

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS**

**PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO**

**Department/Agency: Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

**Outcome: 1**

**Topic: Regional Infrastructure Program**

**Senator: MACDONALD**

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**Senator IAN MACDONALD**—Has the government made any commitments for expenditure from that fund, even though it is not set up?

**Ms Beauchamp**—I am not aware of any.

**Senator IAN MACDONALD**—Not for the electorates of Lyne and New England?

**Ms Beauchamp**—Out of that particular fund?

**Senator IAN MACDONALD**—Yes.

**Ms Beauchamp**—I will have to take that on notice, Senator.

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**Answer:**

As at 3 November 2010, the Government has not made any commitments for expenditure from this fund.

The Prime Minister has committed to prioritise consideration of the following projects when considering funding allocations:

- Local roads and timber bridge replacement package in response to the Percy Allan Review into the roads maintenance back log at Greater Taree City Council;
- The Mid-North coast Aviation Plan for business expansion and airport access expansion at Taree, Port Macquarie and Kempsey Airports; and
- Upgrade the Bucketts Way at Krumbach – the main regional road between Gloucester and Taree.