

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

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**Topic: Interim Findings from Taskforce**

**Asked By: Senator HUMPHRIES**

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Will the taskforce provide any reports on its interim findings to the public, or will release of such information be at the Government's discretion?

**Answer:**

The National Disaster Recovery Taskforce role is to provide strategic direction and oversight of the Commonwealth recovery effort, to ensure that the recovery effort takes account of local community engagement and input; balances concepts of betterment with the need for timely reconstruction and value for money; leverages available funding, and coordinates existing Commonwealth strategies and investment.

The Taskforce is not developing a one-off report or providing interim findings – it is a coordinating body which reports monthly to Government on the progress of reconstruction efforts.