

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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**Topic: Referendum questions regarding state and federal relations**

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- a) Is the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet working on producing a series of national referendum questions to secure a mandate for constitutional change that would better define federal and state government powers, propose the introduction of a republic and formally recognise Indigenous Australians and Local Government?
- b) Does the Government have plans to take these questions to the next COAG meeting?
- c) Will the Government present these questions to the public before the next election?

**Answer:**

- a) The department is not at this time producing a series of national referendum questions on these issues.
- b) Items for consideration by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) are a matter for the Prime Minister in consultation with his COAG colleagues.
- c) This is a decision for Government.