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Senator JOYCE The intergovernmental agreement on cost shifting is due for review before 12 February 2011. What arrangements have been put in place for the review process to take place?

Answer:

The *Inter-Governmental Agreement Establishing Principles to Guide Inter-governmental Relations on Local Government Matters* (the IGA) was signed by the Local Government and Planning Ministers Council (LGPMC) in 2006. Arrangements for the evaluation are currently being considered as part of the winding-up of the LGPMC work program following the Council of Australian Governments' decision on 13 February 2011 to reform its system of Ministerial Councils and to cease operation of the LGPMC.