

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Question: PM50**

**Topic: Review of COAG decisions since 2007**

**Type of Question: Written**

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**With reference to the statements in the December 2007 COAG communiqué that:**

**"COAG also reviewed the implementation of its other decisions since 2007 and found that the majority are being implemented as agreed, with actions being taken to address the small minority of initiatives experiencing problems," please indicate which COAG initiatives were determined to be COAG initiatives experiencing problems and why?**

**Are you aware of any matters that have been settled by correspondence since the last COAG meeting? If so, please advise the nature of those matters.**

**Answer:** For the first part of this question, please see the response to Question PM15.

In relation to the second part of the question, the Prime Minister and the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet have written to their COAG and Senior Official colleagues respectively on two matters since the 7 December 2009 COAG meeting.

The first of these matters relates to the joint response to the COAG Reform Council's report on the *National Partnership Agreement to Deliver a Seamless National Economy*, which the Tasmanian Government due to it being in caretaker has been

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unable to endorse. A copy of the response by the other COAG members has been placed on the COAG website at [www.coag.gov.au](http://www.coag.gov.au).

The second matter relates to the renegotiation of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing to achieve a stronger focus on outcomes. This matter is expected to be settled shortly.