

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Question:**

- 1) How many staff are working on the development and implementation of City Deals, and at what level?
- 2) How much funding is the City Deals program receiving? How much will it receive over the forward estimates?
- 3) At Senate Estimates it was advised that in terms of expanding city deals, the Cities Division would look at capital cities first and then other urban areas and regional cities. Will all states and territories be eligible to participate in this selection process? When will this occur?
- 4) What strategies are in place to evaluate the success of each City Deal?
- 5) Who will decide which City Deals receive funding? What will the process be for this?

**Answer:**

- 1) As at 10 March 2017, the total employee headcount for the Cities Division was 35.
  - 23 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet employees
    - 1 x SES Band 2
    - 1 x SES Band 1
    - 5 x Executive Level 2
    - 10 x Executive Level 1
    - 2 x APS Level 6
    - 3 x APS Level 5
    - 1 x APS Level 3
  - 12 secondees from across the Commonwealth Public Service
    - 3 x SES Band 1
    - 2 x Executive Level 2
    - 4 x Executive Level 1

- 1 x APS Level 6
  - 1 x APS Level 5
  - 1 x APS Level 4
- 2) The Cities Division, of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C), has been allocated \$4.971 million in Departmental funding for the 2016–17 financial year. Funding for future years will be decided in the Budget process.
  - 3) The Commonwealth Government has indicated that city deals will be developed for all capital cities where the state or territory government is willing. The Commonwealth Government has been consulting with state and territory governments on their interest in, and priorities for, capital city deals. Decisions on sequencing and timing have not yet been made. The Commonwealth Government will also be seeking the views of state and territory governments on the approach to other urban areas and regional cities.
  - 4) Each city deal will include baseline measures or targets, as agreed with state and local governments, to help measure success. In addition, the National Cities Performance Framework, currently under development, will track progress in all major cities over time. City Deal implementation plans will provide further detail on how progress will be reported.
  - 5) City deals involve agreeing a set of shared priorities and objectives for a location between the three levels of government, and exploring how governments can work together to deliver them. The objectives for a particular city deal, and whether Commonwealth funding is part of the solution, will vary on a case-by-case basis. Any decisions on funding allocation would be a matter for the Commonwealth Government.