

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Payne

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Question:

What arrangements has COAG or the government made to ensure that the consolidated ministerial council structure, after the Hawke Review, will not lose the benefits the now abolished Local Government and Planning Ministers? Council brought to development assessment?

Answer:

At the Business Advisory Forum meeting on 12 April 2012, and at COAG on 13 April 2012, Premiers and Chief Ministers agreed to take the lead in improving the efficiency of development assessment processes.