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Senator McLucas asked:

Senator McLUCAS: But there is no trigger in the NAHA that says, 'we sit down and renegotiate at this point'.

Mr Pratt: No, there might be a review point but I do not know what that is. We might take that on notice.

Senator McLUCAS: Thank you. That would be good.

Answer:

The Council on Federal Financial Relations is responsible for reviewing National Specific Purpose Payments and the Performance Reporting Frameworks of National Agreements, including the National Affordable Housing Agreement.

The functions of the Council are outlined in Schedule A of the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations* and include:

- reviewing the operation of the Agreement over time and considering any amendments which may be proposed to COAG as a consequence of such review; and
- reviewing funding adequacy under the Agreement, not less than every five years, with an on-going role of monitoring the reporting of outcomes to identify issues that might trigger earlier consideration of funding adequacy and related outcomes.

Primary responsibility for the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations* rests with Department of Treasury.