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:** Australian Local Government Association

Senator: MACDONALD Question reference number: 23 Type of question: Hansard F&PA page 57, Tuesday 19 October 2010 Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 3 December 2010

Senator IAN MACDONALD—What part does the department of local government play in the proposal

for constitutional recognition?......

Mr Carmichael—The department provided \$250,000 to the Australian Local Government Association for

consultation in the lead-up to support their aspirations for constitutional recognition of local government......

Senator IAN MACDONALD—Okay. Perhaps if I put that on notice you can tell me at your leisure what is proposed.

Number of pages: 1 Answer:

The Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government will continue to work with other Commonwealth agencies and the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) to develop the case for constitutional recognition of local government. ALGA is using Commonwealth funding of \$250,000 to help councils run community consultations and campaigns to build support for constitutional recognition of Local Government.