

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question:

How is COAG engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives to ensure that the First Peoples are able to participate in the major policy and infrastructure decisions being made within COAG that affect their lives and futures?

Answer:

Each government has its own processes and systems for engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and representatives. Examples include through Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative bodies, advisory bodies and consultation mechanisms on specific policy or programme matters.