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Question:

Senator LUDLAM: I suspect the answer to this next one will be the same, but then maybe I will park a parallel batch of questions on notice to you both. The question is about a response directly relating to the National Urban Policy. Again, there is some valuable analysis and some good goal-setting and the establishment of some good priorities. When will we see a response either from COAG or from the Commonwealth directly on the National Urban Policy?

Ms Taylor: Again, I think that is a question to be directed to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport.

Senator LUDLAM: Yes, but I am also going to put that to you if you are here with your COAG hat on—just in case COAG is planning on doing something with that, since it is directly relevant. I will put these questions to the relevant people during the week.

Answer:

The National Urban Policy was released by the Australian Government and as such there is no need for a Commonwealth response.

COAG has not been asked to consider or respond to the National Urban Policy.

The terms of reference for the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure include consideration of the National Urban Policy and integration with agreed criteria for capital city strategic planning systems.