

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Topic: RDA Involvement in Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement

Asked By: Senator BROWN

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Is Regional Development Australia (RDA) involved in any way with the \$20 million initial payment for regional development, as outlined in clause 41 of the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement, and the further \$100 million to be paid over 15 years?

Answer:

As per Clause 41 of the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement, the Australian Government is working with the Tasmanian Government on the design, criteria, joint assessment procedures, and monitoring and evaluation of the \$120 million for economic diversification. The Governments are seeking input from a range of stakeholders including Regional Development Australia Tasmania.