



Measuring the benefits of COAG's funding reforms

—Public hearing Wednesday 21 September in Canberra—

The Productivity Commission will appear before the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit for its investigation into the implementation of national agreements and specific purpose payments which see \$45 billion paid to states and territories.

The Productivity Commission plays an important role in monitoring the COAG reform agenda. The Commission is responsible for preparing reports on the economic impacts and benefits of COAG's reforms and collating national agreement performance information for the COAG Reform Council.

The quality and integrity of data used to measure outcomes of national funding agreements has been a key theme of the Committee's investigations. With the upcoming release of the Commission's first draft report on the impacts and benefit of COAG's reforms, the Committee Chair Rob Oakeshott said, "the Committee is keen to gain the Productivity Commission's view on the quality of data available to report on the progress of these major reforms".

The Productivity Commission is scheduled to appear from **11:20 am to 12:00 pm** in **Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House Canberra.**

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