

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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A Regional Development Policy Centre was promised as part of the Regional Package as a result of the 2010 Election. Can you please provide an update as to when the Regional Development Policy Centre will be established?

Answer:

The Government has committed to establish a Regional Development Policy Centre (the Centre) as part of the Government's Agreement with the Independent Members.

The Government provided funding of \$8 million for the Centre in the 2011-12 financial year which will be available from July 2011.

Arrangements for establishing the Centre are currently under consideration by the Government.