

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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**Senator:** Senator Payne

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**Question:**

Senator PAYNE: What is the time frame in your plan for finalising those matters around the at-risk ones in particular?

Ms Taylor: It depends on the particular reform.

Senator PAYNE: If you do not want to answer that now, can you take each reform identified by the CRC and take that on notice?

Ms Taylor: Yes.

**Answer:**

COAG has agreed that the regulation reforms under the National Partnership Agreement to Deliver a Seamless National Economy will conclude at the end of 2012. There are five at-risk deregulation reforms identified in the COAG Reform Council's (CRC) report on the progress of the current reform agenda: Licensing System; Directors' Liability; Mine Safety; Chemicals and Plastics; and Occupational Health & Safety.

There are two at-risk competition reforms identified in the CRC's report. The timeframe for finalising these reforms is as follows: energy (market legislation) due June 2013; and energy (demand side) due December 2017.

The Commonwealth and the states and territories are working on finalising these reforms.