

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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If there are plans for RDA to be involved in the disbursement of agreement money how will it operate with the joint Ministerial Council chaired by Bill Kelty? Will its regional reference and state-wide reference board operate as normal or will there be adjustments to account for the Ministerial Council's involvement? Which organisation will be the ultimate decision-making body?

Answer:

There are currently no plans for Regional Development Australia Tasmania to be involved in the disbursement of the funding under the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement.