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Senator: Senator Payne

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Question:

Senator PAYNE: I am relieved to hear that. I suspect the Business Advisory Forum would be relieved to hear it as well. There are also questions about the DAF, the Development Assessment Forum, and what progress it made. Do you know whether the Development Assessment Forum will continue to be funded and given staff to support its work?

Mr Hazlehurst: No, Senator. I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

PM&C is advised that the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport ceased its arrangement to give secretarial support to the Development Assessment Forum (DAF) in October 2011. The Commonwealth no longer provides secretarial or funding support to the DAF.