

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: SBT 163**

**Topic: Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Work Party**

Senator Payne asked:

1. Has the department received the findings of the Working Party regarding:
  - a. the potential to reform land aggregation, zoning and planning processes and governance;
  - b. nationally consistent principles for housing development infrastructure charges;
  - c. the merits of measures to ensure greater consistency across jurisdictions, including local governments planning approval processes, in the application of building regulations?
2. Have the findings of the Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Working Party been made public? If not, are there any plans to do so?
3. Has the department acted on the findings of the report?

**Answer:**

1. Due to the timing of the Federal election, the Ministerial Council of Federal Financial Relations did not meet in the second half of 2010.

The Working Party will report to the next Ministerial Council meeting.

2. No. The Working Party is still examining the items on the Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Agenda. A decision on whether to make the recommendations public will be made by COAG.

3. No. Any response to the work of the Working Party will be a decision for COAG.