

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

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**Topic: RDA Committee Plans**

**Asked By: Senator JOYCE**

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In reference to the Department's 2010-11 Annual Report, page 34. The RDA committees submitted regional plans to the Department during 2010-11. The Department indicates that these were only 'substantially achieved'.

- a) Have all these regional plans from the 55 RDA committees been completed?
- b) How many have not been completed?
- c) What is the Department's general view as to the quality of the plans?

**Answer:**

- a) Yes.
- b) Nil.
- c) Each plan was submitted to the Department and independent analysis was undertaken. Where necessary, the Department worked with RDA committees to strengthen individual plans. RDA committees are required to update their regional plans on an annual basis and may make additional updates as regional circumstances change.