

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-2011**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Outcome/Program 1/1.1**

**Topic: Governance parameters of the National Funding Authority.**

**Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells**

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**Question:**

**Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS**—I am interested in what differences there are in terms of the structures. I assume that this will be set up as an independent authority?

**Answer:**

Governance arrangements for the national funding body have not been finalised. The National Health Reform Heads of Agreement (clause 18a) states that “A joint group of officials will draft the legislation (both Commonwealth and State) and resolve final governance arrangements, business rules, accountability framework and administrative arrangements for the national funding body, reporting back to the next COAG meeting as part of finalising the proposed National Health Reform Agreement”.