

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Asked By: Senator Payne**

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**Senator PAYNE-Minister, do you expect there will be another COAG meeting this year?**

**Senator Chris Evans-I will could take that on notice. As far as I know, they were looking to settle a date, but as to where that has got to, I know we have got a Victorian election coming up and those sorts of things.**

**Senator PAYNE-I have heard about that.**

**Senator Chris Evans-My advice is that there has not yet been one settled, and they are working on it. But I will take it on notice as to what the expectations are.**

**Senator PAYNE-So we are at 18 October or thereabouts. The Victorian election, I think, is 27 November. Would you expect that there could be a COAG meeting held before the Victorian election?**

**Senator Chris Evans-The simple answer is that I do not know, Senator. I will take that on notice.**

**Answer:**

The next COAG meeting will be held in Canberra on 14 February 2011.