

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Asked By: SENATOR JOYCE

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Senator JOYCE—Have you received any acquittal statement?

Ms Fleming—No. To my knowledge, we have not received any acquittal statements at this stage.

Senator JOYCE—When do you think they are going to turn up?

Ms Fleming—They appear at the timelines at the end of the projects. My understanding is that none of the projects has been completed. I would be happy to take that on notice and give you a more thorough response to the question.

Answer:

As per the Local Government Reform Fund (LGRF) Guidelines, funding recipients must provide a final report at the conclusion of the project demonstrating that the project was completed in the specified manner and the program aims were reached. The Guidelines note that final reports for projects must also include an audited financial statement acquitting all funding received and include a certificate of assets where applicable.

No acquittal statements have yet been received as no LGRF projects have been completed.