

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator ABETZ-Have you sought detailed legal advice as to the binding nature of this and whether you can do it without Western Australia?

Mr Rimmer-I would like to take the question on notice. There are a number of departments involved and I want to make sure that I give correct information.

Senator RONALDSON-Are you aware of any departments that have sought legal advice?

Mr Rimmer-Not that I am personally aware of but I would want to check.

Answer: The Commonwealth has not sought legal advice in relation to amending the Federal Financial Relations Intergovernmental Agreement without the agreement of Western Australia.