

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator PAYNE-I take your point and I appreciate that, but, Dr Grimes, can you advise the committee about the updates you receive from FaCSIA, what information is reported on by the implementation departments to your department as the department that manages the COAG process?

Dr Grimes-As to the specifics of those, I do not have them on hand at the moment, but I am very happy to take that on notice and provide you with that information.

Answer:

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) maintains a broad watching brief on the implementation of decisions taken by COAG since December 2007. It does this in conjunction with other Commonwealth departments and agencies and the States and Territories. As necessary, PM&C seeks advice and assistance from Commonwealth departments and agencies in coordinating the preparation of half-yearly reports for COAG's consideration on the implementation of its decisions. The first half-yearly COAG report was in December 2009.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs contributes to this process for those initiatives for which it has portfolio responsibility

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at the Commonwealth level. Departments provide information to PM&C on an 'as required' basis; there is not a standard format for reporting to PM&C.