

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: Intergovernmental Agreement on Cost Shifting - Consultation

Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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Has the process for consultation as part of the review of the *Inter-governmental Agreement Establishing Principles to Guide Inter-governmental Relations on Local Government Matters* been resolved between the signatories to the Agreement?

If yes, are there any plans for an internal or public inquiry into the renewal of the intergovernmental agreement on cost shifting?

If no, when will this process be completed?

Answer:

Arrangements for review of the *Inter-governmental Agreement Establishing Principles to Guide Inter-governmental Relations on Local Government Matters* (IGA) will be considered by signatories to the IGA, that is, federal, state and territory local government Ministers and the Australian Local Government Association shortly.

The Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP, wrote to all signatories to the IGA on 2 June 2011 proposing a process to progress the review. Should all signatories agree to the Minister's proposal, arrangements for the review will be considered within the coming months. Any consultation arrangements will be settled as part of that process.