

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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Has the Department's estimates of the spending profile for the Regional Development Australia fund been influenced by these recommendations?

Are you forecasting a slower level of spending under the Regional Development Australia Fund compared with the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure program?

Answer:

The Department has agreed to the recommendations of the Australian National Audit Office's report titled *The Establishment, Implementation and Administration of the Council Allocation Component of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program*. Recommendations from the ANAO have been considered in the development of the Regional Development Australia Fund.

The funding profile for the Regional Development Australia Fund is outlined in the Budget papers. Decisions on projects to be funded have yet to be made.