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Senator: Senator Ludlam

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Question:

Senator LUDLAM: If you need to, and also perhaps a parallel question. What comes back from there will be one thing, but does the Commonwealth government plan on making a stand-alone comment-perhaps the federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, for example?

Ms Taylor: Of course that would be a matter for the department of infrastructure and the minister.

Senator LUDLAM: Senator Evans, could I bump that one to you on notice, since Minister Albanese is not here to take it directly?

Senator Chris Evans: Yes, I heard it has been taken on notice. I do not need personal knowledge of the matter.

Answer:

This is a matter for the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and his Department.

The Commonwealth Government participated in developing the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure's response to the COAG Reform Council's report on capital city strategic planning. A separate Commonwealth response to the report is not required.