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Dear Mr Gregory

Thank you for your email of 11 February regarding a question taken on notice during the committee meeting held on 16 January 2013, about Federal Government payments to local government authorities made through the State.

In response to Senator Fawcett's question, I can advise that where the State of South Australia has agreed to receive a payment from the Federal Government for the purpose of specific funding to a local government authority, it has passed on that funding to the local government authority, in its entirety, and according to the terms of the formal agreement between the Federal Government and the State. I would expect that any future payments of this kind would also be disbursed according to the terms of a relevant formal agreement.

I hope this assists the Joint Select Committee in its deliberations.

Yours sincerely

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