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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Asked By: SENATOR ADAMS

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Senator ADAMS—I have a question once more pertaining to Western Australia. Why is money from Royalties for Regions being used for projects that should be funded by the relevant departments? Are you aware of any duplication in that respect where Royalties for Regions is putting funding into something that you really should be doing?

Answer:

The Australian Government and Western Australian Government have partnered in the funding of a number of projects. The Commonwealth, state and local governments collaborate on regional priorities and projects that often have partnership funding from two or more levels of government.

The Department has funded more than 1,200 projects in Western Australia from several programs including three rounds of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.