

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 Funding

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- a) How much funding does each RDA committee receive on an annual basis?
- b) Who administers this funding?
- c) What is the funding used for?
- d) Who administers dispersing these funds?

Answer:

- a) In 2011-12, funding for each RDA committee varied between \$150,000 and \$450,000 and took account of population, geography, location and the size of the region. Some RDAs also receive operational funding support through cash or in-kind contributions from state, territory or local government partners. In 2011-12, the expected co-funding from state and territory governments is \$3.885 million and the expected level of co-funding from local government is \$1.333 million.
- b) to d) The Department provides the Australian Government operational funding identified in a) above. The funding is for administrative support to RDA committees to allow them to carry out their role as outlined in the RDA Charter.