

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 276

**Topic:** Remote Service Delivery

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

The Commonwealth was to report annually to COAG on implementation of the Agreement (CI.2S). How many annual reports have been made to COAG since the commencement of the RSD NPA and where are those reports to be found?

Do these annual reports contain a Statement of Expenditure identifying the funds expended in each of the 29 priority communities? Which agency is responsible for providing the annual report to COAG?

**Answer:**

Two Remote Service Delivery annual reports have been provided to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG). The 2009-10 Annual Report is published on the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) website. A link to this document is also published on the website of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. The 2010-11 Annual Report is expected to be considered by COAG early this year. COAG will be requested to publish the Annual Report on the COAG website.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is responsible for coordinating the preparation of the Annual Reports in consultation with state and Northern Territory Governments and the Coordinator-General for Remote Indigenous Services.

The 2010-11 Statements of Expenditure will be considered separately by COAG.