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Question:

- 1) Will there be any additional research and reporting on cities? If so, what will they be? Please provide a 2017 publication schedule for the Cities Division.
- 2) Who made the decision to no longer publish the State of Australian Cities Report? Was it a decision of the Minister, or the Cities Division?

Answer:

- 1) The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet researches issues affecting Australia's cities as required.
- 2) Information contained in the State of Australian Cities Report will continue to be available in a different format. As announced by the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, the Hon Angus Taylor MP, on 7 December 2016, the Commonwealth Government is updating the cities reporting format, with a more user friendly online dashboard system—the National Cities Performance Framework. This will allow all Australians to easily access information and data related to their city.

All data series previously published in State of Australian Cities reports will continue to be available in the annual Progress in Australian Regions Yearbook, produced by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. The most recent Yearbook was released in December 2016.