

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Senator:** Senator Payne

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**Question:**

The jurisdictions were to report to Council of Australian Governments (COAG) through the BRCWG on the extent to which payroll tax administrative reforms have been met. Was this report received? Can you please outline the progress of each jurisdiction and any new expected timeframes in light of the COAG Reform Council's previous warning that there is a clear risk of not achieving harmonisation?

**Answer:**

The Business Regulation and Competition Working Group (BRCWG) provided a report to COAG at its meeting on 19 August 2011. The outcome of the report was outlined in the BRCWG Report Card, published on the COAG web site.

Progress by each jurisdiction will be reported in the next COAG Reform Council report *National Partnership Agreement to Deliver a Seamless National Economy: Report on Performance 2010-11*.