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Senator RYAN-If there are any other changes [to the COAG milestones]-

Mr Mrdak-I will let you know. But there are only those two elements that I am aware of.

Answer:

No changes have been made to the COAG milestones as outlined in the National Partnership Agreement on the Nation Building and Jobs Plan.

Some elements of the Plan, such as Building the Education Revolution, have drawn up timeframes to guide the timely commencement of their programs to achieve the COAG milestones.

Under the BER Guidelines, two minor changes have been made to commencement timeframes. The revised timeframes remain within the broader COAG milestones.