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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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The Intergovernmental Agreement on cost shifting was due to be reviewed by the Local Government Planning Ministers' Council (LGPMC), or its successor Ministerial Council, by April 2011. What is the status of this review?

Answer:

A review of the Inter-governmental Agreement Establishing Principles Guiding Inter-governmental Relations on Local Government Matters ('the IGA') was undertaken by a working group of senior officials from local government departments in the states and territories, as well as the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) in October 2011. The report of the review was subsequently considered at a meeting of Commonwealth, state and territory Ministers with responsibility for local government, as well as the President of ALGA, on 16 November 2011. At that meeting, Ministers and ALGA agreed to renew their commitment to the IGA and to investigate a regular performance measurement and reporting framework at all three levels of government.