

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Why were future reporting arrangements not considered and determined before the abolition of the COAG Reform Council was announced?

Answer:

Future reporting arrangements were considered prior to the announcement that the Commonwealth would cease funding the Council of Australian Governments Reform Council, with funding provided for transitional arrangements. Longer term arrangements will be explored in the context of the Reform of the Federation White Paper.