

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: AET 64 - 66

Topic: Operation of the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995

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Senator MCKENZIE asked:

64. The Commonwealth Grants Commission conducted a [review in 2001](#) of the Operation of the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995. What were the final outcomes of this review?
65. Given the review was over 10 years ago, is the Commission considering revisiting the issue of local government funding?
66. What is the Commission's view on the financial sustainability of small rural local governments?

Answer:

64. The Commission's report can be found on its website. The Commission was not involved in the processes that acted on its report. This question should be directed to the minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.
65. The Commission only conducts inquiries in response to terms of reference. It has not received new terms of reference asking it to inquire into local government funding.
66. The Commission did not make any specific findings in relation to the financial sustainability of small rural local governments.