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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question:**

Mr Elton: Yes, that is correct. COAG established a set of agreed criteria, and it was the council's job to assess the cities included in the project against those criteria. Part of the process was for the relevant state and territory governments to provide us with submissions that outlined how their capital cities' strategic planning systems were or were not consistent with those criteria.

Senator LUDLAM: From memory, because I have been following this reasonably closely from the beginning, somebody-not you-indicated early on that those documents, city by city, would find their way into the public domain-not the draft documents but the final ones submitted. Are you now saying that that is not the case?

Mr Elton: I have not been directly involved in this project myself, so I will have to take that question on notice. Certainly our full report will be released publicly. That full report includes, as I understand it, an appendix on each city. But I do not know the answer to the question about whether materials that were supplied to us by state governments will be released, so I will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The COAG Reform Council received a number of submissions from each government to complete its report on capital city strategic planning systems. Substantial appendices on each city will be released with the report. The report and the city appendices have been prepared on the basis of a range of sources of information, including the submissions made by governments.