

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**Senator Ronaldson asked:**

What progress has been made in ‘accelerating the five remaining COAG ‘hotspots’;

- a) Development assessment,
- b) Building regulation,
- c) Chemicals and plastics regulatory reform,
- d) ABN and business names registration, and
- e) Personal Property Securities reform.

**Answer:**

- a) – e)

On 27 November 2008 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed the National Partnership Agreement to Deliver a Seamless National Economy. The agreement includes an implementation plan to progress the reforms.

On 23 February 2010 the COAG Reform Council released its report *National Partnership Agreement to Deliver a Seamless National Economy: Report on Performance 2008-09*. The report provides a summary of the status of progress of the reforms listed above as at 30 September 2009. Progress since 30 September 2009 in relation to all the reforms listed above is reported in the BRCWG Report Card released on 23 February 2010, which is available at [www.coag.gov.au](http://www.coag.gov.au).