

**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: Election commitments**

**Senator: ABETZ**

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- a) What is the status of each election commitment from the 2010 election within the portfolio? Please provide a list.
- b) Has implementation of the 2010 election commitments within the portfolio commenced? If yes, provide details. If no, why not?

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**Answer:**

- a)-b) Funding to meet community and regional infrastructure election commitments was announced in the Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook. This includes:
- \$165 million for Community Infrastructure Grants;
  - \$10 million for the Central Coast Mariners Sports Stadium; and
  - \$48 million for the Convention and Entertainment Centre in Townsville.
  - \$6 million to establish a Northern Australia Sustainable Futures (NASF) program.

The Department is developing arrangements, including program and guidelines, to implement these commitments.