

# **Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

## **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2010-2011**

#### **Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

#### **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

**Question: PM17**

**Topic: COAG - Indigenous reform working group**

**Asked By: Senator Payne**

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- 1. When will the indigenous reform working group be wound up?**
- 2. Which standing councils, select councils, legislative and governance, and working groups, under the new COAG structure, will then be responsible for indigenous matters?**
- 3. Will there be a central group that will coordinate the work across these councils?**

**Answers:**

1. The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) decided on 13 February 2011 that the Working Group on Indigenous Reform will continue.
2. The Working Group on Indigenous Reform will oversee the COAG Indigenous reform agenda. In addition, all Standing Councils will ensure that Indigenous matters are considered as appropriate within their work programs.
3. COAG will coordinate the work by agreeing the terms of reference and work plans for all Councils, Fora and Working Groups.