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Question:

- a) A media release from the Assistant Minister dated 9 November 2016 states, ‘The Commonwealth is encouraging state and local governments to develop joint proposals for regional City Deals to make cities more productive and liveable.’ However, in Senate Estimates, Dr Kennedy advised that alignment with the Regional Growth Fund was required to ‘not create confusion for people in the regions around separate processes and activities.’ Dr Kennedy also advised that ‘we would not have been in a position to be collaborating or negotiating on other City Deals, or we will not be in a position to do that, till towards the second half of this year.’ Have any steps actually been taken to ‘encourage state and local governments to develop joint proposals for regional City Deals’? Please advise what these steps are.
- b) Please outline the Commonwealth’s involvement to date in encouraging these joint proposals for regional City Deals.

Answer:

The Commonwealth Government’s approach to regional city deals will be settled over the coming months. The design of the guidelines for the Regional Growth Fund provides an opportunity to ensure alignment between this initiative and the cities agenda.