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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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It is outlined in the Department's Annual Report that the Department performed a range of preparatory work to support the establishment of the Policy Centre?

If so, could you provide an overview of this work?

Answer:

The Department facilitated the Minister's discussions with key stakeholders on governance arrangements and possible priorities for the Policy Centre through the provision of logistical and administrative support.

The Department also supported the work of the reference group appointed by the Minister to establish governance arrangements for the Policy Centre, including through administrative support and facilitating legal advice and correspondence on establishing the Policy Centre as a public company limited by guarantee under the *Corporations Act 2001*.