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Question:

A number of real estate agents have expressed concern about a national system for the licensing of real estate agents, due to proposals to have the requirements for these occupations at a lower level than are currently required in certain states. Can you please outline the expected completion date of this reform as it relates to real estate agents, the consultation that has been undertaken and what work and negotiations are still to be done on this reform?

Answer:

National licensing reforms for real estate agents are expected to be completed on 1 July 2012.

Real estate agents' views are being incorporated into the occupation specific consultation Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for real estate licensing. This RIS will be subject to further consultation with stakeholders, as required by the Council of Australian Governments RIS requirements, in early 2012.