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Question:

Senator PAYNE: Is the CRC chair's position an appointment that is considered by Cabinet?

Mr Hazlehurst: No, I do not believe so.

Senator PAYNE: So it is essentially-

Mr Hazlehurst: We will check that, but I am reasonably sure it is not.

Senator PAYNE: Thank you very much. Can you indicate whether there were any concerns raised by any of the states territories after Mr Brumby's appointment?

Mr Hazlehurst: Not raised with us.

Senator PAYNE: Not raised with the department?

Dr de Brouwer: I am not aware of any, but we will take that on notice to check.

Answer:

Appointment of the COAG Reform Council Chair is not required to be considered by the Cabinet.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is not aware of the states and territories raising any concerns after Mr Brumby's appointment.