

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Senator Carr asked: Given that you have oversight of the COAG trials, can the department provide me with copies of any evaluation of the COAG trials that have been undertaken?

Answer: Reports on the COAG trials have been provided to COAG. However, without the full agreement of all COAG members it would be inappropriate to release COAG documents, since it could damage relations between COAG members and reduce the workability of COAG as an institution. The Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination (OIPC) is working to complete an initial evaluation of trial sites by late 2005 with a subsequent round in either 2007 or 2008.