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Senator Ronaldson asked:

Of the nine areas that were identified (see below) as possible additions to the COAG's regulation framework program, outline their status.

- a) Standard business reporting,
- b) Food regulation,
- c) A national mine safety framework,
- d) Electronic conveyancing,
- e) Upstream petroleum (oil and gas) regulation,
- f) Maritime safety,
- g) Wine labelling,
- h) Directors' liabilities, and
- i) Financial service delivery.

Answer:

- a) – i)

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.