants in the buildings will be slightly different, as a consequence.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: Who will own the buildings at the conclusion of construction?

Mr Flanigan: The University of Western Sydney building will be owned by the university. The Melton one I think will be owned by the Melton authority, the local government, but they are looking to running the facility as a body corporate, an incorporated body, and I cannot recall who ended up owning the building in Playford. We think the Playford building will be owned, in the end, by the local government.

Mrs Wiley-Smith: We will check that one and take it on notice.

Answer:

The Werrington Park Corporate Centre in Penrith will be owned by the University of Western Sydney.

The Western Business Accelerator and Centre for Excellence in Melton will be owned by the City of Melton.

The Stretton Centre in Playford will be owned by the City of Playford.