

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator:** Senator Payne

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**Question:**

I understand the reform to have a national trade licensing system is still due for 1 July 2012 for first tranche occupations. Can you please outline these occupations and whether any occupations have been delayed until the second tranche?

**Answer:**

The new national licensing system is scheduled under the *National Partnership Agreement to Deliver a Seamless Economy* implementation plan to commence on 1 July 2012.

As originally envisaged, occupations in the first tranche are: property agents; air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics; plumbers and gas fitters; and electricians.