

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: PM51a-b

Topic: National Partnership Agreement to deliver a Seamless National Economy

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- a) **With regard to the National Partnership Agreement to Deliver a Seamless National Economy, can you please provide an overview of how each of these reforms are progressing and indicate if any reforms have been delayed or whether there have been any problems in implementation?**

On 23 February 2010, the COAG Reform Council released publicly its first performance report on the National Partnership Agreement to Deliver a Seamless National Economy. The report, together with the response of the Business Regulation and Competition Working Group (BRCWG) (the intergovernmental working group overseeing implementation of the reforms) is available at <http://www.coag.gov.au>.

The BRCWG's own report card against each of the 27 reform priorities is available on the COAG website at http://www.coag.gov.au/reports/docs/BRCWG_report_card.pdf.

- b) **Have there been any changes to the existing implementation plan?**

Answer:

Yes, in July 2009, and more recently, in response to the COAG Reform Council's report, when jurisdictions agreed to make further changes to the implementation plan. These are detailed in the response to the report at the link provided above. Please note Tasmania was unable to agree prior to the calling of that state's election. Tasmania's

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agreement will be sought following the forming of a government after the state election.