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Topic: Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Working Party

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Senator Payne asked:

COAG asked the Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Working Party to consider the merits of the remaining reforms as they relate to enhancing supply and affordability and report back to COAG by mid 2011, with recommendations on the best way of ensuring a cohesive national approach to further development assessment reform. What is the status of the review into the development assessment reforms, and what is the new timeframe for completion of these reforms?

Answer:

COAG asked the HSAR Working Party to consider the merits of the remaining Seamless National Economy Development Assessment reforms as they relate to enhancing housing supply and affordability and report back to COAG, through the Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations, with recommendations on the best way of ensuring a cohesive national approach to further development assessment reform. This work will be finalised and presented to COAG later this year.